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> Ed

I sent the following to Alan Davis, Editor of the IEEE Software and Diane Crawford the executive Editor of the Communications of the ACM. I prepared the letter in a hurry.

If this exercise were to be rejected, what do you think of us approaching the IEEE CS Book publication outfit in California. I have refereed some book proposals for them in the past. Could we also draw up a list of book publishers. Do you think that asking personalities such as Edward Yourdon or even Cabrera or Barbacci to write a Foreward would be a good idea? If we fail to convince IEEE Software and CACM, could we draw up a list of other Software Engg journals as potential candidates?

Jay

Dear Dr Davies and Dr Crawford:

The IEEE CS and ACM are the two computer societies with membership in every country in the world. These two societies have joined together to establish software engineering as a profession. Towards this end, three task forces and a number of work groups are in operation in developing body of knowledge, ethics, professional practices and curricula details.

We feel that time now ripe to provide a global forum to provide opportunity for the memberships -at- large to contribute, discuss and to sustain the awareness in the above initiative. There is no doubt that the IEEE Software and CACM together would form that forum. Hence we request you to consider one of the following for elaboration as formal proposal :

- Joint CACM - IEEE Software Special Sections (three issues)

- Joint CACM - IEEE Special Issue

We are working out the areas in which to i) solicit invited papers ii) call for papers. We would also like to include topics that require greater discussion and analysis - global dimension in software production, professional societies and certification, software engineering practices in informatics (many in the area, including the those in Finance Sectors use CASE tools with linkage to databases ..), ...

We propose three guest editors , each with the knowledge of professional practices of his region - Narayan Jayaram for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Ed Mechler for the Americas, and the third (we would be in touch with the potential colleague shortly) for the Far East, Australia and NewZealand . Jayaram and Mechler are contributing in the Task Force on Ethics.

We would appreciate you reaction to above. We would prepare the detailed proposal for submission if you feel that the above exercise is worth pursuing.

With best regards

Sincerely yours

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