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## Minutes of the CNNAC Technical Committee Meeting at CNNA 2000

24 May 2000 12:30pm-2:00pm  
University of Catania, Catania, Italy

### **Present:**

P. Arena, L. Fortuna, Marco Gilli, T. Roska, B. Shi, V. Tavsanoğlu, R. Tetzlaff

### **Introduction (Tamas Roska)**

At the start of the meeting, Tamas Roska expressed the appreciation of the committee for the excellent job done by the students and staff at the University of Catania under the leadership of Luigi Fortuna. Luigi Fortuna expressed his pleasure in being able to host the conference and expressed his appreciation to the enthusiasm of the Catania students in helping with the contest organization.

As a reminder, Tamas Roska reminded members that the Annual General Meeting of the committee would be held at ISCAS 2000 in Geneva, where the most important matter on the agenda was the approval of the proposed bylaws.

### **Proposed Bylaws**

Tamas Roska asked for feedback from the committee members present about an amendment to the bylaws which would add a maximum of 10 Associate Members to the technical committee. These Associate Members would be invited to attend all meetings of the Technical Committee and to provide their opinions and suggestions about the operation of the Technical Committee. However, these members would not have the right to vote. The members present agreed that this amendment would allow Technical Committee to get input from a wider range of opinions and that the matter should be discussed in further detail at the Annual General Meeting at ISCAS in Geneva.

Tamas Roska also asked for feedback about an amendment to the bylaws that would designate a subset of the members of the committee as Regional Representatives. Both regular and associate members could be designated as Regional Representatives. These regional representatives would function as local contact points for information about the Technical Committee and for coordination of regional activities. These regional representatives would be designated each year at ISCAS with no limit on the number of times any member can serve as a regional representative.

### **Young researcher's contest**

The committee members were impressed by the success of the CNN Young Researchers Contest, which was held in conjunction with CNNA 2000. Tamas Roska proposed that this contest become a regular biannual event, to be held in conjunction with each CNNA. The members agreed that Tamas Roska should make a formal proposal to the Technical Activities Board at ISCAS 2000 in Geneva to secure funding on a biannual basis to support the prizes (total US\$1000) for this contest. (Action: Tamas Roska)

Tamas Roska suggested that the contest website be kept on-line to let people try the contest task as a way to promote interest in Cellular Neural Networks and Array Computing. Bert Shi agreed to contact Csaba Rekezy to investigate arranging this. (Action: Bert Shi)

### **CNNA 2004**

Ronald Tetzlaff suggested that CNNA 2004 be held in Frankfurt, where he would be responsible for the organization. The members formally adopted this proposal.

### **New members**

Tamas Roska proposed the addition of five new members to the Technical Committee: Paolo Arena, Servando Espejo, Marco Gilli, Peter Szolgay and Akos Zarandy. The members formally adopted this proposal. Bert Shi would contact the new members to inform them of the decision and to invite them to attend the Annual General Meeting at ISCAS 2000 in Geneva. (Action: BES)

### **Other Issues**

There being no other issues, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.