Andreas F. Molisch was on a Distinguished Lecturer Tour to SouthEast Asia from November 18th to November 28th 2007. The original schedule foresaw lectures in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Singapore, and Bangkok (Thailand). Due to political developments, the Thailand leg of the trip had to be canceled at the last minute.

The first leg of the trip led to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam. Andy was hosted by the Vietnam section (Prof. Ta Cao Minh, Hanoi), and the *The University of Technology of Ho Chi Minh City (Prof. **Do Hong Tuan, Prof. *Nguyen Thanh Son). He arrived on November 20th, and on the next day gave a talk on "*Cross-layer optimization of wireless collaborative ad-hoc networks***". The attendance was approximately 30, mostly faculty and students from the hosting university. A number of questions were fielded from the audience about the practical feasibility of cooperative schemes, and the probability of seeing them in wireless standards in the next years. In discussions with department, faculty, and students, Andy also learned about the current situation for graduates in Vietnam. The economic situation is generally good, and most students easily get jobs with the cellular operators or equipment manufacturers (some of them branches of international companies). There are relatively few PhD students; many graduates interested in getting a doctorate try to get scholarships abroad. IEEE membership is generally low; the membership fees (even for students) are seen as high considering the average salary/scholarship levels.

The trip then continued to Singapore. Andy was hosted by the Singapore Section and Nanyang Technical University NTU (Cheng Tee Hiang, Li Kwok Hung), arriving on Sunday, November 23rd. The next day, he visited I2R, a research center for telecommunications mostly supported by the Singaporean government, which works in close collaboration with local industry. He also visited NSU (National University of Singapore) and discussed with several researchers there. The next day, Andy gave a talk at NTU about "*UWB for Sensor Networks - Standards and Open Research Challenges*". Also this talk drew a large and high-caliber audience. Singapore traditionally has a strong research program in the UWB area (including a "UWB-friendly zone" with relaxed frequency regulations), and I2R has long been active in the IEEE 802.15.3a and 802.15.4a standardization activities.

Andy was then scheduled to continue to Bangkok, where the Thailand Section and NECTEC had arranged the visit, including a talk on "*MIMO antennas, propagation channels, and their impact on system design*". However, the flight on November 26th was cancelled, due to the occupation of the Bangkok airport by demonstrators. Since the flight cancellations continued over the next days, Andy flew back to the US directly from Singapore.

All in all, it was a very interesting trip to a part of the world that will play a more and more important part in the Communications world. IEEE ComSoc definitely should be as active as possible in fostering relations with people and organizations in this area.