

IBIS Open Forum Minutes

Meeting Date: **November 20, 2009**

Meeting Location: **Teleconference**

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In the list above, attendees at the meeting are indicated by *. Principal members or other active members who have not attended are in parentheses. Participants who no longer are in the organization are in square brackets.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The bridge numbers for future IBIS teleconferences are as follows:

Date	Meeting Number	Meeting Password
December 11, 2009	207 242 180	IBIS

For teleconference dial-in information, use the password at the following website:

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http://www.cisco.com/web/about/doing_business/conferencing/index.html

NOTE: "AR" = Action Required.

INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING QUORUM

No new participants.

CALL FOR PATENTS

Bob Ross called for any patents or pending patents related to the IBIS 3.2, IBIS 4.2, IBIS 5.0 or ICM 1.1 specifications. No patents were declared.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Ross reported that we will likely finish the year with 30 paid members. We will probably pick up a few members next year. We also sold another parser license. This makes 6 parser purchases so far. Bob is making sure the parser purchases are properly credited to the IBIS account.

REVIEW OF MINUTES AND ARS

Bob Ross called for comments regarding the minutes of the October 30, 2009 IBIS Open Forum teleconference, the November 4, 2009 Asian IBIS Summit (China) and the November 6, 2009 Asian IBIS Summit (Japan). Randy Wolff noted that Hildesheim, the city in Germany that will host the SPI conference in 2010, was misspelled in the October 30 minutes. The minutes were approved with the noted change.

WEB PAGE UPDATES

Syed Huq reported a few updates. The home page added a link to the ibischk5 parser. He

removed old members from the poster page. He changed the order of events and updated the DesignCon logo on the events page. Bob Ross mentioned that he has a list of changes he will submit to Syed. The FAQ page needs to be reviewed to change all references of GEIA to TechAmerica and update the IBIS parser price to \$2500. Also, we will need to add a link to the new IBIS Quality document somewhere on the site.

MAILING LIST ADMINISTRATION

No update.

MODEL LIBRARY UPDATE

No update.

PRESS UPDATE

None.

MISCELLANY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

OPENS FOR NEW ISSUES

None.

INTERNATIONAL/EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- DASC

No update. The DASC file and e-mail archive may be found at:

<http://www.dasc.org/>

- P1735 Encryption

No update. The IEEE Study Group on Encryption web reflector archives are found at:

<http://www.eda-stds.org/ip-encrypt/hm/>

-Conferences

The 7th International Workshop on Electromagnetic Compatibility of Integrated Circuits (EMC COMPO 2009) is November 17-20, 2009 in Toulouse, France. Lance Wang of IO Methodology planned to present a paper entitled "2-Pin-Pair Oriented Extraction Method for True Differential Pair Buffer Behavioral Modeling." Lance was unable to attend.

<http://www.emccompo.org>

TECHAMERICA STATUS

Bob Ross noted that there will be a new accounting system at TechAmerica in 2010.

IEC APPROVAL ACTIVITIES

Randy Wolff reported that the IEC meeting was September 28-30, 2009. He has not heard any update from Victor Berman on the status of IEC approval of the IBIS 4.2 specification.

SUMMIT STATUS

-China Summit Review

The meeting was held Wednesday, November 4 at the Four Points Hotel in Shanghai. Co-sponsors included Huawei Technologies, Agilent Technologies, Ansoft, Cadence Design, Cybernet Systems, Intel, IO Methodology, Mentor Graphics, SiSoft, Sigrity, Synopsys and ZTE Corporation.

Lance Wang shared a slide show of the event. He noted that this is the fifth year of the event, and it was a successful meeting. 112 people attended, not including vendor table staffers. There were 12 presentations on methods, quality, system integration, AMI, S-parameters and package models. Lance shared results of a survey. All responders found the meeting valuable. He also showed results of the question 'What was your favorite topic?' In the future, people would like to see the IBIS community focus on higher model quality, AMI improvements, more package model support, improved industry leadership, and support for higher speeds. The survey also asked for additional comments. Many people noted that the meeting was successful. Others added that they would like the meeting to be more interactive, have better technical focus, and see IC vendors pushed to provide more and better IBIS models. The presentation can be viewed at:

http://www.vhdl.org/pub/ibis/summits/nov09a/agenda_survey.pdf

Bob Ross noted that many of the presentations were in Chinese, and Lance helped with translation and running the meeting. The meeting was break-even financially. There is still some leftover money from previous years to use towards next years' meeting.

-Japan Summit Review

The meeting was held Friday, November 6 at the JEITA headquarters from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Co-sponsors included Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA), ATE (Sigrity Distributor), Cadence and Zuken.

Bob Ross noted that 39 people attended. There were 10 presentations. One presentation needed to be stopped due to too much product promotion. The Open Forum tries to review all presentations ahead of time to catch this issue early, but not all presentations were seen in advance. However, all the presentations contained useful information and the attendance was greater than expected.

-DesignCon Summit Planning

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010. The agreement is signed between

IEC and IBIS. Bob Ross noted that the first announcement will go out in December. We already have three presentation proposals. We will probably not have a booth due to the extra fees associated with one.

-European Summit Planning

Eckhard Lenski noted that he thinks the summit will be held at the SPI conference in May in Hildesheim, Germany. Bob Ross noted that some members of the IBIS Committee are planning to attend.

Sponsorship opportunities for all upcoming IBIS summits are available, with sponsors receiving free mentions in the minutes, agenda, and other announcements. Contact the IBIS Board for further details.

IBIS QUALITY TASK GROUP

Bob Ross reported that the group started discussing the IBIS Accuracy handbook and looked at a checklist associated with the existing IBIS Quality specification. Bob noted that the new IBIS Quality specification will be linked to the main IBIS page.

The Quality Task Group checklist and other documentation can be found at:

http://www.eda.org/ibis/quality_ver2.0/quality_ver2_0.pdf

IBIS MODEL REVIEW TASK GROUP

No update.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MODELING TASK GROUP

Arpad Muranyi reported that there was a consensus at the last meeting on the AMI flow that will be in the IBIS 5.1 specification. Walter Katz wrote a BIRD that is being reviewed now. The draft BIRD is on the ATM website.

Task group material can be found at:

http://www.eda-stds.org/ibis/macromodel_wip/

AD HOC TASK GROUPS (INTERCONNECT)

Bob Ross reported that the group is reviewing proposed sparse matrix mapping syntax. There will be a meeting next Wednesday.

Task group material can be found at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/adhoc/interconnect/>

MODEL CONNECTION PROTOCOL AND OTHER PROPOSALS

Bob Ross reported that there was a proposal from Sigrity presented at the Asian summit meetings as well as in the Interconnect task group. The model connection protocol provides a way to link dies to package models to boards. We are considering helping to standardize the protocol through IBIS.

Bob also mentioned a subcircuit package connection proposal from Cadence, the Electrical Module Description the ATM group has discussed, as well as Touchstone file connection ideas.

NEW ISSUES

None.

TSCHK2 PARSER STATUS

Bob Ross noted that the alpha6 release of the parser has been sent to the parser committee. Bob thinks it looks very good, so it should be close to official release. This parser also checks Touchstone 1 files. There is also a flag that uses the parser to upgrade the file to Touchstone 2, although this doesn't work for all situations. Bob hopes the parser will be released within a month.

IBISCHK5 BUG STATUS

Bob Ross noted that there are no new BUGs to report. There are six open BUGs right now. We might prepay a parser developer to fix BUGs if we have extra money to spend at the end of the year.

ICMCHK1 BUG STATUS

All BUGs have been closed. No new BUGs have been filed.

NEW ISSUES

Arpad Muranyi inquired about how do we feel about the ICM specification now that we've heard about all the other model connection protocols and modeling standards. Todd Westerhoff noted that he does not know of anyone using it. Arpad noted that there are still links missing to connect ICM files to IBIS, but he thought there was some EDA software implementing its features. Bob Ross knows of two vendors that have implemented it, but there is minimal usage. There are not enough models, and he is not sure what the tools can really do with existing models. Bob felt this was a fair question to ask on the IBIS reflector or si-list reflector.

NEXT MEETING

The next IBIS Open Forum teleconference will be held December 11, 2009 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM US Pacific Standard Time.

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ibis-request@eda.org

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To report ibischk parser BUGs. The BUG Report Form resides along with reported BUGs at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/>
<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/bugform.txt>

icm-bug@eda.org

To report icmchk1 parser BUGs. The BUG Report Form resides along with reported BUGs at:

http://www.eda.org/ibis/icm_bugs/
http://www.eda.org/ibis/icm_bugs/icm_bugform.txt

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<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/s2ibis/bugs2i.txt>
<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/s2ibis2/bugs2i2.txt>
<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/s2iplt/bugsplt.txt>

Information on IBIS technical contents, IBIS participants and actual IBIS models are available on the IBIS Home page:

<http://www.eigroup.org/ibis/ibis.htm>

Check the IBIS file directory on eda.org for more information on previous discussions and results:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/directory.html>

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IBIS CURRENT MEMBER VOTING STATUS

I/O Buffer Information Specification Committee (IBIS)

Organization	Interest Category	Standards Ballot Voting Status	October 30, 2009	November 4, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 20, 2009
Actel	Producer	Inactive				
Advanced Micro Devices	Producer	Active			√	√
Agilent Technologies	User	Inactive		√		
Ansoft	User	Inactive		√		
Apple Computer	User	Inactive				
Applied Simulation Technology	User	Inactive				
ARM	Producer	Inactive				
Cadence Design Systems	User	Active	√	√	√	
Cisco Systems	User	Active	√	√		√
Ericsson	Producer	Active	√	√	√	√
Green Streak Programs	General Interest	Inactive				
Huawei Technologies	Producer	Inactive			√	
Hitachi ULSI Systems	Producer	Inactive		√		
IBM	Producer	Inactive	√			√
Infineon Technologies AG	Producer	Inactive				
Intel Corp.	Producer	Inactive		√		
IO Methodology	User	Active		√	√	√
LSI	Producer	Inactive	√			√
Mentor Graphics	User	Inactive				√
Micron Technology	Producer	Inactive	√			√
Nokia Siemens Networks	Producer	Inactive	√			√
Samtec	Producer	Inactive				
Signal Integrity Software	User	Inactive	√			√
Sigrity	User	Inactive		√		
Synopsys	User	Inactive		√		
Teraspeed Consulting	General Interest	Active	√	√	√	√
Toshiba	Producer	Inactive			√	
Xilinx	Producer	Inactive				
ZTE	User	Inactive		√		
Zuken	User	Inactive			√	

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