

RULES OF ORGANIZATION AS ADOPTED BY  
THE 17TH ITTC

1. AIMS

The primary aim of the International Towing Tank Conference is to stimulate progress in solving the technical problems which are of importance to towing tank Directors and Superintendents who are regularly responsible for giving designers, builders and operators of ship and marine installations advice and information based on the results of experiments with models. The Conference also aims at stimulating research in all fields in which a better knowledge of the hydrodynamics of ships and marine installations is needed to improve model experiment methods, at recommending standard procedures for general use in carrying out ship and marine installation model experiments, at formulating collective policy on matters of common interest, and at providing an effective organization for the interchange of information on such matters.

2. ACTIVITIES

The aims of the Conference shall be pursued by:-

2.1 Stimulating research into specific topics

2.2 Organizing and encouraging meetings to review progress in this research

2.3 Making such recommendations and decisions on joint action and policy as seem desirable to the members of the Conference

2.4 Recording and publishing discussions taking place at ITTC meetings

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Conference shall be open to all towing tanks or model test laboratories which regularly have direct responsibilities to the designers, builders and operators of ships and marine installations and also to other organizations which contribute to the aims of the Conference. Each such organization shall satisfy the Executive Committee that it is eligible for membership. Each Member Organization shall be represented by its Director, Superintendent or his equivalent. In addition, the Executive Committee may invite individuals who have contributed significantly to the aims of the Conference to take part in the work of the Conference.

#### 4. ORGANIZATION

##### CONFERENCE

The Full Conference will consist of the representatives of the Member Organizations, members of the Technical Committees and such additional Individuals invited and approved by the Executive Committee and mentioned under Paragraph 3. The Full Conference shall determine its policies, decide what subjects it shall consider, elect the Executive Committee and appoint Technical Committees.

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall normally consist of eight members, broadly selected on a geographic basis, each of whom shall normally serve for a period of six years. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the members of that Committee immediately following the end of a Full Conference and act as Chairman until the end of the next Full Conference.

The Executive Committee shall implement the policies determined by the Full Conference. It proposes Members and Chairmen of Technical Committees for appointment by the Full Conference.

##### ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council shall recommend to the Executive Committee subjects to be considered, bearing in mind that the primary aim of the Conference is to solve technical problems of importance to Tank Directors and Superintendents. It will review the Recommendations of the Technical Committees and advise the Executive Committee accordingly.

The Member Organizations to be represented on the Advisory Council shall be proposed by the Executive Committee for appointment by the Advisory Council. Such organizations have to satisfy all the following conditions:

- a. In addition to the normal work appropriate to the towing tank there shall be a capability for performing a variety of investigations, such as resistance and propulsion, manoeuvrability, seakeeping, simulation, propeller characterization, and cavitation.
- b. A substantial portion of their work supported by commercial and/or governmental or intergovernmental sponsors.
- c. Shall have a long history of work in support of the aims of the ITTC.

Each selected organization shall be represented by its Director or Superintendent. Members of the Advisory Council may attend all meetings of the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council may also be members of the Executive Committee or the Technical Committees.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Council shall be elected by its members immediately following the end of a Full Conference.

#### TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

The Technical Committees shall plan in detail the recommended programme of work. Each Technical Committee shall normally consist of not more than eight members, including the Chairman, who should in all cases be selected for their personal contributions to, interest in, and ability to contribute to the fields of the Technical Committee. The membership of each Technical Committee shall be reviewed by the Conference at intervals of not more than three years. No person may serve on more than one Technical Committee at any one time.

Written contributions to the programme of work of a Technical Committee may be submitted to its Chairman by any member of the Conference on his own behalf or on behalf of any other indi-

vidual. Each Technical Committee may include a short abstract of any such contributions in its report, with an indication of the source from which the full text may be obtained. Conference proceedings and technical reports are not to be used as vehicles for disseminating technical papers.

#### 5. MEETINGS

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Meetings of the Executive and Technical Committees and the Advisory Council shall be held whenever their members consider them necessary.

##### CONFERENCES

Full Conferences will be held from time to time; these have been held at three-year intervals, but the Full Conference may alter this at any time. The host country may invite Observers to attend the Conference but they may not take any active part in its work apart from contributing verbally to technical sessions. The detailed organization of each Conference is the responsibility of the host country which will also arrange for the preparation and publication of the Proceedings of that Conference.

Each Conference will include Technical Sessions at which the Reports and Re-

commendations of the Technical Committees may be discussed by all Delegates; no discussion will be permitted which is not directly related to the Report and the Recommendations under consideration.

Following the Technical Sessions each Technical committee will recast its Recommendations if necessary. The Advisory Council will review these Recommendations and advise the Executive Committee accordingly. At the Final Session of the Full Conference these Recommendations will be presented for approval.