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1. VYA Activities

1.1 Membership renewal
Thank you all who have submitted the renewal application. Congratulations to Dr. Tran Q. Huy, Dr. Le Minh Hoa and Dr. Lam N. Hanh who will continue their memberships for the next four years. We are looking forward to your continuing contribution to VYA’s activities.

Members who did not apply for membership renewal will become alumni starting Jan 1st 2018. They will continue to contribute to the work of VYA, and help with specific tasks.

1.2 New VYA members
Welcome Dr. Bui Thanh Duyen (Post-doctoral fellow, University of California, San Francisco, USA) and Dr. Nguyen Duc Hoang (Associate Professor, University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) to join VYA as members starting Jan 1st 2018. We are looking forward to working with you in carrying on VYA’s mission.

1.3. New member application
VYA is seeking high quality application for joining VYA. We have four application cycle each year on January, April, July and October. The deadline for the next cycle of new membership application is January 31th 2018. Our application is available on our website at: http://vietnamyoungacademy.org/application%20form/VYA_ApplicationForm_final.doc.
1.4 Invitation to join a Wiki Vietnamese team

Wiki Vietnamese is a part of Knowledge Identifier activity being developed by VYA. We are looking for VYA members to help with this activity. Please contact Dr. Tran Quang Huy (huytq.nihe@gmail.com) and Prof. Nguyen T.K. Thanh (ntk.thanh@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute in this initiative.

1.5. News on VYA Facebook page

We now putting funding news, research and career opportunities in the Facebook. Follow us at https://www.facebook.com/VietnamYoungAcademy.org/ for future news.

2. VYA Announcements

2.1 VYA Annual General Meeting

In the New Year 2018, we plan to have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Skype. The time will be 3 pm PST. The exact date is to be decided to allow members from the West Coast of USA to Vietnam to attend.

2.2 Nomination for Chair of VYA and Operations Committee

The nomination form will be sent out shortly. Please send your nomination for Chair of VYA and Operations Committee members to us at info@vietnamyoungacademy.org by Dec 23rd, 2017. Any member can nominate him/herself or another member for election to the Operations Committee or Chair of the VYA. Please confirm with the person who is nominated that he/she agrees with the proposed position before sending your nomination to VYA. The elections for the Operations Committee and Chair of the VYA will take place during the Annual General Meeting.

2.3 Call for contribution from VYA members and friends to organize the Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies (WWMYA)

After the successful 3rd Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies (WWMYA) hosted by the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) in Johannesburg, South Africa, in July 2017, the Global Young Academy is looking ahead to supporting the next WWMYA in 2019. Deadline of applications by national young academies to host the 4th Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies in 2019 is December 10, 2017.

VYA has been presented to previous WWMYA by Prof. Nguyen TK Thanh (in Stockholm Sweden) in 2015 and Dr. Tran Q. Huy (South Africa) in 2017. We are going to bid for hosting the WWMYA in Vietnam in 2019.
Members and friends are encouraged to send updates for publication in VYA monthly newsletter by the 20th of each month

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• Call for UCL PhD Scholarships (GRS, ORS, CSC) is now open. Links to fellowships:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/UK-EU_Res/grs
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-res/ors
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/scholarships/graduate/overs-res/csc_ucl_scholarships/

Strong candidates, who have (1) top grades (2) a couple of published papers in international journals (e.g., Physical Review B), (3) some honours or prizes, are advised to contact Prof Nguyen TK Thanh (email: ntk. thanh@ucl.ac.uk) by 20th of December 2017.

The candidates will be expected to have
  o UCL PhD application form and ideally an offer of admission to UCL
  o CV - candidate should include a list of all publications, past/current prizes, awards and scholarships on his/her CV.
  o Academic transcripts
  o Reference letters as included in the UCL PhD application - one reference should relate to the most recently completed university programme/degree (or intended to complete if applicable).

Due to large number of the applications, only short listed candidates will be contacted.


4. Career and promotion opportunities

• Many opening positions are available at National Physical Laboratory in the United Kingdom. More information can be found at http://careers.npl.co.uk/vacancies/

• Faculty opening on Thermal Sciences at EPFL, Lausanne. The Institute of Mechanical Engineering is soliciting applications for a faculty position at the level of tenure-track assistant professor in Thermal Sciences. More information can be found at the following link: https://professeurs.epfl.ch/page-151902-en.html. Applications should include a cover letter with a statement of motivation, a curriculum vitae, a list of publications and patents, a concise statement of research and teaching interests, as well as the names and addresses (including e-mail) of at least 3 references. Application files should be submitted in pdf format via the website: https://facultyrecruiting.epfl.ch/position/7962625. Formal evaluation of candidates will begin on January 15, 2018.
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