In brief: the five W’s

Who:
- Po-Ning Chen NCTU
- Gerhard Kramer TUM
- Wanjiun Liao NTU

What:
ISIT returns to Asia after 9 years

Where:
Taipei, Taiwan, 40th most-populous urban area in the world

When:
June 30 – July 5, 2024

Why:
Legacy, regional presence, affordability
Why

Let's start from the bottom
Taiwan has hosted a number of international IT conferences and schools in the past years:

- ISITA-ISSSTA 2010:
  - 300 attendees
  - 234 papers
  - 1 tutorial
  - 3 plenaries

- ITW 2017 KAOHSIUNG:
  - 176 participants
  - 57 students
  - 103 papers
  - 4 plenaries

- EASITC:
  - 144 students
  - 2 tutorials
  - 3 talks

Additionally:
- IEEE Taiwan/Hong Kong Joint Workshop on Information Theory and Communications
- IEEE Summer School on Information/Communication Theory and Technologies (international speakers)
Legacy

The organizing committee members have been the same throughout the years

× Po-Ning Chen @ NCTU
× Hsiao-Feng Lu @ NCTU
× Stefan M. Moser @ NCTU+
× Li-Chun Wang @ NCTU
× Chung-Hsuan Wang @ NCTU
× Jwo-Yuh Wu @ NCTU

I.e. the NCTU Institute of Communications Engineering group

× Peter Hong @ NTHU
× Chih-Peng Li @ NSYSU
× Hsuan-Jung Su @ NTU
× Fan-Shuo Tseng @ NSYSU
× Chih-Chun Wang @ Purdue
× Chao-Kai Wen @ NSYSU

I.e. the old guard

× Jerry Huang @ NTPU
× Ching-Yi Lai @ NCTU
× Shih-Chun Lin @ NTUST
× Stefano Rini @ NCTU
× I-Hsiang Wang @ NTU

I.e. the fresh blood
I know what you are thinking: are there really so many IT people on that tiny island?

- Taiwan population: 23.57 million
- # universities: 170+
- Taipei population: 7 million
- # universities: 18+
- 47 ITSOC members in 2018
Regional Presence

Region 10 is one of the fastest growing regions in the IEEE community. The communications society and signal processing society have a strong presence but the IT society has had a slower growth.

- ICC2016, Kuala Lumpur
- GLOBECOM 2017, Singapore
- ICC 2019, Shanghai
- GLOBECOM 2020, Taipei
- INFOCOM 2020, Beijing
- ICC 2022, Seoul
- ~40 local chapter
- ICCSP 2016, Beijing
- ICCSP 2016, Madras
- ICCSP 2017, Harbin
- IWAENC 2018, Tokyo
- WIFS 2018, Hong Kong
- ICIP 2019, Taipei
- ICASSP 2022, Taipei
- ~60 local chapters
Regional Presence

2022: Helsinki, Finland
2021: Melbourne, Australia
2020: Los Angles, CA, USA
2019: Paris, France
2018: Vail, CO, USA
2017: Aachen, Germany
2016: Barcelona, Spain
2015: Hong Kong
2014: Honolulu, HI, USA
2013: Istanbul, Turkey
2012: Cambridge, MA, USA
2011: St. Petersburg, Russia
2010: Austin, TX, USA
2009: Seoul, Korea
2008: Toronto, Canada
2007: Nice, France
2006: Seattle, WA, USA
2005: Adelaide, Australia
2004: Chicago, IL, USA
2003: Yokohama, Japan
2002: Lausanne, Switzerland
2001: Washington, D.C., USA
2000: Sorrento, Italy
1998: Cambridge, MA, USA
1997: Ulm, Germany
1995: Whistler, Canada
1994: Trondheim, Norway
1993: San Antonio, TX, USA
1991: Budapest, Hungary
1990: San Diego, CA, USA
1988: Kobe, Japan
1986: Ann Arbor, MI, USA
1985: Brighton, England
1983: Ste. Jovite, Canada
1982: Les Arcs, France
1981: Los Angeles, CA, USA
1979: Grignano, Italy
1977: Ithaca, NY, USA
1976: Ronneby, Sweden
1974: Notre Dame, IN, USA
1973: Ashkelon, Israel
1972: Pacific Grove, CA, USA
1970: Noordwijk, Netherlands
1969: Ellenville, NY, USA
1967: San Remo, Italy
1966: Los Angeles, CA, USA
1962: Brussels, Belgium
1959: Los Angeles, CA, USA
1956: Cambridge, MA, USA
1955: London, England
1954: Cambridge, MA, USA
1953: Berkeley, CA, USA
1952: London, England
1950: London, England
Affordability

ISIT society member registration fee in the past years

× 2016, Barcelona: ~USD$ 620 (2018 adjusted)
× 2017, Aachen: ~USD$ 712 (2018 adjusted)
× 2018, Vail: USD$ 830
× 2024, Taipei: USD$ 768 (Venue I) or USD$ 832 (Venue II)
  ~USD$ 662 or ~USD$ 717 in 2018 money (2.5% inflation)

Including
  × all coffee breaks
  × very affordable living expenses
  × very affordable accommodation

NTD$ 1.0 = USD$ 0.032 (October 10, 2018)
Affordability

Average daily cost

- 2016, Barcelona: USD$ 135
- 2017, Aachen: USD$ 124
- 2018, Vail: USD$ 235
- 2024, Taipei: USD$ 76
  - Double hotel room: USD$ 90
  - Food: USD$ 14
  - Transportation: USD$ 8

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Where

Transportation, attractions and such
Taipei, Taiwan

Taipei needs no introduction

Some quick stats
- 7 million people
- Sub-tropical climate
- Taiwan's business, financial, and technology hub
- Some of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the world
- 3 million+ tourists visiting each year

Excellent in
- Public safety
- Transportation
- Air quality
- City scape
- Food availability
- Access to natural beauty of mountains
- Night markets

A bit of history
- Originally inhabited by aboriginals
- Han Chinese immigrants in the 18th century
- Ruled by the Japanese in the 19th century
- Kuomintang relocated the ROC government to Taiwan and declared Taipei the provisional capital 1945
- Home to Taiwan's democratically elected national government.
Attractions in Taipei

Just some nice pictures ðŸ‘†
Info about Taipei

× Let’s learn the name of the city in Chinese!

台北

× Phonetic: Táiběi

× 台 is a simplified version of 臺
the seal script means tower, platform

× 北 means north,
the seal script means turning back
houses face south since the Neolithic
Transportation in Taipei

- Transportation is really convenient
- Taoyuan international airport MRT
- Metro Taipei
- High speed rail
- Taiwan railway (local train)
- Uber & taxis
- Buses
Cycling in Taipei

Bikeway Profile

- **Length**: Left bank: 22.2 km; right bank: 20.6 km
- **Riding time**: Left bank: about 90 min; right bank: about 80 min. The two banks are connected by Dazhi Bridge, Maishuai 1st Bridge, Rainbow Bridge and Chenggong Bridge.
When

Weather, festivities and such
June 30 - July 5, 2024

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It may be sunny and rainy on the same day, where the rain is actually nice as it cools the temperature.
July Fun in Taipei

Plenty of summer events and activities

- Taipei Xia-Hai city god temple cultural festival
- Taipei riverside music festival
- Taipei children's art festival
- Taipei riverside kids festival
- Art Formosa exhibition
- Taipei film festival
- Taipei water festival
- Delicious feast at Taipei city’s night markets
- etc.
Now for the details

Who: Organization committee

When: Program proposal

Where: NTHCC (Venue Option I) or TNEC (Venue Option II)

How much: Budget proposal
Organizing Committee

General Chairs
Po-Ning Chen @ NCTU, TW
Gerhard Kramer @ TUM, DE
Wanjiun Liao @ NTU, TW

Tutorials Chairs
Vincent Y.F. Tan @ NUS, SG
Yeong-Luh Ueng @ NTHU, TW

Student Travel Grants and Visa
Ching-Yi Lai @ NCTU, TW
Chung-Hsuan Wang @ NCTU, TW
Chih-Chun Wang @ Purdue, USA

Finance Chairs
Jwo-Yuh Wu @ NCTU, TW
Jiun-Hung Yu @ NCTU, TW

Publications Chairs
Shih-Chun Lin @ NTUST, TW
Stefano Rini @ NCTU, TW

Local Arrangements
Yu-Chih Jerry Huang @ NTPU, TW
Hsuan-Jung Su @ NTU, TW
I-Hsiang Wang @ NTU, TW

Recent result Poster Session and Webmaster
Yao-Win Peter Hong @ NTHU, TW
Ying Li @ Yung-Ze Univ., TW

Administration and Publicity
Yunghsiang Sam Han @ DGUT, CHNA
Chih-Peng Li @ NSYCU, TW
# Program Proposal

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Conference venues

We propose two venues & two budgets

In both cases hospitality options, transportation, food availability, are excellent

- The first venue, **NTHCC** *(National Taiwan University Hospital International Convention Center)*, is more intimate, urban, and cheaper

- The second venue, **TNEC** *(Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center) Hall 2*, is more modern, professional, but more expensive

We plan to take a final decision, taking into account the BoG option, by mid-2019
Conference venue-Option I

National Taiwan University Hospital International Convention Center (NTHCC)

- Associated with the National Taiwan University Hospital that is situated next to the conference center
- Centrally located in the governmental and downtown areas.
Conference venue-Option I

201 for plenaries and sessions
202-203-205 for sessions

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*On-line video links to overflow rooms 202 and 203 can be provided.
Conference venue - Option I

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Extra rooms for meetings

Rooms for sessions
Conference venue - Option I

- Plenty of hotels options at all price points
- Sheraton Grand Hotel Taipei
Conference venue-Option II

Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center (TNEC) Hall 2

- To be completed in March 2019
- Expands on a currently existing conference venue: TNEC Hall 1
- All meeting rooms are on the same floor
- Outdoor sky gardens all around
Conference venue-Option II

- Multi-functional conference hall on the 7th floor with 9m height
- Taiwan’s only sky garden exhibition hall
## Conference venue - Option II

### Rooms for plenary and sessions

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### Multi-functional Conference Hall (7F)

![Conference Hall Diagram]

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Conference venue-Option II

- At the edge of the city, but transportation is fast and convenient
- Courtyard by Marriott Taipei
## Budget Option I

### Full rate

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NTHCC

NTD$ 1.0 = USD$ 0.032

(Oct 40, 2018)
## Budget Option II

### TNEC, Hall 2

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NTD$ 1.0 = USD$ 0.032  
(Oct 40, 2018)
Multi-option excursions on Wed afternoon

Several attractive excursions (approximate cost: ~USD$ 50 per person) will be provided for attendees.

Attendee shall pay ~USD$ 32 per person.

Taiwan’s Ministry of Economic Affairs (from a specific funding for touring) shall compensate the remaining cost.
Thank you for your attention!