



Dear present and expectant IEEE members,

A new, highly industry oriented Hungarian IEEE chapter is to be formed. The chapter-forming had the primary motivation that in comparison with the other industrialized countries Hungary has unusually a low number of IEEE members working for the industry. It is our belief that the main reason for this is that the experts of the Hungarian industry do not adequately know the potentialities and benefits offered by the IEEE membership. On the other hands, by right the actual chapters acting in Hungary are forums for scientific researchers rather than industry experts. It is an unquestionable fact, that the principal basis of the IEEE membership is given by the international fellowship of the scientific researchers, but this basis is not the only or exclusive one. Inviting the Hungarian industry experts to join IEEE's international activity is really so important as organizing scientific forums. For example Germany set a pattern to follow, where a strenuous and prosperous industrial chapter is acting, chaired by **Mr. Péter MAGYAR**, and we must not keep in secret that he was the first promoter of the Hungarian chapter forming as well.

It might be evident that such a chapter has to belong to IEEE's Industry Application Society (IAS). However it is worth considering to set up a joint chapter in cooperation with either the Industrial Electronics Society (IES), the Power Electronics Society (PELS) or the Power Engineering Society (PES), if the new chapter can only be formed with additional recruitments from these societies.

Forming a chapter needs founding members. At this moment this is the principal task. Therefore we would like to ask everybody who is planning to be a founding member of this new Hungarian industrial chapter to register himself/herself via email until 6th November 2003. Please note that one person can be a member in several societies at a minimal additional membership fee. Nowadays it is time for IEEE members to renew their membership. If you are an IEEE member, but not an IAS member, we suggest you to think of joining the Industrial Applications Society as well.

Later we would like to extend the recruitment for those experts of the industry who are nonmembers at this moment. Chapter meetings are planned to be held at industrial companies, facilitating to meet each other's projects and activities more closely. The first meeting is planned to be held at Ganz Tranelektro Traction Electrics Ltd. where i.a. the most recently developed trolley-buses can be met, that are fitted for both battery and traditional overhead-line operation, and can run several kilometers operating from battery at full passenger load. These trolley-buses are going to rise the reputation of the Hungarian industry in Rome Italy, where the battery operation is necessary not to deface the sight of historical quarters with trolley-wires.

Please note again, that if you are planning to be a founding member of this new Hungarian industrial chapter, do not forget to register yourself via one of the following emails until 6th November 2003.

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The chapter forming meeting will be held on Friday 7th November at 2 p.m. at the Ganz Tranelektro Traction Electrics Ltd. (Ganz Center, Budapest, Király utca 16.)

Proposed agenda:

- Brief introduction on the activities of the German IAS chapter that set us a pattern to follow.
- Brief information on the potentialities and benefits offered by the IEEE for those who are going to be members.
- Round table discussion about the requirements on the Hungarian IAS chapter.
- Conclusions, final decisions on chapter forming and activities.

Finally you can join the chapter later as well, but please keep in mind, that only as a non-founding member.

Those non IEEE members, who are going to join IEEE now, can contact the international referent, Ms. Anikó SZAKÁL, who is responsible for the membership activities.

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