Agenda for WPMC Steering Board Meeting 2019 (Lisbon)

2019/11/25
Room B102, Edificio II
ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa
Lisbon, Portugal

1. Introduction of Members and participants

2. Approval of agenda

(Subjects to be reported)
3. Report on the previous WPMC2018 in Chiang Rai.
4. Report on WPMC 2019 from Organizing Committee in Portugal.
5. Presentation on next WPMC2020 in Okayama, Japan
6. Presentation on WPMC 2021 from Sri Lanka (Already authorized)
7. Convergence of WPMC and GWS (Fixed: MoA)
8. Open of WPMC web site (https://wpmc-home.com)
9. Version-0 of WPMC Organizer's Guidelines Manual ver.0 was drafted.

(Subjects to be resolved by WPMC Board Members)
10. Venues of WPMC2022 and WPMC2023
11. Modification of WPMC Bylaw.
12. New Steering Board members
13. Others
14. Next meeting
    October 19 (Mon), 2020, WPMC2020 in Okayama, Japan

Adjourn

WPMC Steering Board Members (as of 2018.11)

Honorable Chair
　Professor Emeritus Hideki IMAI, Tokyo University, Japan

Co-chair
　Professor Ramjee PRASAD, Aarhus University, Denmark
　Dr. Shingo OHMORI, YRP R&D Promotion Committee, Japan
　Professor Hiroshi HARADA, Kyoto University, Japan

Members
　Professor Fumiyuki Adachi, Tohoku University, Japan
　Professor Ryuji Kohno, Yokohama National University, Japan
　Professor Peter Lindgren, Aarhus University, Denmark
　Professor Fredric Harris, University of California San Diego, USA
　Dr. Anand Raghawa Prasad, NEC Corporation, Japan
　Professor Uma S. Jha, University of California San Diego, USA
　Dr. Kiyoshi Hamaguchi, National Institute of Information and Communications
　Technology, Japan

Date of Meeting	November 25, 2019 Monday	Time	17:00-19:00
Minutes prepared by:	Tetsuya Itano/Noriko Uchida	Location:	Room B102, ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon Portugal

Attendees

WPMC SC Members:
Professor Ramjee Prasad, Co-Chair, Aarhus University, Denmark
Dr. Shingo Ohmori, Co-Chair, YRP, Japan
Dr. Kiyoshi Hamaguchi, NICT, Japan
Professor Fumiyuki Adachi, Tohoku University, Japan
Professor Ryuji Kohno, Yokohama National University, Japan
Professor Fredric Harris, University of California San Diego, USA
Professor Peter Lindgren, Aarhus University, Denmark
Dr. Uma S. Jha, L3Harris, USA

Dr. Tasuhiro Koyama, NICT, Japan
Ms. Miho Kamimura, YRP, Japan

LOC: WPMC2019, Portugal, ISCTE-IUL
Professor Carlos Salema, Instituto Superior Tecnico, Portugal
Professor Luis Bernards, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal
Professor Fransisco Cercas, ISCTE-IUL, Portugal
Professor Pedro Sebastiao, ISCTE-IUL, Portugal
Professor Fernando Velez, Instituto de Telecomunicações / DEM,Portugal
Dr. Ivo Sousa, IST/UL, Portugal

LOC: WPMC 2018, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
Dr. Punnarumol Temdee, Technical Program Chair
Dr. Chayapol Kamyod, General Secretary
Dr. Nattapol Aunsri, Special Session Chair
Dr. Worasak Rueangsirarak, General Secretary
Dr. Roungsan Chairicharoen, Financial Chair

Candidate for WPMC 2020, Okayama, JAPAN
Professor Satoshi Denno, Okayama University, Japan

Candidate for WPMC 2021, Sri Lanka
Dr. Tharaka Samarasinghe, University of Moratuwa
Dr. Kasun Hemachandra, University of Moratuwa

Candidate for WPMC 2023, Florida USA
Professor Kwang-Cheng Chen, University of South Florida, USA

Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues	
Topics	Discussion

Welcome and introduction of each member and participant.	Dr. Shingo Ohmori opened the meeting. Self- introduction by each person was made.
Approval of Agenda	Dr. Ohmori reported that the first half of the meeting to be subjects to be reported, the second half was discussion by members of the Steering Committee and that Co-Chair Professor Harada was absent.
Reports on the previous WPMC 2017, Thailand	Reported by Dr. Worasak Rueangsirarak, General Secretary. （Details on the attached presentation files） Total of five members traveled to Lisbon from Thailand. 129 participants 22 countries Revenue 76,000 USD Comment & Question: 　　　Q: Why in only 87% of the final published papers? 　　　(Prof. Adachi) 　　　A: The rest was from special sessions. 　　　Q: Did you receive any positive or negative opinion on the questionnaire conducted after the WPMC2018? (Prof. Kohno) 　　　A: No such opinion was found. 　　　Q: Is there a database for WPMC's site, 　　　not from the IEE Xplore site? If you are a 　　　WPMC member, I would suggest making it 　　　available for download. (Dr. Jha) 　　　A: Not possible due to copyright issues.
Reports on WPMC2019 Lisbon, Portugal	Reported of 2019 meeting by Portugal LOC member　（Details on the attached presentation files） 112 participants 26 countries Number of presenters: 101 The adoption rate is 63% for regular sessions, and 65% for special sessions At least three people reviewed each paper. Final revenues are yet to come, but currently 66,000 euros (excluding NICT grants) The WPMC Award announced at the banquet Total 9 4 Regular Best Paper Award 4 Student Best Paper Award 1 Best Student Entrepreneur Award

Presentation on WPMC 2020
（Okayama, Japan）
	Presentation by Japan（Details on the attached presentation files）
	Conference dates October 18 – October /21, 2020
	  – The venue is the convention center directly connected to Okayama Station. The welcome reception will be at the ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel, and the banquet will be at the Okayama Gran Via Hotel.
	
	  – Paper submission deadline: May 11
	  – Special session request deadline: June 1
	
	  – Okayama has sunny weather throughout the year.
	  – There is also an international airport, accessible by bullet train.
	
	  – Expecting participants 100-150
	
	Comment:
	  – There was a question about the positioning of a TPC Co-chair, and it's a role.
	  – The regional TPC Co-Chair does not seem to be particularly active.
	
	  – There is one Co-chair in each of the three different regions, Asia, Europe, and the United States, each of which is responsible for promoting the WPMC. At present, the number of participants has not increased. It seems that we need to make an effort in the future.
	
	  – It seems to be related to EDAS, but at the stage of reviewing, there are many reminder emails, and spam filter problems are occurring. It is necessary to manage WPMC's server to avoid the issues.
	
	  – Overall, there is too little participation from the industry. I think the WPMC subject should be attractive to the industry. If you can appeal to the industry, you can expect to fund, and it is better if you can make more connections with the industry.
	
	  – We are worried about the lack of industry participation these days, compared to the early days of the conference.
	  – I feel that not only the explanation of the technology but also the presentation, such as the business model using it, is attractive. You can invite keynote speakers from the industry, and you can expect platinum support money.
	  – Regarding the young participants, what about professors and students who have never attended? How about inviting them（Prof. Kohno）
	
	  – The main focus of the WPMC is on young people. We want to expect participation of local students at Student Awards.

Presentation on WPMC 2021 （Colombo, Sri Lanka）	Presentation by Sri Lanka
	
	– Recently, the suicide bombing and other incidents have hit the tourism industry, but the country expects to return to normal by 2021.
	
	– As soon as returning to Sri Lanka, the team considers possible venues by referring to the statistics of conferences held in Thailand last year and this year in Portugal.
	
	Comments:
	    Q: A question raised about transportation access from Japan to Sri Lanka.
	
	    A: Three flights a day from Singapore and Dubai. Sri Lanka Airlines offers direct flights from Narita.

Convergence on WPMC and GWS	Last year's meeting approved the merger of the two conferences, WPMC and GWS, and signed a contract. The announcement was made. The official name would be 'WPMC,' and the territory would expand to the business industry. A Memorandum of Agreement on Merging WPMC and GWS report was provided to members. Comments: – Based on the experience of this year's conference, the organizer requires inviting more reviewers for industry business papers (Prof. Velez) Academic and business industry content is different, so it is necessary to understand and proceed for the preparation.
Guideline's Manual and WPMC website	Since there were some comments/requests at the last year's meeting, an operation manual/guideline was prepared and uploaded to the newly created WPMC-home (wpmc-home.com) All documents will post on the WPMC-home website from now on.
Omori called for a board member only meeting. All other candidates left a room.	
Presentation on WPMC 2022 by candidate （Denmark）	Presentation by Denmark　(details on the attached presentation files) The host city is Harning, located in the center of Denmark. – There is also the main campus of Aarhus University, and it is an area that is attracting people as a starting point for future industries. – Date proposed to be September 11- September 14, 2022

	– Hosted by Aarhus University, local researchers.
	– Easy access for participants. From the international airport Copenhagen by car or several small regional airports.
	– We can expect 600 to 800 participants and sponsorships from local companies.
	Comment:
	– Participants from Japan are difficult in mid-September, and a little later is preferred.　August is more comfortable to participate. (Prof. Kohno)
	– American universities are about to begin their second semester in September.
	A: The team of Denmark proposes some candidate dates.
	– In addition to access, requesting information on whether there is enough accommodation.
	A: There are hotels and other types of accommodation (lodges, rental house, etc.)
Presentation on WPMC 2023 by candidate (Florida, USA)	Presentation by Florida, USA　(details on the attached presentation files)
	– Candidate cities are Tampa and Orlando. Both are attractive for holding conferences. The team wants to get advice from the members of the committee.
	– Proposal date is November 27-December 1. One week after Thanksgiving in the United States, participants can avoid traveling congestion. The schedule does not overlap with other big conferences.
	– From late October to November, Florida has a temperature of about 20 degrees Celsius, a humidity of around 60%, and sunny weather.
	– Access is easy, hotels have many selections, and prices are reasonable. Orlando has many hotels as a Disneyland town.
	– Florida is famous for the space industry and has many large companies. Research on cybersecurity is also active.
	– Orlando is the hub of the space industry and a hot spot. There are office of Amazon Blue Origin (spaceship) and Space X, etc. There is a Tesla office in Tampa.

Modification of WPMC Bylaw	Following the convergence of the two conferences, WPMC and GWS, CGC has been added as the third organizer after NICT and YRP. CGC will join the WPMC Awards in addition to NICT, YRP, and LOC.
New Steering Board Members and Advisory Board Members.	Waiting for a recommendation from Prof. Prasad. He will be announced at the next committee meeting. Member list information updates. The company where Dr. Anand Raghawa Prasad is registered is Rakuten, and the company where Dr. Uma S. Jha is registered is L3Harris.
Next Meeting	October 19, 2020 Monday, WPMC2020 in Okayama, Japan
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.	