

Toronto June 2020

The Toronto Section meeting, held on 9 June, was the second attempt by the Section to provide a virtual meeting environment due to the new social distancing mandates. Everytime we take on this new initiative, it becomes a little easier to execute. The platform does take on some new challenges, which indeed require a few dry runs.

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Tony Meerakker began the meeting with a live stream, while Sylvia Fantin introduced the presenters. The first presenter, Michael Martin from MICAN Communications, began by providing an overview of 5G, which included “The ten best things that make 5G different.” Martin’s presentation was a great introduction to 5G. Next, Craig Snow from Huawei Technologies Canada covered the technology and architecture of 5G. This presentation focused on “How does it all work?” Sayan Sivanathan from Bell Canada followed with a presentation covering the operator’s perspective, addressing the question, “When will 5G come?” Tony Jones from Mediakind was the final speaker, presenting on the application aspects of 5G and “How will the industry use this technology?” One of the benefits of such virtual meetings is that not all presenters need to be in the same


location, as Jones presented from London, U.K.

The presentations were followed by a lively Q&A session, moderated by Peter Armstrong. A recording of the meeting is available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R1LXfDyQBM&t=958s>.

Thanks to the organizers of this meeting Peter Armstrong, Sylvia Fantin, and Tony Meerakker; to the sponsor, SMPTE Toronto Technical

Conference—TTC 2021; and to the presenters. Also, special thanks to the attendees for making this an exciting and engaging event.


—Tony Meerakker
Section Chair

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