

IEEE Neural Networks Society Changes its Name to the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society

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Welcome as Officers, ADCOM Members, Editors, Standing and Technical Committee chairs and other volunteers of our newly re-named Society. Thanks for your support and concerted action. This great news is for immediate distribution! For a more complete report, please see <http://www.ieee-nns.org/general/zurada-0402.html>.

At its meeting in Savannah, Georgia on February 14th, the IEEE Technical Activities Board voted overwhelmingly in favor (40 in favor, 5 against) of the Neural Networks Society's motion to change its name to the Computational Intelligence Society. To become official, the name needs to be approved by the Board of Directors which is expected to meet on June 20, 2004. As many of you may remember, the motion to change NNS's name originated with the unanimous resolution adopted by the NNS ADCOM at its meeting in Washington, DC last November. Effective fall 2004 upon approval, only the new name of the Society will be featured in our promotional flyers, on the periodicals' front covers, and in the renewal materials.

I'm sure you are delighted with the change! The new name is more descriptive and inclusive than the old one which only covered a fraction of the Society's scope. In the new name of Computational Intelligence we have encompassed technologies of neural networks, fuzzy systems, evolutionary computations, and other biologically and linguistically motivated computational paradigms. With the change, the profile of our

publications and conference efforts, which include such events as the World Congress on Computational Intelligence, will be more appropriately labeled and represented. More to come...

We can use the new name with a qualification that the official change will not happen until approved on June 20, 2004 and until the NNS Constitution and Bylaws change are approved at this year's ADCOM meeting on July 25.