

Minutes of the ASPTC meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, May 26 2003

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Agenda:

1. ASPTC 2002-2003 activities
2. ASPTC 2003-2004 activities
3. ISCAS'2003 Special Issue on ASPTC
4. ISCAS 2004
 - a. Review procedure
 - b. Special sessions
 - c. Tutorials
5. ASPTC officers

1. Overview ASPTC activities 2002 - 2003

W. Serdijn:

- The 2003 ASPTC annual report is located on the ASPTC website. Report includes members activities. <http://www.ieee-cas.org/~asptc>
- ISCAS 2002 Special Issue on Analog and RF IC Design

- Published in Kluwer's International Journal of Analog Integrated Circuits and Signal Processing, May 2003
- Goal was to publish before next symposium. We just did.
- Extended versions of 8 papers from ISCAS'2003 ASP track
- Guest editors, Wouter Serdijn, Tuna B. Tarim, and Hanspeter Schmid
- ISCAS'2003 reviews
 - 423 papers submitted to the Analog and Signal Processing track of ISCAS'2003, of which 264 papers were selected for the final program
 - Bassen invited to give more details on the number of reviewers, review database, etc.

T. Lande: There is a problem of tracks and subtracks. There are certain difficulties to classify the papers. For instance, there is no RF track. Why?

C. Toumazou: There is no consistency among analog subtracks

T. Lande: For the ISCAS'2004 reviews, let people in doubt ask my opinion by sending an e-mail.

W. Serdijn: So, ASPTC members should send an e-mail to T. Lande asking his opinion and observations on tracks and sub-track classification of papers.

W. Serdijn brings the topic of IEEE Press book, originally intended to be used by graduate students.

Discussion:

- W. Serdijn: If we want to go ahead, we have to find the coordinators of the topics
- R. Fox: We have to estimate the topics first
- V. Ivanov: We have to prepare a list of recommended papers
- R. Fox: What are the topics of the papers?
- C. Toumazou. "The trade-offs" book was supposed to be this kind of book. It will be difficult to create a new book like that.
- W. Serdijn Let us start from the topics.
- T. Lande The book should have a tutorial context
- Un-Ku Moon: Only in this case the book can be very efficient

After some discussion it was agreed by everybody that it would be better to have something more dynamic and more complementary to the "trade-offs" book and that it should be a web-based list of recommended papers and thus be on our ASPTC site. The site should also mention why the paper is considered to be important and to whom.

- W. Serdijn: This is also in line with what Martin Hasler asked for during yesterday's TC chair meeting. We should upgrade our TC sites. Give me the papers you recommend to be included on the web. I will send an e-mail reminding about it.
- I. Filanovsky: One of the paper criteria could be the citation index.

W. Serdijn brings the topic of distinguished lecturer program (DLP). Last year, Jaime Ramirez-Angulo was nominated. P.R. Mukund would like to be in the DLP ("The time is right"). W. Serdijn will find out how this can be done and get into contact with him.

Currently serving in the Board of Governors (BoG) from the ASPTC: Hanspeter Schmid, Georges Gielen and Orly Yadid-Pecht.

W. Serdijn brings the topic of new ASPTC member procedure. Adding committee members to the ASPTC can only be done during our annual meeting. New members should participate in activities throughout the year. What to do with non-active committee members?

Discussion:

- R. Fox: The procedure exists. We have to reinforce it.
- W. Serdijn: The member is removed from the list if there is a failure to attend three consecutive meetings, and failure to do reviewing
- R. Fox: Reviewing is the most critical
- I. Filanovsky: Two consecutive years to failure the reviewing is sufficient
- W. Serdijn: Let us check the by-laws as well
- C. Toumazou: Let us get rid of "big names"
- W. Serdijn: The ASPTC should include active members only

All agreed on the following: members are deleted from the ASPTC membership if they fail to attend 3 consecutive meeting and are not members of the ASP program committee for 2 consecutive years. This will be put in our bylaws. This year there will be some clemency because of the transition and SARS.

2. ASPTC 2003–2004 activities

W. Serdijn raises issue of new members on the Board of Governors. Orly Yadid-Pecht and Ralf Etienne Cummings are willing to serve. Signatures were collected during the meeting. Orly's signatures will be handed over to Barbara Wehner.

3. ASPTC Special Issue on ISCAS'2003

W. Serdijn raises the issue of next year special issue on ISCAS'2003. The new Guest Editors should make the arrangements with the journal (TCAS-I, TCAS-II or Kluwer's AICSP) to publish the special issue and will be responsible for selecting the papers with the help of the ASPTC. Ralf Etienne-Cummings will do it, with the help of Alyssa Apsel.

4. ISCAS'2004

All agree that ASPTC reviews will be coordinated by the ASPTC chair, with the great help of the past chair (now Tuna Tarim) and the chair elect (now Igor Filanovsky).

ASPTC members should also think about ISCAS'2004 Special Sessions and ISCAS'2004 Tutorials

5. ASPTC officers

W. Serdijn: New nominations?

- Un-Ku Moon recommends Gu Yeon Wei (Harvard University). Accepted (Did a lot of reviewing)
- Phil Allen recommends Gabriel Rincon-Mora (Georgia Tech). Accepted
- Rob Fox recommends Mourad El Gamal (Mc. Gill University). Accepted
- Rob Fox recommends Bill Eisenstadt (University of Florida). Accepted
- Ralph Etienne Cummings recommends Alyssa Apsel (Cornell University). Accepted
- Chris Toumazou recommends Akira Matsuzawa (also keynote speaker at ISCAS'2003). Accepted

W. Serdijn recommends Igor Filanovsky as the incoming vice chair. Accepted (also by Igor himself); Hanspeter Schmid will be asked to continue to serve as ASPTC secretary.

The meeting is adjourned