

Report from AC3 International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) to IUPAP C&CC Meeting in Singapore November 2014

1. ICA Governance The ICA comprises the acoustical societies from 47 member countries plus 8 international affiliate organizations which themselves have individual members distributed across the world and also organize international conferences every one or two years.

The revised governance arrangements agreed to at the 2013 General Assembly have encouraged greater involvement in the ICA activities. The first full meeting of the new board will be held in September at the time of an acoustics conference in Europe. The new board comprises representatives from the following countries: Australia, China, Germany, Canada and Spain in the executive, and Brazil, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Poland, Slovakia, UK and USA. Among the board are 3 females with one being the President.

2. Symposium Support Annually, the ICA provides support for specialist symposia which provide opportunities for those working in particular areas of acoustics to meet. The guidelines for selection require some international involvement and there is priority for developing countries. The meetings supported for 2014 include:

- 6th Congress of the Alps Adria Acoustics Association Graz, Austria
- XXV Encontro da Sociedade Brasileira de Acustica (SOBRAC) Campinas, Brazil
- Intl. Symposium on Musical Acoustics 2014 Le Mans, France
- 11th Intl. Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem (ICBEN 2014) Nara, Japan
- 2nd Intl. Conference of the Acoustical Society of Nigeria (ASON 2014) Nsukka, Nigeria
- XXXI Symposium on Hydroacoustics Swinoujscie, Poland
- European Symposium on Smart Cities and Environmental Acoustics Murcia, Spain

In addition the ICA now provides the consolidation of the symposium support for the Acoustical Society of America and the following meeting was supported under that arrangement

- 12th School on Acousto-Optics and Applications Druskininkai, Lithuania

3. ICA Congress The major activity for the ICA is the congress held every 3 years. The last was held in Montreal, Canada in mid 2013 with 2300 registrants, over 1600 technical papers, and 49 Exposition booths, ICA 2013 was one of the biggest meetings in acoustics ever. We do not expect such a large attendance at the next ICA which will be held in Argentina in 2016.

4. International Year of Sound The ICA is continuing with the plans for the International Year of Sound in 2019. A steering committee and a working committee have been established and the time line is being formalized with advice from our colleagues who gained success in the bid for the International Year of Light. As well as support from the IUPAP we will also seek the support of the commissions within IUPAP that have some involvement of acoustics in their area. The poster below has

been used to promote the ICA and most recently was presented during the Expresso session at the ICSU General Assembly in New Zealand.

5. Early Career Awards and Young Scientist Grants The ICA allocates the majority of its annual budget to encourage acoustics activities. The selection process for the prestigious “ICA Early Career Award” will commence in 2015 for the presentation at the time of the 2016 congress. We expect to be able to award up to 30 “Young Scientist Conference Attendance Grants” for attendance at this congress and the selection will commence in late 2015 after the abstracts have been submitted.

Marion Burgess
ICA President 2013-2016



Acoustics is linked to other sciences

... multi-disciplinary

... meeting global challenges



ICA promotes international development and collaboration in all fields of acoustics including research, development, education, and standardization

47 national member societies from around the world



The International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) was instituted in 1951 as a sub-committee to the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP). The ICA in its new statutes held its first General Assembly in 1998. The ICA is a Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science (ICSU), an Affiliated Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), and an Affiliated Organization of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM).

The major activity for the ICA is the triennial congress. The 2013 congress in Montreal was attended by over 2,200. The ICA provides support for Specialist Symposia and has an Early Career Award. The ICA is currently working towards an International Year of Sound in 2019.

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