

INFORMS Technical Section on Telecommunication (TST) Business Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2005

Present: Joakim Kalvenes, G. Anandalingam, Eli Olinick, Arie Koster, Larry LeBlanc, Steven Powell, Scott Rogers, Vijay Deokar, Luis Gouveia, Rosemary Berger, Jun Shu, Jeff Kennington, Neil Keon

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. Joakim presented the Treasure's report on behalf of Stefan Voss.
4. Attendance at the 7th INFORMS Telecommunications Conference (Boca Raton 2003) meeting was discussed. The attendance was relatively high. However, a large proportion of the attendees were graduate students who were charged a discounted conference fee. TST welcomes and encourages the participation of graduate students, but a larger proportion of regular members, paying the full rate, will be needed to make the next conference break even.
5. The TST is sponsoring/co-sponsoring two conferences in 2006:
 - a. The **Eighth INFORMS Telecommunications Conference** will be held March 30 - April 2, 2006 at the Melrose Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Following the tradition and success of previous conferences, the focus will be on the application of operations research techniques in a broad sense to telecommunication problems. New this year are the choice of location, as well as a Thursday-Sunday format. For more details visit <http://telecom.section.informs.org/conference/>.
 - b. The **2006 Wireless Telecommunications Symposium (WTS 2006)** will be held April 27 – 29 at the Kellogg West Conference Center at Cal Poly Pomona. Planned highlights of the 5th annual Wireless Telecommunications Symposium, WTS 2006, include executive presentations and keynote addresses; presentations of accepted academic and practitioner applied research papers; panel discussions including Future Directions in Wireless Communications Research, Wireless Network Security, New Wireless Communications Ventures, Wireless Communications Investments, and Mobile Wireless Services and Business; tutorials and workshops; a poster paper session; a doctoral students session; and a NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory reception and tour, followed by a keynote address by JPL Director, Dr. Charles Elachi. For more details visit <http://www.csupomona.edu/~wtsti/>.
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 considering 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. TST is seeking volunteers to help set this up.

7. Mike Bartolacci (mrb24@psu.edu) 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, D.C./Univ. of Maryland) were discussed.
10. Abdulla Konak (konak@psu.edu) will serve as cluster chair for the 2006 INFORMS meeting in Pittsburgh. The theme for the 2006 meeting is “OR Renaissance” and the Theme Co-Chairs would like to promote 1 or 2 tracks in each cluster that are associated with the theme. Interested TST session chairs may contact Alan Scheller-Wolf (awolf@andrew.cmu.edu) for more information about this.
11. Journals
 - a. Anant Balakrishnan (anantb@mail.utexas.edu) is the new area editor for telecommunications and network at *Operations Research*. Anant welcomes suggestions for increasing submissions to this department.
 - b. The IEEE Communications Society has expressed an interest in supporting an interdisciplinary journal on wireless telecommunications systems. TST members who are interested in helping write a proposal for such a journal are encouraged to contact Steven Powell (srpowell@csupomona.edu).
 - c. Anand Anandalingam and Steven Powell volunteered to look into forming a group of senior TST members to study the issue of starting a new journal devoted to the topic of OR applications of all kinds in telecommunications.