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From: john.vig@gmail.com [mailto:john.vig@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** John Vig

Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2008 11:40 PM

To: NTUEE-rbwu

Subject: Re: Taiwan membership

Ruey-Beei, I never intended the name change to be related to the challenge. They are in no way related. I strongly supported the name change long before the thought occurred to me that Taiwan's membership could exceed China's.

While it is true that, in the long run, if the Chinese government decides to increase the membership, it can do so - even to a level that would more than double the total current IEEE membership. However, increasing membership doesn't seem to be a high priority in China.

There could be no losers in this "competition." The IEEE would win no matter what the outcome. ;-)

I enjoyed reading your excellent Membership-Boost.doc, especially the part where you say, "Since Taiwan is a democratic country, we can only recruit new members under their free will."

With best wishes,.....John.

On Sun, Nov 23, 2008 at 9:40 AM, NTUEE-rbwu <rbwu@cc.ee.ntu.edu.tw> wrote:

Dear John,

I took the position of Section Chair in 2007 and will step down by the end of 2008. During my term, I have taken several strong actions to boost our membership. Although there is only 1.5 month left for my term, I will try my best to increase 30% of our membership by the end of 2008. The torch will then be passed to the next Chairman for the years 2009 and 2010. If (s)he can keep the same rate of increase, we can meet the challenging goal of reaching 8000 members set in your e-mail.

I have summarized my efforts in our section membership drive in the attached file. We have taken a series of actions to approach the goal which was set in our Annual Report. Among those, we have kicked off a new summer camp program which is helpful for new member recruitment. We also successfully

asked the IEEE to improve the user interface in the web-application layout design which will be very helpful for foreign students. Frankly speaking, our efforts have been weakened by the country name issue. Now that the issue has been resolved with your kind help, I will try my best to gear up and catch the goal in the remaining 1.5 months.

Some of our members suggested that we should avoid getting into a membership race against China because we can't win in the long run. The justification for the name change should not be based on our exceeding China in membership. Taiwan, as a serious contributor of the EE field in conference attendance, academic publications and technology developments, deserves a basic respect from the EE community.

Those arguments are true, and I believe that you fully agree with them. Nonetheless, I prefer to choose Canada as our model, a country of about the same population but four times of members. From this respect, doubling our member size by 2010 is not unreasonable. Although I speak only for my section, I believe that your encouragement will inspire our officers, chapter chairs, and respectful members in Taiwan to achieve that goal. Thanks again.

Best regards,

Ruey-Beei Wu

Chair, IEEE Taipei Section

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From: john.vig@gmail.com [mailto:john.vig@gmail.com] On Behalf Of John Vig
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 5:47 AM
To: NTUEE-rbwu
Subject: Re: Taiwan membership

> retain our members for the membership renewal, new member recruitment...

Dear Ruey-Beei, attached are the latest membership numbers for Taiwan and the PR of China.

I am disappointed in how few members we have in China, in spite of our extra efforts of the past few years. (We have >20K members in India.) So, may I suggest a challenge for you, i.e., to have more members than mainland China does - by the end of 2010? Does this sound reasonable to you?

**With best wishes,
John Vig, 2009 IEEE President**

On Sat, Nov 15, 2008 at 2:02 AM, NTUEE-rbwu <rbwu@cc.ee.ntu.edu.tw> wrote:

Dear Dr. John Vig,

Thanks for your response. It will be very helpful for us to retain our members for the membership renewal, new member recruitment, papers submission and review, etc.

Look forward to hearing from Fran the IEEE's official wording on this issue so that I can post it in our website and try be best for the membership promotion.

Best regards,
Ruey-Beei

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From: john.vig@gmail.com [mailto:john.vig@gmail.com] On Behalf Of John Vig
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 1:42 PM
To: NTUEE-rbwu
Subject: Re: Fix the improper naming of Taiwan in the Manuscript Central System

Dear Ruey-Beei Wu, I've been told that Manuscript Central has agreed to change the way Taiwan is listed, and that the change will be made by the end of the December.

I will urge Fran to reply to you with the official word on this.

With best wishes,.

John Vig, 2009 IEEE President

On Fri, Nov 14, 2008 at 7:52 PM, NTUEE-rbwu <rbwu@cc.ee.ntu.edu.tw> wrote:

Dear Fran,

I am writing to make sure if you have received the e-mail that I sent you on Nov. 8. Being a volunteer to IEEE service, I certainly hope that our concern and petition would be effectively treated by IEEE. Your prompt reply will be highly appreciated.

Best regards,

Ruey-Beei Wu

Chair, IEEE Taipei Section

From: NTUEE-rbwu [mailto:rbwu@cc.ee.ntu.edu.tw]

Sent: Saturday, November 08, 2008 6:14 PM

To: 'f.zappulla@ieee.org'

Cc: 'john.vig@gmail.com'; 'Lewis Terman'; Mazierska, Janina; 'Mary Ward-Callan'

Subject: Fix the improper naming of Taiwan in the Manuscript Central System

Dear Mr. Fran Zappulla

This is Ruey-Beei Wu, Chair of IEEE Taipei Section. I have written an e-mail to President Dr. Lewis Terman on Sept. 2, addressing our strong concern about the naming of our country as "Taiwan, province of China" in the ScholarOne Manuscript Central System. This has been treated as a serious offense to all the IEEE members in our section. It is also a contradict to the IEEE principle that "IEEE volunteer or staff should not ratify or endorse such a statement (on one-China policy)", surfaced in the excellent article by Ms. Mary Ward-Callan at

http://www.ieee.org/portal/cms_docs_iportals/iportals/conferences/organizers/poco/2008/07_ward-callan_china.pdf

I have personally attended the Section Congress and consulted with Lewis on Sept. 20 in Quebec. To my knowledge, the e-mail has been forwarded to you and IEEE will consult ScholarOne to reach a good

resolution, e.g., modifying the list and/or including options for user designated country codes/names. Unfortunately, nearly one and half month has passed and the problem still remains. Many of our members kept complaining and/on protesting to me. Some of them even express their disappointment to IEEE and inform me not to renew the membership. This is extremely bad, you know, since it is just the time for IEEE members to renew their membership now.

This is definitely not to the benefit of IEEE. I am thus writing to ask you to give us an affirmative answer when the ScholarOne will fix the problem. I hope to have a quick answer so that I can satisfy our IEEE members and retain as many as our IEEE members. Else, it will become too late. At least, please let us know why the problem can not be solved yet, who the contact person in ScholarOne is, and what the response from ScholarOne is. At least, I can let our members clearly know where the problem is from, but not to blame IEEE.

I am sorry to bring up your attention on this issue. For 35 years, the IEEE Taipei Section has been cooperated with IEEE to advance the technology for the benefit of humanity. Our members have been contributing to IEEE aggressively and successfully. I certainly like to serve for IEEE to this vision. However, the current situation is very serious. I need the support from IEEE strongly, affirmatively, and effectively as soon as possible.

With best regards,

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