

International Union
of
Pure and Applied Physics

Memo
For the file
1999-08-12

Agreement concerning the the use of names for the
Chinese members of IUPAP.

Background:

When The Chinese Physical Society, Beijing, joined IUPAP in 1984 it had been agreed between the two Chinese members that in all official contexts they should be referred to as

The Chinese Physical Society, Beijing

and

The Physical Society located in Taipei

and appear under the same heading of China.

*Agreement reached at the General Assembly in Atlanta
1999.*

In the discussions the following represented the two members

for the Cinese Physical Society, Beijing:

Chen, Jia-Er, head of delegation

for the Physical Society located in Taipei:

Chang, Darwin, head of delegation

and IUPAP was represented by

Jan S. Nilsson, President of IUPAP

It was agreed that in official context the full name of the members should be as previously agreed and as listed above. They should both be listed under the country name China.

Whenever an abbreviated form would be appropriate the two members may be referred to as

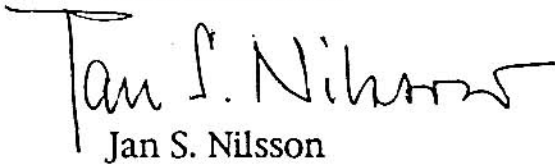
China (Beijing)

and

China (Taipei)

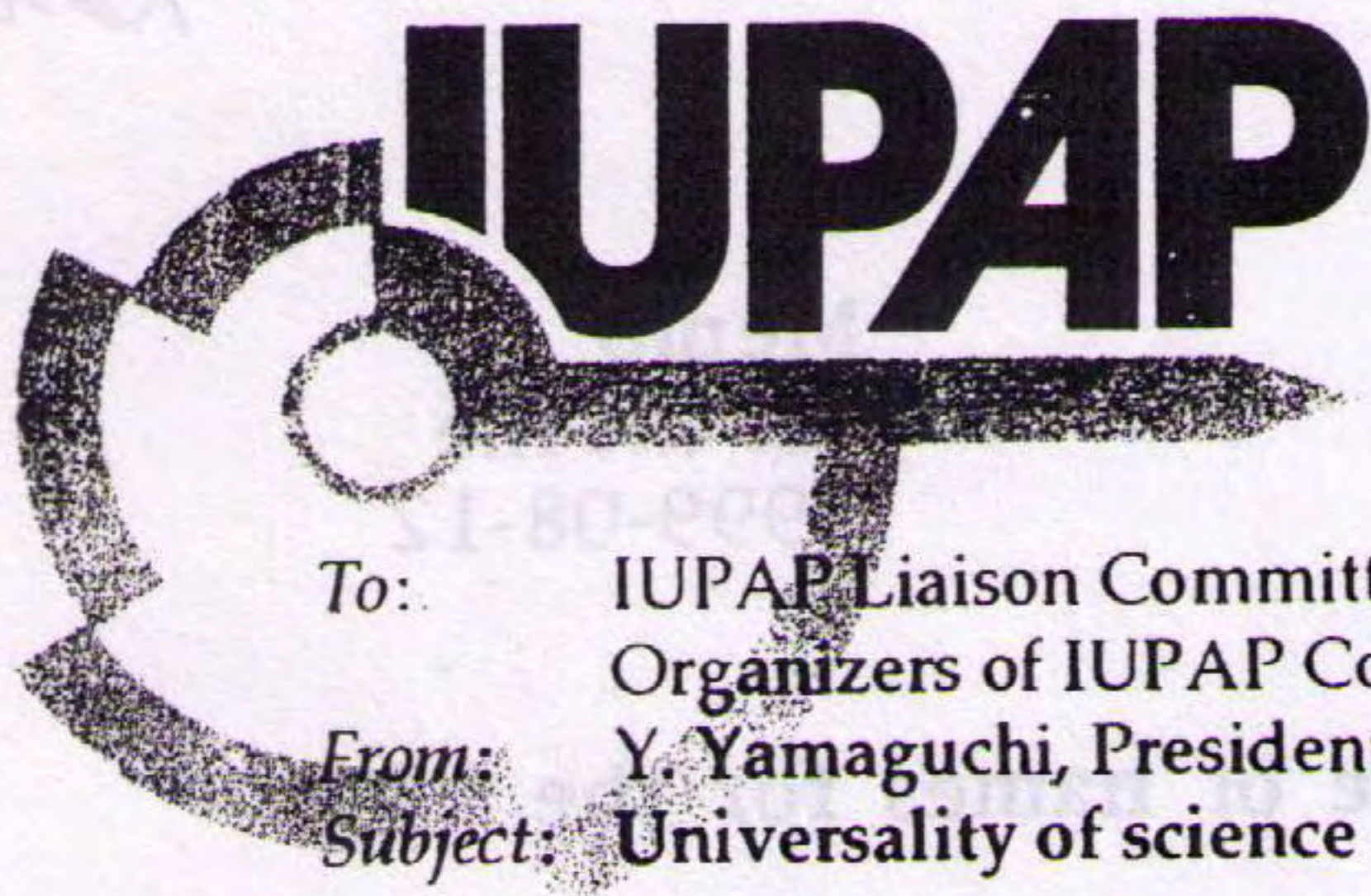
The abbreviated form may be used in ballot forms , name tags and the like.

It was further agreed that a change in the official name of any one of these members would require mutual agreement between the two members.


Jan S. Nilsson

Note:

Attached is a copy of the formal request from representatives of the two Chinese members given to the President of IUPAP. This request initiated the discussions in Atlanta.



MEMO
1996-06-17

To: IUPAP Liaison Committees; Chairmen & Secretaries of IUPAP Commissions;
Organizers of IUPAP Conferences;
From: Y. Yamaguchi, President of IUPAP
Subject: Universality of science and the free circulation of scientists

The free exchange of scientific information and the free movement of scientists for international scientific purposes are the most important aims of IUPAP. In this context IUPAP subscribes to the ICSU resolution on the *Free Circulation of Scientists*.

To be effective in its efforts to stimulate and promote international cooperation through the free flow of scientific information and people it is important that IUPAP include members representing all countries and regions where physics research is pursued. The Union has in this respect been quite successful in recruiting as members all the major physics communities irrespective of the political realities of the past and today. This has been possible through careful attention to agreements whereby delicate diplomatic problems have been avoided. Therefore, when agreements are violated there is always a risk that it will have unwanted consequences for the free circulation of scientists. If left unresolved it could seriously impair the international cooperation in physics.

In this context I wish to bring to your attention that there exist an agreement as to how the two adhering physics societies of China be referred to, namely (cf the 1994 General Report of IUPAP, p. 73):

China

The Chinese Physical Society, Beijing
The Physical Society located in Taipei

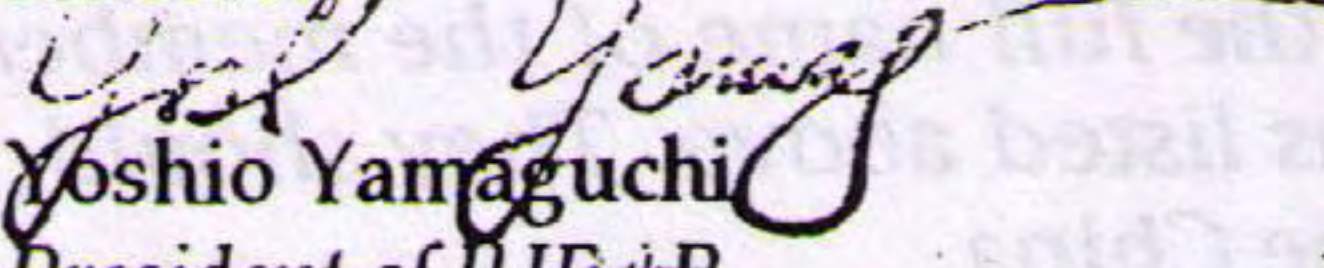
IUPAP conference organizers are similarly reminded that the affiliation of Chinese participants should be listed in the following way

(name of participant), (university/institution), (city), China

A consistent adherence to these agreements in correspondence, posters, bulletins etc. is required in all instances pertaining to IUPAP. Only in that way one may ensure that the Union respect the agreements under which the two Chinese societies entered as members.

I shall much appreciate your kind cooperation in this matter to ensure continued success of the Union to serve the physics community.

Sincerely


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President of IUPAP

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