

## Meeting Minutes

1<sup>th</sup> of May 2019  
Starting time: 4:30 PM  
Ending time: 5:45 PM  
Dubai, University of Dubai.

**Meeting called by:** Dr. Fatma Taher      **Type of meeting:** Committee Meeting  
**Facilitator:** Dr. Hussam Al-Hammadi      **Meeting Number:** #20190004  
**Timekeeper:** Dr. Hussam Al-Hammadi  
**Attendees:** Dr. Fatma Taher\* (Chair), Eng. Adeel Sultan\* (Vice-Chair), Dr. Hussam Al-Hammadi\* (Secretary), Prof. Hussain Al-Ahmad\*, Prof. Piyush\*, Dr. HosamAldeen\*, Dr. Wathiq Mansoor\*, Dr. Alavi\*, Dr. Boutheina, Dr. Sameera

*Note: \* symbol is for IEEE officers*

**Please read:**

**Attached Files:** [IST2019](#), [ASET2020](#)

### Minutes

**Agenda item:**      **Motion:** Reimburse IEEE officers for IEEE GCC Traveling      **Presenter:**      Dr. Fatma Taher

#### Discussion and Summary:

Dr. Wathiq and Dr. Sameera are IEEE officers who travel to Kuwait to represent the IEEE UAE section on the IEEE GCC conference from the 19th – 23rd April 2019.

#### Motion:

To approve the reimbursing for the IEEE Officers, up to 3000 AED for each.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ <b>Motion Passed</b>	Committee Call	
✓		

**Agenda item:**      **Motion:** Funding the IEEE-WIE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT in Dubai, 9-10 of Oct. 2019.      **Presenter:**      Dr. Bouthina

#### Background:

Under the theme, Lead beyond: Accelerating innovative women who change the world, we are glad to announce WIE international Leadership Summit that will be held on October 9 and 10, 2019 in Dubai. The summit will provide opportunity to create communities that fuel innovation, facilitate knowledge sharing and provide support through highly interactive sessions designed to foster discussion and collaboration. The summit focuses on providing leading-edge professional development for mid-and senior-level women. Through this event, we want to encourage and empower women to embrace and stay in STEM field.

The summit will focus on leadership, Innovation, Empowerment, disruptive technology, Diversity and inclusion, professional development and Entrepreneurship. With a projected attendance by more than 200 participants, the summit offers a unique opportunity to share valuable experiences and the exchange of ideas in the Middle east and throughout the World.

#### Motion:

To approve 50,000 AED Funding.

**Action items****Person responsible****Deadline**✓ **Motion Tabled**

Committee Call

**Agenda item:** **Motion:** IEEE Technical Sponsorship for ASET-2020 conference. 4-5 of Feb. 2020. By HCT **Presenter:** Prof. Piyush

**Background:**

The Higher Colleges of Technology will hold the 2020 Advances in Science and Engineering Technology (ASET) International Conferences in the UAE. ASET acts as an umbrella under which seven international conferences are organized. These conferences are in lined with the National Innovation Strategy of the UAE and represent hot research areas that are of high interest for both the academic and the industrial communities in the UAE and worldwide.

**Motion:**

To approve the technical sponsorship for ASET-2020

**Action items****Person responsible****Deadline**✓ **Motion Passed**

Committee Call

**Agenda item:** **Motion:** IEEE Technical Sponsorship for IST-2019 conference, 9-10 of Dec. 2019 **Presenter:** Dr. Fatma Taher

**Background:**

The 2019 IEEE International Conference on Imaging Systems and Techniques is the premier forum for the presentation of technological advances and research results and will take place jointly with the IEEE International School of Imaging in Abu Dhabi, December 9-10, 2019.

The scope of the IST is to explore, advance, and generate new knowledge on multifaceted imaging design principles, systems, and techniques, with applications in medical imaging, genomics and artificial intelligence, aimed at the exploring of novel pathophysiology and metabolic mechanisms and measure therapeutic efficacy; machine learning and data mining solutions utilizing medical imaging to assist clinicians and healthcare providers to bring big data to personalized medicine; imaging and cognitive machine vision systems, imaging informatics, robotic vision systems, with applications in Industry 4, healthcare, autonomous driving and navigation, Internet of Things (IoT), Space and Resources exploration; emerging imaging trends that would lead ultimately to novel systems and technologies, standards and metrology, and systems with unsurpassable image quality, scalability, and miniaturization capabilities.

**Motion:**

To approve the technical sponsorship for IST-2019

**Action items****Person responsible****Deadline**✓ **Motion Passed**

Committee Call

**Agenda item:** Developing a strategic plan to improve the number of IEEE members in UAE **Presenter:** Dr. Fatma Taher

**Discussion and Summary:**

In the light of numerous challenges facing the UAE section for sustained membership and growth of our IEEE members, it requires us to develop a strategic plan to increase membership and post-development. Therefore, we call your efforts to assist us in developing an innovative way to increase membership.

**Motion:**

Not Applicable

**Action items****Person responsible****Deadline**

✓ Renew the MoUs with the Industrial sector

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**Agenda item:** Allegations of author misconduct--20601

**Presenter:** Dr. Fatma Taher

**Background:**

The authors who have been accused of copying another author's work in the ICTUS 2017 conference paper. Since the conference was sponsored by the IEEE UAE Section, we will need you to look over the attached files with an ad hoc committee to confirm the recommendations,

**Details of Original Paper:**

Originally the authors submitted the paper on September 12, 2016 to IEEE ICASSP 2017 and after it was rejected in ICASSP, they published the same on "arxiv.org" on 10th of January 2017.

"MULTI-TASK LEARNING OF DEEP NEURAL NETWORKS FOR AUDIO VISUAL AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNITION"

Authors: Abhinav Thanda and Shankar M Venkatesan

**Details of Copied Paper:**

"AUDIO VISUAL AUTOMATIC SPEECH RECOGNITION USING MULTI-TASKING LEARNING OF DEEP NEURAL NETWORKS"

**Authors:** Hunny Pahuja, Priya Ranjan, Amit Ujlayan

**Published in:** 2017 International Conference on Infocom Technologies and Unmanned Systems (Trends and Future Directions) (ICTUS)

Date of conference: 18-20 Dec. 2017

Date added to IEEE Xplore: 08 February 2018

The investigation shows that:

- a. the text is copied almost verbatim, the sections are divided similarly with the same headings.
- b. the diagrams are exactly the same,
- c. the result values have been slightly modified.
- d. the references are exactly the same and appear in the same order as our original paper.

Based on IEEE policy, this appears to be Level Two plagiarism (20-50% copying). As such, we are recommending a three-year ban, or for the authors to complete an author-education course on avoiding plagiarism.

**Motion:**

To agree with the recommendation

**Action items**

**Person responsible**

**Deadline**

✓ **Motion Passed**

Committee Call

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### ***Other Information***

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**Observers:**

**Resources:**

**Special notes:**

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