

INFORMS Technical Section on Telecommunication Business Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2004

Present: A. Atamturk, G. Anandalingam, M. Bartolacci, R. Berger, S. Cosares, I. Gamvros, L. Gouveia, J. Kalvenes, J. Kennington, N. Keon, A. Konack, L. LeBlanc, A. Nassereddin, E. Olinick, S. Raghavan, S. Rogers, S. Voß

1. Joakim Kalvenes called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Joakim thanked the past officers, council members, and cluster chairs for their service.
3. Treasure Stefan Voss gave his report.
4. Attendance at the 7th INFORMS Telecommunications Conference (Boca Raton 2003) meeting was discussed. Although the attendance was relatively high, there was a large proportion of graduate students who were charged a discounted conference fee. Although TST welcomes and encourages the participation of graduate students, a larger proportion of regular members, paying the full rate, will be needed to make the next conference break even.

A question was raised about the number of attendees from Europe. Joakim will try to get this information.

Raghu Raghavan is preparing the conference proceedings.

5. The TST is co-sponsoring two conferences in 2005:
 - a. The second International Optimization Conference (INOC) is organized by the Centro de Investigação Operacional and will be held in Portugal at the University of Lisbon, from the 20th to the 23rd of March 2005. INOC is the conference of the [European Network Optimization Group ENOG](#). It alternates years with the INFORMS Telecommunications Conference. The aim of this conference is to bring together people from different disciplines (e.g., Operations Research, Graph Theory, and Queuing Theory) with a main focus on network optimization. For more information contact Luis Gouveia (legouveia@fc.ul.pt) or visit the conference website: <http://www.the-conference.net/>.
 - b. The 2005 Wireless Telecommunications Symposium (WTS 2005) will be held April 28 – 30 at the Kellogg West Conference Center at Cal Poly Pomona. The conference will focus on Next Generation Wireless Communications. Planned highlights of WTS 2005 include Keynote Addresses, an Executive Session with key executives from organizations including Lucent Technologies, the U.S. Department of Defense's Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); presentations of accepted academic and practitioner applied research papers; panel discussions; including Future Directions in Wireless Communications Research with representatives from Lucent - Bell Laboratories, QUALCOMM, Nokia, and Broadcom; tutorials and workshops; a poster paper session; a doctoral

students session; and a reception at [Disney's Grand Californian Hotel®](#) followed by a visit to [Disneyland®](#). Refereed proceedings will be published by the IEEE. Applicable student papers are welcome. Awards will be given for the outstanding undergraduate and graduate papers submitted. For more information contact Steven Powell (srpowell@csupomona.edu) or visit the conference web site <http://www.csupomona.edu/~wtsi/index.htm>.

6. The TST website has moved to the INFORMS server. The URL is <http://telecom.section.informs.org/>. Besides changing the URL, the look and feel of the site has changed and TST is thinking about enhancing the site to include a working paper series comprised of links to members' working papers. Ideally, the list of papers will be sortable/searchable. The section is seeking volunteers to help set this up.
7. Mike Bartolacci has volunteered to publish and distribute the TST newsletter.
8. TST members are encouraged to help with a "grassroots" membership drive. The Section currently has about 250 members down from a high of over 450. One selling point for joining the section is that one can be a member of TST, and receive a discount on registration at the INFORMS Telecommunications Conference, without being a member of INFORMS.
9. Although it has come to be known as the "Boca Conference", TST members have expressed interest in holding the 2006 INFORMS Telecommunications Conference in a different location. Some potential locations for the next conference (e.g, Dallas/SMU, Atlanta/Georgia Tech) were discussed.
10. Neil Keon and Rosemary Berger will serve as cluster chairs for the 2005 INFORMS meeting in New Orleans.