

Attendance:

Janan Zaytoon (President IFAC), Alison Waldron representing ELSEVIER (Journal Publisher, Control and Signal Processing), Ajith Abraham (Editor-in-Chief EAAI)

From TC 3.2: Laurent Arcèse, Sazo Blazic, Kevin Guelton, Thierry Marie Guerra (Chair TC 3.2), Jus Kocijan, Zsofia Lendek, Sean McLoone, Radu-Emil Precup, Antonio Sala

Others: 23 more people from the conference were also attending the meeting

Excuses members TC 3.2: Antonio Ruano (Vice-Chair TC 3.2, Past TC 3.2 Chair), Frank L. Lewis (Vice-Chair TC 3.2), Sushi Sam Ge (Vice-Chair TC 3.2), Miguel Bernal

Presentation of the TC 3.2 (slides are also joined). Main points:

- News from IFAC, new IFAC Medal, IFAC PapersOnLine is now part of ScienceDirect: Alison Waldron representing ELSEVIER was there
- TC 3.2 Position, visibility. 60 members are now registered in the committee. Recap about the importance of being **active** as a member → at least a paper in one of the conference where TC 3.2 is principal sponsor for the 3 years. Visibility is still “difficult” to reach because “Computational Intelligence” is larger than Automatic Control community. Therefore, in comparison with IEEE that includes the Computer Science community, the way to exist is to be active and have events that cover the larger possible “band”.
- Actions during the last years including the co-sponsoring of events
- IFAC ICONS in Reims was a nice success: 94 initial submissions from 34 countries that results in 66 accepted papers in the technical program from 29 countries which gives an acceptance rate of 70.2%. Despite it can be thought as a “high” rate, this is also due to the fact that a lot of papers were coming from people of the TC, therefore guaranteeing in most case a good level. At last, there were 82 attendees including registrants + NOC.
- Important actions → we have now for TC 3.2, 8 AE in EAAI including Sean McLoone and Jus Kocijan (already AE), 6 new AE were appointed by Ajith Abraham on behalf of TC 3.2 under Janan Zaytoon supervision: Saso Blažič, Lucian Busoniu, Kevin Guelton, Zsofia Lendek, Beibei Ren and Mao Ye. This is important to strengthen the links between the TC 3.2 and EAAI. Next action will be to do a special issue of EAAI with the best papers of IFAC ICONS in Reims. Kevin Guelton is in charge of supervising it.
- Future actions for next years. We need a more successful visibility in the next IFAC WC 2017 in Toulouse than in Capetown 2014. To begin with, we need to have at least 3 Invited Track Submission.
- Discussion about the next events: 2018 would be the year of CESCIT 3rd edition (or maybe with another name). The choice will belong to the three TCs involved and the CC3. As most events 2015 and 2016 were in Europe for the 3 TCs, a preference would be to put it in another continent; Asia could be interesting for increasing visibility. Whatever we have a proposal from Antonio Ruano from University of Algarve, Faro Portugal and a proposal for Bogota could also be possible. The decision will be taken normally in WOCO Valencia, October 18-20.
- Other matters: junior affiliation was discussed again without real decision, same thing about a possible newsletter (how, who, issues, topics?)

Apart from the meeting, but to be mentioned; on June 1: the ceremony of hand over for former EAAI Editor-in-Chief Bernard Grabot to the new one Ajith Abraham. Due to strikes in France Bernard Grabot was “present” via Visio conference.

I also would like to give a special thanks to Kevin Guelton and the NOC for the excellent job they made to make IFAC ICONS in Reims a very nice, friendly and successful event.