

Preface

Volume III of the Proceedings of the 23rd ITTC, long overdue is completed. Concurrent difficulties made the compiling last longer than in previous events. However, the delay allowed us to enhance the contents of Volume III:

- complete overview of the four Group Discussions on specific topics;
- paper and slide contributions will be linked to the GD two-page reports distributed via CD-Rom;
- videos proposed within presentations are included.

The 23rd ITTC took place in Venice from 8 to 14 September 2002. The attendance was:

- 217 people: 126 Delegates and 91 Observers from twenty eight countries;
- 86 accompanying persons.

The Conference was very interesting from the technical and scientific point of view. The group discussions saw a large attendance and were an efficient way to discuss topics of general interests for the ITTC members in an informal but structured way. We wish to thank the Chairmen and Members of the outgoing committees for their valuable work and efforts. The events of the social programme and accompanying persons programme benefited from a whole week of nice weather, which allowed the participants to best enjoy the delightful beauties of Venice and its Lagoon.

As the task comes to an end, the Organising Committee would like to express their gratitude to the sponsors – listed in the same page as the O.C. members – for their valuable contributions in several important aspects of preparation of the Conference. A special thank you is due to the Italian Navy School “F. Morosini”: the beautiful site hosted the technical sessions, providing a friendly and peaceful environment for the attendants; the people of the school offered an outstanding support to the Conference staff.

While apologising for some inevitable difficulties that may have caused trouble to the participants, we would like to express the best wishes to the Organising Committee of the 24th ITTC, to have a great Conference in 2005 in Edinburgh.

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