IEEE Joint Communications Society and Signal Processing Chapter

Minutes of meeting held 26 May 2003
Venue: Boardroom, Chubb, 155Milton St, ASFIELD

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Those present:
Olly D'Souza, Graeme Woodward, David Burger, Alec Waskiw, Chester Ramsay, Geoffrey Wood, Rick Anderson, Gerard O'Shea, Ramutus Zakrevicius, Ramona Zakrevicius, Leo Ascone, Stefan Mozar, Sam Reisenfeld, Upul Gunawardana, Hank Chiu(UTS), Zhongwei Tang(UTS), S Kandeepan(UTS), Tony Huang(UTS), Anada Mohan Sanapavarapu.

Apologies: -nil-

Introduction: Apologies to those who were unable to attend, and the short notice is acknowledged. Future meetings will be scheduled well in advance.

1. TASKS
The minimum number of meetings required is 3 per annum. We have had 3 meetings to date including this one, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Lucent and Chubb.

2. ACTIVITIES

2.3 The forthcoming consumer electronics conference symposium is being relocated from Singapore. Currently negotiating to bring it to Sydney. Subject to IEEE Section approval, and without any financial involvement, this is a good means of leveraging a conference into Sydney for minimal effort – and getting the IEEE Section and ComSig group recognition. Keynote speakers Dr Reimers on DVD and the chaor of Samsumg. Current venue proposed is the Grace Hotel in the CBD. This symposium was held in Germany last year. **ACTION**: Stefan to propose to Section.

2.4 The ISSSTA (International Symposium of Spread Spectrum Technologies and applications), ie CDMA, is scheduled for September 2004 now in the CBD. This bi-annual conference is IEEE sponsored, and co-sponsored by the IEEE ComSoc Society. Graeme was looking for a assignment of key tasks, ie accountant, banking and IEEE representation on the committee. David Burger was nominated. The chairperson is Ian Opperman, University of Oulu, Finland. See www.isssta2004.com **ACTION:** Graham to communicate this back to the Conference Committee.

2.5 Forecast industry growth is expected to turn up in 2004, with security industry and video systems outpacing other parts of the industry. Note only.

2.6 Opportunity for FPGA/DSP lecturers – non-IEEE people from USA, **ACTION**: to be followed up by Sam and Olly.

2.7 Propose a means of getting Ron O'Connor to possibly speak at the IEEE AGM function and consider an achievement award. **ACTION**: Olly to follow up.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm, followed by a lecture on “Electronic Medical Records” presented by Mr Alec Waskiw, Deputy Manager of ITS at the “The Childrens Hospital” at Westmead.

Key topics included:

- Issues – privacy, secure access, identity control
- Medical records – basis, storage, access, quality of data
- Integration roadblocks – machine capacity, inter-system complexity, HL7 standard interpretations, data quality/integrity and CCOW context management.
- Wireless, EMC safety, applications, security and identity control
- Business case based on efficiency, availability, resourcing and accuracy
- PDA applications, data centre consolidation
- Tele-medicine is still a non-mainstream function.

Next Meeting 21st JULY, 2003 at Cisco Systems, North Sydney.