

Closing Remarks

by Chairman J. R. Paulling

It was with some feelings of trepidation, bordering on panic, that we accepted the responsibility of hosting the 20th ITTC. As most of us remember, the 19th ITTC, held in Madrid was a spectacular success and was truly a hard act to follow.

The principal function of the ITTC is, of course, contained in the work of the technical committees, and we merely serve as a vehicle to enable them to present, for discussion, the results of their labors. Whatever success we have achieved is due to the hard work of a small group of individuals, and I want publicly to acknowledge them here.

Next, I want to acknowledge the boundless energy of my colleague, Professor Bill Webster, the able ITTC Secretary for the past three years. Unlike myself, Professor Webster still has one momentous task remaining, that of publishing Volume II of the ITTC Proceedings. I also wish to recognize the able assistance of the staff of the Engineering Extension Department of the University of California and the enthusiastic support of our student assistants, Conan Chen, Adam Plumpton, Tao Xu, Wei Ma and Xing Yu.

My task has been made much easier by the support of the Executive Committee and Advisory Council. In their function of providing the input required to maintain the viability of the ITTC, the members of these groups have been extremely patient and generous in making available their extensive experience with ITTC affairs and politics.

Now I have some closing items of business to report upon. I can safely say that the ITTC is in good shape. You have seen the names of nine new member organizations listed in Volume I of the Proceedings. I can report that four more applications have been received by the Executive Committee and accepted for membership, in some cases pending receipt of some additional details on the application. They are: the University of Southampton, Department of Ship Science; the Ata Nutku Ship Model Laboratory, Technical University of Istanbul; the Ecole Central Nantes, Laboratory of Fluid Mechanics; and the Flanders Hydraulic Laboratory, University of Ghent.

The Advisory Council is made up of representatives of the larger and more comprehensive member organizations of the ITTC. New members of the Advisory Council are: Akishima Laboratory, Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Company; the Maritime Research Institute, Hyundai Heavy Industries Company; and the University of Tokyo, Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering. A complete list of the Advisory Council member organizations is given in the next session. The new officers of the Advisory Council, for the next three year term, are: Dr. Arne Hasle-Nielsen, Chairman, Dr. B. Kitagawa, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Brian Bowden, Secretary.

A list of the new members of the Executive Committee, including representatives from each of these areas, is given in the next section.

The Advisory Council has set up two new working groups whose respective tasks will be to:

- Consider the rules of organizations of ITTC, and
- Consider revision of the technical committee structure.

Under the second group, it has been proposed to reduce the number of technical committees and to create several new specialized committees, each having a narrower and sharper focus. Any changes arising from the recommendations of these working groups will take effect from the beginning of the 22nd ITTC in 1996.

For the next three years of the 21st ITTC, the technical committee structure will remain essentially as at present. The new committee chairmen and memberships for the 21st ITTC are listed in the following section. For the present, the membership of the Waterjet Group is somewhat tentative.

As a reflection of the present distribution of activities in our member institutions, and to more accurately reflect the world situation, a revised list of geographical areas has been decided upon. The new areas are as follows:

- Americas (North and Latin America)
- Pacific Islands (Japan, Indonesia)
- East Asia (China, Korea)
- Central Europe (Australia, Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands, United Kingdom)
- Northern Europe (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden)
- Southern Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Romania, Spain, Turkey)

I would like to publicly acknowledge the contributions of the outgoing committee members and chairmen, and to thank them for their efforts which have contributed so much to the success of the 20th ITTC.

As noted earlier, the area representatives constitute the Executive Committee and I can report that the new officers of that group are: Mr. Arne Hansen of MARINTEK Chairman and Dr. Erling Huse, also of MARINTEK, Secretary.

In closing, I can report that the 21st ITTC will be held in Norway, starting on 1 September 1996.

I thank you all for your attendance and support. In declaring the 20th ITTC closed, I call on Mr. Hansen for some remarks concerning the 21st.