



## **NEWS FROM IFTOMM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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Since 1969 when IFTOMM was founded as a true international academic society, it has enhanced its role in the field of mechanism and machine science (MMS). IFTOMM started from thirteen member organizations and currently consists of forty-seven. Thirteen Technical Committees (Computational Kinematics, Gearing and Transmissions, Linkages and Mechanical Controls, Micromachines, Multibody Dynamics, Reliability, Robotics and Mechatronics, Rotordynamics, Sustainable Energy Systems, Transportation Machinery, Tribology, Vibrations), four Permanent Commissions (Communications, Publications and Archiving, Education, History of Machines&Mechanisms Science, Standardization of Terminology), and six affiliate journals cover the wide spectrum of MMS. IFTOMM was born in the time of Cold War. The founders of IFTOMM are those who understood the importance of international exchange and opened the door on their own. IFTOMM is the United Nation of MMS, sharing an equal voting right among member organizations, where one enjoys the traditional personal touch among active individuals. IFTOMM absorbs the diversity of contemporary demands in MMS of the whole world supporting the development of young scientists and keeping the record of the previous achievements. The Young Delegates Grants allow talented young researchers to participate in IFTOMM sponsored conferences. The archive of IFTOMM conference proceedings in the Internet makes a deep impact as the information source. IFTOMM conferences organized every year capture the contemporary demands and solutions in MMS of the whole World. The IFTOMM awards are the tokens of appreciation given to the persons with outstanding service and contribution to the IFTOMM development. In year 2013 Professor Ken Waldron was granted by the IFTOMM the Dedicated Service Award. The award was presented to the recipient during a specially organized Workshop “Advances in Mechanisms, Robotics and Design, Education and Research”. This event was important to all the IFTOMM community due to the exceptional contribution of Professor Waldron to Mechanism and Machine Science. The realisation of IFTOMM mission was possible due to the personal motivations and passions that he also showed. We cordially invite the organisations from other geographical regions, besides the current 47 member organizations, to join the IFTOMM, and welcome more scientists and engineers of the member organizations to participate in the activities of Technical Committees and Permanent Commissions. We are looking forwards to see them in IFTOMM affiliated conferences, workshops, and thematic schools. The coming IFTOMM World Congress in 2015 in Taipei, Taiwan, is important event to the world research community not only to the IFTOMM member organizations, for the opportunity of direct exchange of information, for the establishment of the research collaboration and for creating the professional bounds. Your voice is most welcome and helps us to envisage the IFTOMM missions.

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