

NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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The 46th EC IFToMM Annual Meeting October 30th - November 2nd, 2013 held in China – Taipei and was combined with the site visit of upcoming IFToMM World Congress place.



Group photos taken during EC meeting

Current year of our activities was marked by further improvements of IFToMM web page, however still many things must be done. This year we started the electronic submission of the TC/PC reports what made a great help in the information handling. The year 2013 reports showed good activities in our Technical Committees and Permanent Commissions however there are still a few which are encouraged to be more active. We are expecting for each PC/TC to have a clear activity statement (vision and mission/program) and we were very glad to see very good descriptions in many reports confirming its good quality chairmanship. We wish to see the proper activity statement in all reports in the year 2014. All TC/PC's are encouraged to build its web page, EC suggests also to create the position of TC/PC secretary as the person handling the web page and information flow. The propositions of the PC/TC new members were very well prepared using the new templates. The candidates data including CV's provided a very good material enabling for the EC to take the well fundamented decisions about membership approval. Concerning the membership some TC/PC's are very active, showing its fast growth but the others needed to be encouraged.

In the recent 2 years we recorded a significant increase of the amount for IFToMM patroned/sponsored conferences what conforms with IFToMM promoting mission.

This year Prof. Ken Waldron a former IFToMM President (2000-2007) celebrated his 70th birthday. In this occasion his friends and pupils organized in May 17-18, 2013 a „Waldron Fiest” with Workshop. The event held at Scott Laboratory, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. The Workshop „Advances in Mechanisms, Robotics and Design. Education and Research” was attended by more than 100 participants.



During the Workshop (from right: Prof. Y.Nakamura – IFToMM President, Prof. O.Khatib, Prof.K.Waldron – IFToMM Past President, Prof.T.Zielinska - IFToMM Secretary General, Prof.B.Roth, Prof. V.Kumar – IFToMM EC member)

The workshop speakers were emphasising K.Waldron contribution to the engineering field, the wonderful warm talk with private flavour was given by Ken Waldron's wife Dr. Manjula Waldron. The book with the Workshop contributions has been published. The event was attended by IFToMM President and Secretary General. Prof Ken Waldron was granted by IFToMM Dedicated Service Award, the award was presented by

President and Secretary to the recepiee during the Workshop. The EC members are passing to Ken their sincerere congratulations and are wishing a happy long years full of suceses and satisfaction.



Near to the Congress Venue: left – famous Taipei 101 tower, right – nearest metro station, and view from the venue entrance doors

The site visit to forthcoming IFToMM World Congress and the talks with local Organizers are showing that the event must be a great success attended by many participants. Taipei is safe, non-expensive with very good public transportation systems with clear information in English. The conference place is very well localised, with easy access. The offered resources are on very good level, and proposed venue schedule is adequate. The IFToMM EC encourages all researchers related to IFToMM, and as well all the others scientists to participate in the 2015 IFToMM World Congress. The Young Delegates (YD) grants are available for young researchers (in the competition base, to be decided by Congress Organizers).