

IFToMM Technical Committee for Micromachines

REPORT OF ACTIVITY from June 2008 to December 2008

1- MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

There were no members in this committee from the North America. Hence, three people from different parts of the North America have been identified and contacted. The processing of their possible appointment to the technical committee (TC) is in progress.

2- STATEMENTS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE TC

The TC is planning to set up a web page. It also plans to have a special session in the next IFToMM meeting.

3- DISCUSSION OF RECENT ACTIVITIES

See above.

4- MEETINGS AND VISITS

None during this period.

5-RESEARCH JOINT COLLABORATIONS AND EXCHANGES

None during this period.

6- CONFERENCE EVENTS

On October 25th, 2008, a symposium was held on "MEMS and Mechanisms" for the audience of a workshop organized under the auspices of the Association for Mechanisms and Machines (an affiliated organization of IFToMM in India) in the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras in Chennai, India. The symposium consisted on two talks, one given by Professor Enakshi Bhattacharya, an expert in MEMS in IIT-Madras, who spoke about microfabrication basics; and the second given by Professor G.K. Ananthasuresh from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, on the role of mechanisms in MEMS. The audience consisted of faculty and students from around India.

7- TEACHING ACTIVITIES

None during this period.

8- FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Web-page creation and planning for a special session in the next IFToMM meeting.

9- OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

None during this period.

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