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New Zealand has been involved in the organisation and sponsoring of the ATNAC / ITNAC series of conferences over many years now. 2015 was the first year where the conference carried the title of ITNAC and it was held in Sydney, Australia. This year, ITNAC returned to New Zealand and was held in Auckland from 27-29th November at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) premises. The IEEE Communications Society in New Zealand and the IEEE New Zealand Central Section, among others, have provided technical support for this conference.

 Compared to the Australian ITNACs in recent years, the number of attendees was a little lower than had previously been the case. Nevertheless, there were 84 people registered to attend; with a total of 87 papers submitted (the total includes both full and short papers plus workshop). Overall, there were 40 full papers, 7 workshop papers and 18 short papers accepted.

There were 6 Keynote speakers invited to present during the conference over the three days. These were well attended and stimulated questions both during their Question and Answer periods, as well as during the breaks. Richard Harris was partly sponsored by ATNAC NZ as one of the Keynote speakers, Massey University organised a Workshop on 5G and D2D and partly sponsored Richard's expenses. Richard's talk, entitled "5G for Rural and Remote Communities?" Attracted interest from many people and raised important questions about broadband services in Australia and NZ concerning rural and remote communities.

Despite the reduced numbers the conference was judged to be a success and the next two ITNAC conferences will be in Australia (Melbourne – 2020 and then Sydney in 2021).

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