

Report from the **TC for Multibody Dynamics** for Newsletter 2008

The TC for Multibody Dynamics finishes this year 2008 with 23 members from 18 Member Organizations. At the time of its approval, in September 2005, the TC defined three objectives: contact with journals and conferences (and between them), and creation of the TC web page.

Regarding the first objective, a special issue based on contributions presented at the session on multibody dynamics held during the XII IFToMM World Congress, Besancon, France, June 2007, was published in September 2008 by the journal Multibody System Dynamics. The Journal of Multi-body Dynamics also contacted authors of selected works from that session of the Congress, which were published in recent numbers.

In what respects to the second objective, the organizers of two conferences accepted IFToMM patronage: International Congress of Heavy Vehicles, Road-Trains and Urban Transport, Minsk, Belarus, May 2008; Fourth Asian Conference on Multibody Dynamics ACMD08, Jeju, Korea, August 2008. Moreover, the TC has been working on the launching of a world conference on multibody dynamics: the International Joint Conference on Multibody System Dynamics (IMSD), co-sponsored by IUTAM, IFToMM and ASME; the first edition will take place in Lappeenranta, Finland, May 2010.

And third, the TC web page (www.iftomm-multibody.org), continuously updated, is showing to serve as a good communication channel for the members of the international multibody community. More than 60 researchers have already registered.

Plans for the next future are to continue with the activity in the three mentioned directions, making special emphasis on the preparation of the first International Joint Conference on Multibody System Dynamics.