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Annual IFAC Meetings in Boston, Mass.

Almost every meeting room was occupied during these days at the Marriott Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, where the IFAC Council, Boards and Committee Meetings were held in conjunction with the 1985 American Control Conference.

The following IFAC bodies held their sessions before the Council Meeting on June 22: Technical Committees APCOM, EMSCOM, EDCOM, MOC, SECOM and its WG on SWIIS, SPACE; the IPC for the 1987 IFAC World Congress in Munich; Policy, Publications and Finance Committees; Publications Managing Board; Automatica Editorial Board; Technical Board and Executive Board.

The reports of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Technical Board Chairman and the Executive Board Chairman were unanimously accepted at the Council Meeting together with IFAC's budget for 1986.

A decision was taken about the foundation of new awards in order to strengthen IFAC's relations with industrial specialists, young scientists and those working in the field of education. The preparation of the guidelines for the award of the "Application Paper Prize", "Young Author's Prize" and "Education Prize" is in progress.

Two Committees were appointed by IFAC's President: the Election Committee for the appointment of officers for the term 1987—1990 with B. D. Anderson as Chairman and B. Tamm and S. Kahne as members, and the Quazza Medal Selection Committee with T. Vamos as Chairman and B. D. Anderson and J. F. Coales as members.

The organizers informed on the efforts being made for the next IFAC Congresses. The arrangements for the 1987 Munich Congress are well in hand, as was proved by the IPC meeting. B. Tamm and B. D. Anderson reported on the preparations of the 1990 Congress in Tallin and the 1993 Congress in Sydney respectively.

Five countries volunteered for organizing the 1996 IFAC Congress. The Council will consider this question at its 1986 meeting.

The Chairman of the Publications Committee reported on the preparations of the new guidelines ("Procedure for the Organization of IFAC Technical Events", "Presentation of Scientific Papers") to go to press soon.

The Chairman of the Publications Managing Board stated that 1984 really was a successful year considering IFAC publications and also mentioned that the updated Automatica Agreement has been signed.

The Council authorized the President to sign the extended contract with Pergamon Press.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held in Zürich, Switzerland, on August 31, 1986, in conjunction with the IFAC Symposium on Large Scale Systems.

IFAC Congratulates Harold Chestnut



who was awarded the Richard E. Bellman Control Heritage Award presented annually by the American Automatic Control Council for a distinguished lifetime career of contributions to the field of Automatic Control.



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4th IFAC Workshop Safety of Computer Control Systems (SAFECOMP '85)	Oct. 1-3	Como I	—	Dr. E. DeAgostino Senior Research Engineer ENEA — Dip. Reattori Termici, CRE-Casaccia Via Anguillarese 301 I-00060 Rome, Italy
IFAC/IFORS Symposium Systems Analysis Applied Water and Related Land Resources	Oct. 2-4	Lisbon, Portugal	—	Prof. Luis Valadares Tavares APDIO Av. Rovisco Pais 1000 Lisbon, Portugal
13th IFAC/IFIP Workshop Real Time Programming	Oct. 7-8	West Lafayette, Ind., USA	—	Prof. T. J. Williams Purdue Laboratory for Applied Industrial Control 334 Potter Center, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind. 47907, USA
IFAC Workshop Adaptive Control in Chemical Processes	Oct. 21-22	Frankfurt FRG	—	H. Wiefels VDI/VDE GMR P.O. Box 1139 D-4000 Düsseldorf 1, FRG
IFAC Symposium Robot Control	Nov. 6-8	Barcelona, E	—	Secretariat of SYROCO '85 Institute de Cibernètica Diagonal, 647 E-080828 Barcelona, Spain
IFAC Workshop Automatic Control in Petroleum, Petrochemical and Desalination Industries	Nov. 18-20	Kuwait	—	Dr. Jaafar Assiri c/o Dr. Samir Kotob TED/ASD Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research P.O. Box 24885, Safat, Kuwait
IFAC Symposium Modelling and Control of Biotechnological Processes	Dec. 11-13	Noordwijker- hout, NL	—	Prof. Dr. A. Johnson Lab. voor Fysische Technologie Prins Bernhardlaan 6 2628 BW Delft The Netherlands
Title	1986	Place	Deadlines	Further Information
5th IFAC/IFIP/IMACS/IFORS Symposium Information Control Problems in Manufacturing Technology	April 22-25	Yerevan, SU	—	Organizing Committee of the 5th Symposium ICPMT 65, Profsojuznaja Str. Moscow, 117342, USSR
2nd IFAC Symposium Stochastic Control	May	Vilnius, SU	—	USSR National Committee on Automatic Control 65, Profsojuznaja Str. Moscow, 117342, USSR
IFAC Workshop Reliability of Instrumentation Systems for Safeguarding and Control	May 12-14	The Hague, NL	—	Mr. J. P. Jansen Shell Intl. Petroleum Mij. Carel von Bylandtlaan 30 2596 HR Den Haag, NL
IFAC Workshop Methods for the Management of Software Projects	May 14-16	FRG	—	H. Wiefels VDI/VDR GMR POB 1139 D-4000 Düsseldorf 1, FRG
4th IFAC/IFIP Symposium Software for Computer Control (SOCOCO)	May 20-23	Graz, A	Sept. 1, 1985	SOCOCO '86 att. Ms. R. Hammer, IIG Schießstattgasse 4a A-8010 Graz, Austria
14th IFAC/IFIP Workshop Real Time Programming	May 25-27	Balaton, H	—	Prof. J. Szlanko Central Institute for Physics POB 49 H-1525 Budapest, Hungary

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IFAC Workshop Use of Technology incl. Systems Cooperation for International Conflict Resolution	June 3—5	Cleveland OH, USA	—	Dr. Harold Chestnut SWIIS Foundation Inc. 1226 Waverly Place Schenectady, N.Y. 12308, USA
IFAC Workshop Digital Image Processing in Industrial Applications	June 10—12	Helsinki, SF	—	Mr. Martin Ollus Technical Research Centre of Finland Otakaari 5 I SF-02150 Espoo, Finland
IMEKO/IFAC Symposium Intelligent Measurement	June 10—14	Jena, GDR	—	Prof. D. Hofmann Friedrich-Schiller University Section Technology GDR-6900 Jena
5th IFAC/IFORS/IIASA Conference Modeling and Control of National Economies	June 17—20	Budapest, H	—	Dr. Margit Ziermann Institute of Economic Planning Roosevelt tér 7—8 H-1051 Budapest V, Hungary
4th IFAC Symposium Control of Distributed Parameter Systems	June 30 July 3	Pasadena, USA	Sept. 1, 1985	Mr. G. Rodriguez Jet Propulsion Laboratory 3800 Oak Grove Drive Pasadena, CA 91109, USA
5th IFAC/IFIP/IFORS International Conference Control in Transportation Systems	July 8—11	Vienna, A	—	ÖPWZ, Mr. W. Stejskal POB 131 A-1014 Vienna, Austria
IFAC Workshop Adaptive Systems in Control and Signal Processing	July 1—3	Lund, S	Oct. 15, 1985	Prof. K. J. Åström Dept. of Automatic Control Lund Institute of Technology Sweden
IFAC Symposium Microcomputer Application in Control	July 22—25	Istanbul, TR	*	Prof. E. Adali P. K. 175 Levent-Istanbul, Turkey
IFAC Workshop State Space Modelling of Hydrological Systems	July (1 day)	Budapest, H	*	Dr. A. Szöllösi-Nagy VITUKI Pf. 27, H-1453 Budapest Hungary
IFAC Workshop Modelling, Decisions and Games with Applications to Social Phenomena	August 11—15	Beijing, PRC	*	Prof. Zhang Si-Ying Dept. of Automatic Control Northeast Inst. of Technology Shenyang, Liaoning Province, PRC
IFAC Symposium Automation in Aquaculture	August 18—20	Trondheim, N	*	Prof. J. G. Balchen Norwegian Inst. of Technology N-7034 Trondheim NTH, Norway
5th IFAC Symposium Automation in Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing	August 24—28	Tokio, J	*	Prof. Y. Yoshitani Technological University of Nagaoka Dept. of Control Engineering Kamitomioka Nagaoka 949-54, Japan
4th IFAC/IFORS Symposium Large Scale Systems: Theory and Applications	August 26—29	Zurich, CH	Sept. 1, 1985	Prof. M. Mansour IFAC/IFORS Symposium ETH Zentrum CH-8092 Zurich, Switzerland
IFAC/IFIP/IFORS Symposium Economics and Artificial Intelligence	September 2—4	Aix-en- Provence	—	Ms. E. Fayola & Ms. C. Frachon AFCET 156 Bd. Péreire F-75017 Paris, France
2nd IFAC Workshop Modelling and Control of Electric Power Plants	September 16—18	Philadelphia PA, USA	*	Dr. H. G. Kwatny, Prof. of Systems Engineering Drexel University Dept. of Mechan. Engg. & Mechanics Philadelphia, PA 19104, USA
IFAC/IMACS Symposium Simulation of Control Systems	September 22—26	Vienna, A	Dec. 1, 1985	Dr. P. Kopacek Technical University Karlsplatz 13 A-1040 Vienna, Austria
IFAC Workshop Fault Detection and Safety in Chemical Plants	September	Kyoto, J	*	Prof. T. Takamatsu Dept. of Chemical Engineering Kyoto University Kyoto 606, Japan

+ not yet officially approved

* deadline not yet known

10th IMEKO World Congress

Experts in measurement and instrument engineering from 31 countries gathered between April 22 and 26, 1985, in Prague, CSSR. The Congress title was "New Measurement Technology to Serve Mankind". 329 papers were presented at four plenary sessions, 32 section meetings and 6 poster sessions. 12 round table discussions dealt with subjects of special interest.

MEACO '85 — an exhibition of measuring instruments, automation devices and computers was held concurrently with the Congress, with exhibitors from 8 countries.

The Congress Proceedings — ACTA IMEKO 1985 — will be published in 5 volumes (more than 3000 pages) by the end of the year.

During the congress week the General Council of IMEKO held its 28th session. New officers were elected for the next three-year period:

Mr. George Toumanoff (USA) —
President

Dr. Tamás Kemény (Hungary) —
Secretary General

Prof. Jean Weiler (Switzerland) —
Treasurer.

IMEKO XI — the 11th Triennial World Congress "Instrumentation for the 21st Century" will take place from October 16—21, 1988, in Houston, Texas, USA.



Prof. Karl Johan Åström
IFAC Council Member

Prof. Karl Johan Åström was born in Östersund, Sweden in 1934. He was educated at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm where he received his MS in Technical Physics in 1957 and his PhD in mathematics and control in 1960. From 1955 to 1960 he held various teaching positions at KTH. He also worked on inertial guidance for the Research Institute of National Defense in Stockholm. A navigation system based on a new principle for Schuler tuning developed by Prof. Åström was built by Philips and successfully flight-tested.

In 1961 Åström joined the IBM Nordic Laboratory to work on theory and applications of computerized process control. In 1962 and 1963 he worked on optimal and stochastic control as a visiting scientist at IBM Research Laboratory in Yorktown Heights and San Jose.

In 1965 Åström was appointed professor to the chair of Automatic Control at the Lund Institute of Technology/University of Lund where he has been responsible for building up the department. He has been a visiting professor of applied mathematics at Brown University in Providence RI in 1969/70 and has also held shorter visiting appointments at the University of Southern California, University of Chicago, Washington University, Imperial College in London, University of Manchester, University of Warwick and ETH in Zurich.

Prof. Åström's main research areas are stochastic control, system identification, adaptive control, computer control and computer aided control engineering. He has published three books, and contributed to several other ones. He is the author of many papers and holds two patents.

Prof. Åström is editor of survey papers for *Automatica* and associate editor of several other journals as well as consulting editor of the *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*.

Prof. Åström has been a member of the Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences since 1972 and a member of the Royal Physiographical Society since 1967. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Swedish board of Technical Development.

In 1979 he became a Fellow of IEEE and in 1980 he was awarded the Callender silver medal from the Institute of Measurement and Control, London. In 1983 he was given the Wilhelm Westrup prize from the Royal Physiographical Society, Lund.

Prof. Åström has for many years been active in IFAC, serving as vice chairman of both Theory and Advisory Committee. In 1981 he was elected ordinary member of the IFAC Council.

1st IFAC Workshop on Experience with the Management of Software Projects May 14—16, 1986 in Heidelberg, FRG.

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The Workshop is sponsored by the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), Technical Committee on Computers, and by the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), Technical Committee 5, Computer Applications in Technology.

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide a forum for the exchange of experience between engineers involved in the management of software projects. There will be three types of contributions:

- invited papers, giving overviews or stressing controversial viewpoints
- submitted papers, describing specific experiences of individuals or teams
- guided discussions, in which it will be attempted to formulate conclusions or recommendations.

Topics will include:

- Experience with software development tools
- Special forms of management of software teams
- Quantitative data on productivity under varying conditions
- Software life cycle management
- Rules and their use
- Influence of the organizational environment

Papers shall describe real experience (good or bad!) with the management of software projects, the use of tools etc.

Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts (500 words) in English not later than

October 1st, 1985

to the chairman of the International Program Committee

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(T. Zwartbol, R. F. Van den Dam, A. P. Terpstra, P. Th. L. M. Van Woerkom)

Inferential Control Applications
(J. R. Parrish, C. B. Brosilow)

An Efficient Single Output Fuzzy Control Algorithm for Adaptive Applications
(T. R. Andersen, S. B. Nielsen)

Evidence Measures Based on Fuzzy Information
(D. Dubois, H. Prade)

Uniformly Optimal Control of Linear Feedback Systems
(A. Feintuch, B. A. Francis)

Optimum/Near-Optimum Incentive Policies for Stochastic Decision Problems Involving Parametric Uncertainty
(D. H. Cansever, T. Basar)

Market Equilibrium in Multistage Commodity Network
(A. Haurie, M. Breton)

Reliable Stabilization Using a Multi-Controller Configuration
(M. Vidyasagar, N. Viswanadham)

The Extended Periodic Lyapunov Lemma
(S. Bittanti, P. Bolzern, P. Colaneri)

On Near Optimal Decentralized Control
(K. D. Young)

Stepping Motors and Their Microprocessor Controls by T. Kenjo
(C. S. Shen)

Mr. Babbage's Secret, the Tale of a Cypher — and APL by O. I. Franksen
(T. Vamos)

Adaptive Filtering, Prediction and Control by G. C. Goodman and K. S. Sin
(P. Ioannou)

Automation in Control and Transport (2nd edition) by F. T. Barwell
(H. R. Van Niekerk)