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Section activities:

Chairman's report

1. Professor facing fraud charges and scandal

News reports and IEEE HQ has brought to my attention that Professor Ning Xi, Chair Professor and Director of Emerging Technologies Institute at the University of Hong Kong, was arrested in U.S. on 15 February 2018, and officially charged with fraud by wire. Prof Xi Ning is allegedly making false and/or double claims of reimbursement from different entities. According to the reports¹⁻⁴, he defrauded Michigan State University and IEEE by submitting false claims for reimbursement for travel and other expenses, and received US\$1.2 million from IEEE since 2009. IEEE HQ advises HK Section to refer all enquires of the case to them. HK Section is dutifully following such advice since HK Section has no record of any claim forms, receipts or reimbursement reports to help laws enforcement authority.

In view of this embezzlement case, all chapters/affinity groups are advised to take prudent steps to avoid such bad things happening to their finances.

[1]<http://www.mt.com/news/i-team/former-distinguished-msu-professor-facing-fraud-charges>.

[2]http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2018/02/ex-msu_professor_renowned_robo.html.

[3]<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-crime/article/2134382/hku-professor-and-expert-robotics-held-custody-united>.

[4]<https://us.makemefeed.com/2018/02/23/hku-professor-and-robotics-expert-held-in-custody-in-united-states-over-fraud-charges-8277829.html>

2. ICSPCC conferences

This reminds me that, in 2016, when YW Liu and the CAS/COM Joint Chapter requested HK Section to co-organize/co-sponsor the International Conference on Signal Processing, Communications and Computing (ICSPCC2017) held from 22 to 25 October 2017 in Xiaman, Fujian, China and/or endorsed their MOU in 2016, HK Section had explicitly declined the request or any involvement in the ICSPCC conference in Section meetings.

The main reason was that the accounts of ICSPCC in the past years have never been presented to HK Section for reviews and discussions to rule out the possibility of money laundering despite HK Section was a co-organizer/co-sponsor of ICSPCC for several years. In fact, HK Section had been a financial co-sponsor since the 1st ICSPCC conference held in Xi'an, China, in 2011. It is noted that YW Liu has been the Finance Co-chair of the ICSPCC conferences all these times and

has also been heavily involved in the CAS/COM Joint Chapter operation. However, YW Liu has never submitted the ICSPCC accounts to HK Section for discussion and comment. In all these years, HK Section has been kept in the dark, never known the profit/loss of ICSPCC and how the money of the conferences in the past years has been spent. Hence, HK Section has declined to co-organize the ICSPCC2017. Nevertheless, the CAS/COM Joint Chapter, ignoring HK Section's decision and the CAS/COM Chapter's legal authority and legitimacy, still financially co-sponsored and signed the MOU to sponsor the conference by itself while making misleading statements in their web site about HKS involvement.

3. Good News in Section Finance

As reported in last month's (the February) issue of newsletter that we have changed the signatories of some of the bank accounts, but unfortunately we did not receive the confirmation/acknowledgement letters and any bank statements afterwards. All were presumably still sent to the Industry Center of Hong Kong Poly University which YW Liu (the resigned 2016 Interim Section Treasurer and Secretary) and Edward Cheung (a self-proclaimed 2016 Section Executive Committee Member) used as the registered HK Section (HKS) Office to receive all banks' correspondences. This caused some delay in recovering the bank accounts. Finally, it took us few more trips to the Bank to successfully change the address for future bank correspondences.

4. Unauthorized change of address and violation of Hong Kong Ordinances

In the past many years, all bank correspondences such as bank statements were all sent to presumably registered address: the Industry Center of Hong Kong Poly University and YW Liu never handed over anything to HK Section. As HK Section finance needs to be properly audited with bank statements, we requested the account statements from the Bank. In these bank statements confirmed with bank officers, we found the following irregularity:

Before January 2017, the HK Section's address used to receive bank statements was:

IEEE Hong Kong Section

Flat W311 IEEE Hong Kong Section Office
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Industrial Center Hung Hom
Kowloon

However, right before the Interim Section Treasurer and Secretary, YW Liu, resigned in January 2017, the address used to receive the bank statements and correspondences was changed to:

IEEE Hong Kong Section
RM CF611 The Hong Kong Polytechnic
University
Dept of Electrical Engineering Co Zhao Xu
Hung Hom Kln

However, this change of address was never discussed or authorized in Section ExCom meeting.

It is also learned from the Bank that the contact persons of Section bank accounts in the bank's record are unknown persons to us.

Hong Kong Section is registered under Societies Ordinance. In accordance with Section 10 of the Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151),

*(1) Where a society or its branch which has been registered or exempted from registration changes its name, objects, office-bearers or principal place of business or closes a branch which is registered or exempted from registration, **the society shall within one month from such change, inform the Societies Officer in writing of such change.***

(2) Where a society fails to notify the Societies Officer of a change of particulars as required under subsection

*(1), **every office-bearer of the society shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$10,000 unless he establishes to the satisfaction of the court that he has exercised due diligence to ensure compliance with this section by the society and that such failure has occurred for reasons beyond his control.***

However, this change of address did not seem to have reported to the Societies Officer. This may be a violation of the law.

William SW Cheung
Chairman

Student Paper Contest

Every year, the IEEE Hong Kong Section organizes the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Student Paper Contests to encourage IEEE student members in Hong Kong to apply their engineering knowledge to research projects in electrical and electronic engineering and to present their work concisely and coherently. The papers submitted by undergraduate and postgraduate students will be evaluated by technical experts in the relevant fields. The best papers may be selected to join the IEEE Region 10 Student Paper Contests if they meet the contest criteria. The authors of the best papers will be awarded the prizes shown below:

Undergraduate Contest

First Prize: HK\$2000 Certificate of Merit
 Second Prize: HK\$1000 Certificate of Merit
 Third Prize: HK\$500 Certificate of Merit

Postgraduate Contest

First Prize: HK\$2000 Certificate of Merit
 Second Prize: HK\$1000 Certificate of Merit
 Third Prize: HK\$500 Certificate of Merit

In the February 2017 issue of IEEE-Life Newsletter, we had announced the following results for the 2016 Student paper Contest:

2016 Postgraduate Winners

Prize	Name	Institute
1 st	Li, Hongyang	CUHK
2 nd	Li, Jizhou	CUHK
3 rd	Li, Zhixi	HKU

2016 Undergraduate Winners

Prize	Name	Institute
1 st	Davon T.K. Hui	PolyU
2 nd	Lao Lap Hou	OCHK
3 rd	Kung, Wing Chun	PolyU

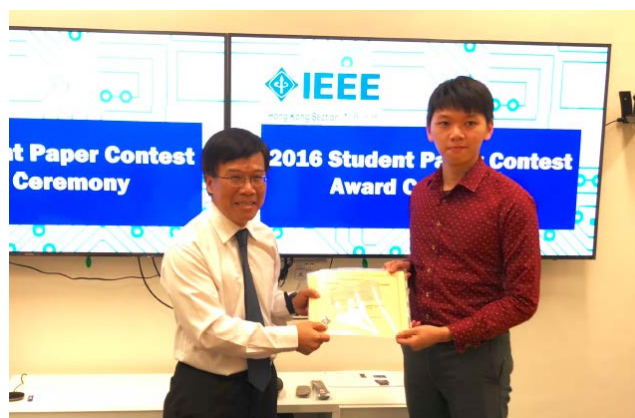
Due to the irresponsibility of YW Liu (the resigned 2016 Interim Section Treasurer and Secretary) who never handed over section finance to the Section Treasurer, we were unable to award the prizes to the winners. As we have recovered some the bank accounts, we immediately held the Award Ceremony on 20 March 2018 and awarded the prizes and certificates to the winners of the contest.



Left: William Cheung. Right: Li, Hongyang (CUHK)



Left: William Cheung. Right: Li, Zhixi (HKU)



Left: William Cheung. Right: Davon T.K. Hui (PolyU)



Left: William Cheung. Right: Lao Lap Hou (OUHK)



Group photo (2016 Winners and Section Officers)

Chapter activities:

Technology and Engineering Management (TEM) Chapter

IEEE International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management (IEEM) 2018.

This is the leading international forum to disseminate, to all branches of industries, information on the most recent and relevant research, theories and practices in IEEM. All submissions are subjected to rigorous review before an acceptance decision is made. This conference has been hosted by leading universities in Asia and has been attended by around 500 participants from 50 countries each time.

IEEM conferences link researchers and practitioners from different branches of industrial engineering and engineering management from around the world. Built on the experience of the earlier conferences, IEEM has been a conference of very high standard. IEEM conferences have been held in major destinations such as Bangkok, Hong Kong, Macao and Singapore.

This year, IEEM2018 will be held from **16-19 December, 2018 in Bangkok.**

Antennas and Propagation / Microwave Theory and Techniques Joint Chapter Seminar on Millimeter-wave Antenna Array and Dielectric Resonator Antenna Array

The seminar was organized by Prof. Chi Hou Chan, State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, partner laboratory in City University of Hong Kong. The speaker, Dr. Zhijiao Chen comes from Beijing

University of Posts and Telecommunications, Beijing, China.

Date	03 January 2018 (Wednesday)
Time	10:30 am to 11:30 am
	State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
Website	http://www2.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~sklmw/apmtt/
Organizer	AP/MTT Joint Chapter State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves and Department of Electronic Engineering, City University of Hong Kong

Seminar on RF in Medicine: Current Status and Future Directions of Antennas and Wireless Power

The seminar was organized by Prof Kwai Man Luk, Department of Electronic Engineering, City University of Hong Kong. The speaker, Dr. Yongxin Guo comes from National University of Singapore, Singapore.

Date	10 January 2018 (Wednesday)
Time	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Venue	State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
Website	http://www2.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~sklmw/apmtt/
Organizer	AP/MTT Joint Chapter State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves and Department of Electronic Engineering, City University of Hong Kong

Distinguished Lecture on Multiphysics Modeling in Computational Electromagnetics: Technical Challenges and Potential Solutions

The distinguished lecture was organized by Prof. Chi Hou Chan, State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, partner laboratory in City University of Hong Kong. The speaker, Prof. Jian-Ming Jin comes from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Date	12 January 2018 (Friday)
Time	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Venue	State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
Website	http://www2.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~sklmw/apmtt/
Organizer	AP/MTT Joint Chapter State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves and Department of Electronic Engineering, City University of Hong Kong

**Seminar on 3D Frequency Selective Structures:
Concept, Analysis, and Design**

The seminar was organized by Prof Chi Hou Chan, State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, partner laboratory in City University of Hong Kong. The speaker, Prof. Bo Li comes from Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China.

Date	29 January 2018 (Monday)
Time	2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Venue	State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon
Website	http://www2.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~sklmw/apmtt/
Organizer	AP/MTT Joint Chapter State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves and Department of Electronic Engineering, City University of Hong Kong

**Seminar on Nonlinear and Quantum Optical
Effects in 2D Nanomaterials**

The seminar will organize by Dr. Lijun Jiang, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong and Dr. Kwok Kan So, IEEE HK AP/MTT Joint Chapter. The speaker, Prof. Nicolae C. Panoiu comes from Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, University College London, Torrington Place, London, UK

Date	02 March 2018 (Friday)
Time	10:00 am
Venue	Rm. 204K, Chow Yei Ching Building, The University of Hong Kong
Website	http://www2.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~sklmw/apmtt/
Organizer	AP/MTT Joint Chapter Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

Other News**Hong Kong Baptist University - M.Sc. in Advanced
Information Systems**

This M.Sc. programme focuses on the state-of-the-art technologies and tools for designing, developing and administrating information systems (IS). It provides students with the latest methodologies and hands-on experience in IS. Applicants must have a degree in science, engineering, or IT related fields. This programme is supported by the Continuing Education Fund of the HKSAR Government while it provides scholarships without quota.

Application deadline: 30 April 2018

Further information:

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**Hong Kong Baptist University - M.Sc. in IT
Management**

This M.Sc. programme focuses on IT management and provides a transformational experience in integrating the technological and managerial sides of IT. Applicants must have a degree in science, engineering, business or relevant fields. This programme is supported by the Continuing Education Fund of the HKSAR Government while it provides scholarships without quota.

Application deadline: 30 April 2018

Further information:

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**2017 Outstanding Section Membership
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Hong Kong Section

**Call for newsletter activities:
Chapters and/or Members**

- *Around 12th day of each month is the cut-off date to be included in the newsletter of that month.*
- *In word format (*.doc or *.docx)*
- *Each activity can have a maximum of 500 words and 2 photos*
- *Technical and non-*