

Date	October 19, 2020 Monday	Time	JST 23:00-24:30
Minutes prepared by	Noriko Uchida Tetsuya Itano	Location	Zoom meeting

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LOC: WPMC2019, Portugal, ISCTE-IUL

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Meeting Content	
Agenda	Discussion

Opening, Attendee Self Introduction	Opening remarks by Dr. Ohmori, self-introduction by each attendee
Approval of Agenda	Moderated by Dr. Ohmori
WPMC2019 Portugal Report	<p>LOC: WPMC2019, Portugal, ISCTE-IUL Report on the 2019 meeting by the Portugal LOC member by Prof. Velez. (Details on the attached presentation files)</p> <p>Number of participants: 112 people Participating countries: 26 countries Number of presenters: 101 Acceptance rate: 63% Regular, 65% Special sessions</p> <p>62 publications on eXproler, 27 special sessions, none of invited papers have been published.</p> <p>9 WPMC Awards total: 4 Regular awards 4 Student Awards, 1 Special Award</p>
WPMC2020 Virtual Edition Report	<p>Report by Okayama LOC Prof. Denno (Details on the attached presentation files)</p> <p>73 accepted papers 42 rejects 57.5% acceptance rate</p> <p>25 special sessions, 23 were made available to the audience (2 of them with no video submissions)</p> <p>WPMC Awards were presented by Prof. Denno in a video presentation on the first day of the conference. 2 regular awards and 3 student awards.</p> <p>[Discussion/Q&A]: - The number of papers submitted to the conference was higher and the level of participants was also higher than expected. (Prof. Denno)</p> <p>- Was the number of papers submitted about the same as in previous years? (Prof. Adachi)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the impact of the coronavirus and the slightly late announcement of the Virtual Conference, the numbers were smaller than usual. (Prof. Denno) - As for the awards, in previous years, we chose one for each region, Europe, Asia, America, etc. They also divided it into business and academic. (Prof. Kono) - There is no such regulation (for awards). It is decided by the LOC each time. (Dr. Ohmori) - There were few papers from the business industry, the best papers were from Europe and Japan. (Prof. Denno)
<p>WPMC2021 Venue Presentation (Okayama Japan)</p>	<p>Presentation by Dr. Kojima, NICT (Details on the attached presentation files)</p> <p>Dates: December 13-17, 2021 Call for Paper: Deadline July 13, 2021</p> <p>A face to face meeting is planned. The venue is the Okayama Convention Center, directly connected to Okayama Station.</p> <p>The opening reception is scheduled for the evening of the 13th. The banquet is for the evening of 15th.</p> <p>Okayama has a high rate of sunny weather throughout the year.</p> <p>It is accessible from the airports of Tokyo and Osaka by the Shinkansen bullet train. There is also Okayama International Airport.</p> <p>Introducing the LOC chair. Sponsorship is currently being arranged.</p> <p>[Discussion/Q&A]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why did the October meeting become December? (Prof. Adachi) - We tried to move it directly to 2021 with this year's (2020) booking date, but due to the availability of the venue, it was moved to December. (Dr. Ohmori)

	<p>- If you announce Call for Paper early, it will be forgotten, so it's better to wait until the beginning of new year. (Dr. Adachi)</p> <p>- Since the situation of coronavirus is not clear, it is not a good time to make an announcement for now. It is safer to think about style of conference. I think it is safer to think of e-conference and hybrid conference, not just face to face. (Prof. Kohno/ Prof. Adachi/Dr. Prasad)</p> <p>- Better to have live presentation instead of recorded video performed this year. (Prof. Adachi)</p> <p>- I would and should recommend a hybrid conference for the next 1-2 years because the coronavirus situation will not settle down. (Prof. Cheng/Dr. Jha)</p> <p>-From my experience with e-conferences, this year's the recorded video presentation would solve the time difference between different locations, but there would be no audience reaction. We should be the forerunners in creating a multimedia New Style conferencing system that offers both real and recorded options. With the coronavirus situation unpredictable, I hope that for the future of conferencing systems, we should start experimenting and be creative. There are pros and cons, but we can expect more participants with no travel expenses. (Prof. Kohno)</p> <p>-We will discuss which style to hold. I would like to combine real and online. I would like to receive feedback via email. (Dr. Ohmori)</p>
<p>WPMC2022 Venue Presentation (Herning, Denmark)</p>	<p>Presentation of WPMC2022 Denmark by Prof. Prasad (Details on the attached presentation files)</p> <p>The 25th meeting, Silver Jubilee Anniversary Dates: October 30 - November 2, 2022 Venue: Conference Center on Aarhus University Campus</p> <p>[Discussion/Q&A]: - How can we increase participation from Europe? There were many participants from Japan than</p>

	<p>Europe, as seen in Portugal. There is still time to consider various approaches. (Dr. Harada)</p> <p>- We understand the problem and have already started the promotion. The number of participants from Denmark should be greater than the number from Japan. Some similar local conferences have attracted 400 people. (Prof. Prasad)</p>
<p>WPMC 2023 Host Candidate Presentation (Florida 2023)</p>	<p>Presentation of WPMC2023, Florida by Prof. Chen (Details on the attached presentation files)</p> <p>The situation of coronavirus in Florida is currently not so favorable, but hopefully it will be contained by the end of next year.</p> <p>The candidate location is Orlando. Tampa is considered a back-up.</p> <p>Possible dates: November 28 - December 1, 2023. One week after the American Thanksgiving vacation week. Or one week before. Avoid the overcrowding.</p> <p>Potential venues include Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Place Disney Springs Area, Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort, and Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive.</p> <p>Florida is famous for its space industry and has many large corporations. It is also a research center for cyber security. Orlando is a hub and is a hot spot for the space industry. Amazon's Blue Origin (spacecraft) offices, as well as SpaceX. Tampa is home of the office of Tesla.</p> <p>[Discussion/Q&A]:</p> <p>- To increase participation, why not consider a timing with New Horizon Europe and other IEEE meetings (mid-November)? Why did you choose Orlando? (Prof. Kohno)</p> <p>- Orlando is good because we want to attract new young people because of the space industry. Financial technology is also booming in Tampa; City Bank and others have moved there. (Prof. Chen)</p>

	- New programs by space people are starting in Orlando and should be called in; Amazon Blue Origin, Space X, etc. Also, Marriot One World should be a candidate venue. (Dr. Jha)
About WPMC2023 Venue	The WPMC 2023 was officially approved to be held by Prof. Chen in Florida.
Election of new SC Member	Dr. Ohmori nominated Dr. Hosako as a new SC Member. Dr. Hosako has been appointed as the Director of the NICT Wireless Network Research Center, while Dr. Hamaguchi has been assigned to a different department.
Next Steering Committee Meeting	The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in 2021, Okayama.
Meeting Adjournment	