The Taiwan Communications Chapter invited me as a ComSoc distinguished lecturer to lecture in four different universities:

National Taiwan University in Taipei (Hosted by KC Chen), National Tsing Hua University Hsinchu (hosted by Prof. Chi-chao Chao); National Cheng Kung University (hosted by Prof. Hsiao-Hwa Chen) and National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu (hosted by Prof. Stefan Moser). Two different lectures were delivered: Channel Capacity and Coding Problems motivated by the Powerline channel Model and the second lecture was entitled: Coding Techniques for Multi-User Communications and Networking. Both lectures took about 90 minutes and for every lecture, there were about 100 – 200 participants.

Although the invitation was done by the ComSoc chapter, no support was received from the ComSoc society via the DLT program. Unfortunately, the resources were gone and the trip was mainly financed by the Taiwanese hosts. The flight was supported by the National Cheng Kung University in Tainan (Prof. Hsiao-Hwa Chen), the local expenses were paid by the local hosts. It is difficult to arrange such a tour without knowing the financial conditions in advance and without transparency of the rules involved. May be this can be a point of attention for the future. In addition to the lectures we visited the science park in Tainan. Here the IT industry is concentrated and at the science park there are about 50,000 people at work. Taiwan has 4 of these parks. It is surprising to see how well the industry cooperates with the local universities. At this occasion the company ST&T, represented by Tony Li, demonstrated their activities in broadband powerline communications systems. All together we can say that it was a very successful trip thanks to the members of the local IEEE ComSoc chapter and the local hosts.
Visit of ST&T in the science park in Tainan.
From left to right, Tony Li, general manager ST&T, Prof. Han Vinck (University Duisburg-Essen, Germany), Prof. Hsiao-Hwa Chen (NCKU, Tainan, Taiwan),