My official term as Distinguished Lecturer expired on 2008, after 4 years of excellent experience in this role. However, I note the ComSoc statement: 

"At the BoG Management Retreat in 2008, Board officers concluded that, since participation in the Distinguished Lecturers Program is limited to a two-year term (with a possible one-year extension), ComSoc should encourage speakers whose terms have expired to continue giving lectures in conjunction with business trips or events bringing them to a given area. And, although the Communications Society will no longer support their travel, the chapters may still wish to take care of local accommodations. "

(http://ww2.comsoc.org/about/memberprograms/distinguished-lecturers/past-distinguished-lecturers)

Therefore, I took advantage of a trip to KL, which I had for other reasons and which was not funded by ComSoc, to visit Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and to give a DL lecture there, kindly invited by Mohd Fadlee A Rasid and Borhanudin Mohd Ali of UPM and Hafizal Mohamad, Malaysia Chapter Chair.

Another purpose of my visit at UPM was to promote the ComSoc's Membership Development Program, explaining the advantages of being ComSoc member and the various ComSoc services, and to discuss with Mohamad Hafizal and Borhanudin Mohd Ali about the feasibility to organize a future ICC/GLOBECOM in KL.

That was not my first time in KL. It is an interesting city, which features a mix of impressive modern infrastructures (above all the KLCC Petronas twin towers, 452m), huge shopping centers, commercial and business centers and more traditional and popular areas.

The day after my arrival to KL, on Sunday, I was invited out for dinner by Mohamad Hafizal and Borhanudin Mohd Ali, in an excellent Indonesian restaurant at KLCC. Datuk Hod Parman, Chairman of TS Global Network, was also present. We discussed the challenge of organizing a future ICC/GLOBECOM in KL. I outlined the main requirements of such an event and I encouraged them to contact local telecom companies and governmental agencies for support. We concluded to discuss this further in the next months, and possibly to prepare a proposal for GIMS evaluation.

I gave my DLT lecture in the Department of Computer and Communication Systems Engineering in the morning of Friday 24 July. The title of my lecture was "Synchronization in Next-Generation Networks". The audience consisted of students and some professors. All were very interested and appreciated the talk very much. Several questions were also asked.

Before the technical lecture, I also presented the various activities and services of ComSoc, using the official ComSoc presentation kindly provided me by John Pape, aiming at promoting the advantages of being ComSoc member since when one is student.

ANNEX: LECTURE ABSTRACT

Synchronization in Next-Generation Networks

Network synchronization has gained increasing importance in telecommunications throughout the last thirty years. Digital switching, SDH/SONET, ATM, CDMA, GSM and UMTS are striking examples where network synchronization has been proven to affect quality of service.
In this lecture, a historical review on synchronization needs and techniques is first provided, outlining architectures and requirements for timing transfer in PDH, SDH/SONET, ATM and fixed/mobile telephone networks. Then, new synchronization issues in Next-Generation Networks (NGN) are presented, emphasizing the critical aspects related to backhauling base stations in mobile wireless networks. Contents of new ITU-T standards on NGN synchronization, still under development, are overviewed. Finally, architectures and methods for synchronization over packet networks, suitable for application in the NGN, are described.