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Tour Report – EMEA DLT #1 Benelux.Nether.Dressler.1111

Dear Carole,

this time, I'd like to report about my DLT towards Belgium and The Netherlands (IEEE Benelux Chapter). The tour was perfectly organized by Homayoun Nikookar, who approached me in April 2011 for discussion options for this tour and then worked hard to get it approved and to organize three lectures covering three topics.

My trip included three stops, giving lectures on three different topics. I attach the abstracts used for announcing the lectures in the respective locations. In order to keep the budget low, I used train connections between all the different cities.

Day 1: November 22, 2011

For the tour, I arranged train transfers with only one return flight from Innsbruck to the Benelux. From the Amsterdam airport, I traveled to Ghent by train arriving exactly in time for joining the evening session of the 18th IEEE Symposium on Communications and Vehicular Technology in the Benelux.

Day 2: November 23, 2011

My lecture was integrated into the program of the 18th IEEE Symposium on Communications and Vehicular Technology in the Benelux in form of a keynote talk. The lecture was organized by Jeroen Hoebeke, who also helped with the organization of the symposium. The meeting was held at IBBT, a research center for wireless communications.

The talk title was "Protocol Engineering for Vehicular Communications". The topic was obviously of particular interest. Many questions have been discussed during the lecture and I made the slides available to all the participants.

Day 3: September 24, 2011

My second stop was Eindhoven. I used the time in the morning to drive to Eindhoven by train.

The local organization was done by Jan Haagh. The audience was extremely pleasant and highly interested in my lecture. I had opportunities to go into many aspects in detail during the Q&A. I gave a lecture on "Simulation techniques to assess the performance of V2V protocols".

Day 4: September 25, 2011

The third and last stop was Delft, meeting with Homayoun Nikookar at TU Delft. I arrived at lunch time, checking in and taking a brief rest. The local organization was excellent.



This time, my lecture was on “Biologically-inspired and Nano-scale Communication and Networking”. The number of attendees well exceeded expectations – I counted about 50 people. We had in-depth discussions on various research topics following the lecture.

Day 5: September 26, 2011

This day was reserved for travels only. I returned to Austria early in the morning.

In summary, I consider the DLT as very successful. I had very good discussions and interactions with the attendees at all the three places. I'd like to thank all the chapter chairs for their help and for organizing very interactive and lively meetings. I'd like to thank COMSOC for supporting the trip and Homayoun Nikookar for his initiative to make this DLT possible.

Sincerely,

Falko