

Professor Leila Notash

Editor, IFToMM Newsletter

Dear Professor Leila Notash,

With reference to your letter of 27 November 2009, I would like to inform you about my thoughts, related both to the Hungarian Member Committee of IFToMM and the 40th Anniversary Celebration of IFToMM at Zakopane.

In 1969 at Zakopane (Poland), Hungary was one of the countries that signed the Foundation Document of IFToMM. The Chief Delegate of Hungary was Professor Dr. Zeno Terplan and Members of the delegation were Professor Dr. Istvan Salyi Jr, Professor Dr. Adam Bosznay, Assistant Professor Elisabeth Filemon (and also Mr. Aladar Hartl, who did not join to the IFToMM Community later).

In 1970 the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) reorganized its committees and from that time the Academic Committee for Machine Design has been responsible for the Hungarian Member Committee (HMC) of IFToMM. The first Chair of the governing body of the HMC of IFToMM was Professor Dr. Z. Terplan. From the very beginning, the subscription fee has been paid regularly by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Since the early time of IFToMM, the HMC has taken part in the activity of IFToMM. A Hungarian members were send to the Permanent Comissions of IFToMM, some of which held its yearly meeting in Hungary, in Miskolc: in 1972- the "PC for Cooperation with Industry" (Z. Terplan), in 1980- the "PC for Standardization of Terminology" (I. Sályi Jr.), in 1983- the "PC for History" (E. Filemon). More-and-more Hungarian Members was send to the Technical Committees of IFToMM, as well.

To establish still closer scientific links by personal contact, the HMC of IFToMM invited experts from foreign countries. At the suggestion of the HMC of IFToMM, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences invited Dr. Academic Professor I. I. Artobolevskii, First President (later Honorary President) of IFToMM, who visited Hungary in June of 1977. It was his last visit abroad before his tragic death in the autumn of 1977. Dr. A. Morecki (Secretary General of IFToMM) in 1977, and Dr. J. Phillips (Member of the Executive Council of IFToMM) in 1978, also visited Hungary. Besides the Hungarian participants, experts from Australia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, The Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Poland, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Romania, Italy, Switzerland, U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. participated in the "6th Symposium on Mechanisms and Gears" in 1978, organised by the HMC in Miskolc. The number of experts dealing with the TMM began to grow.

Since the '80th an extensive Hungarian involvement in IFToMM at a high level, has been recognizable. Examples include: Hungarian Secretary General (1984-87, E. Filemon); Hungarian Executive Council Members (1980-83, E. Filemon and 1996-2003, G. Stepan); Hungarian Chair of a IFToMM Permanent Commission (1982-89, E. Filemon); Hungarian Chairs of IFToMM Technical Committees (2002-05, G. Stepan and 2006-on, A. Dobroczeni); Hungarian Members of the IFToMM Nominating Committees (1992-95, 2000-2003, E. Filemon and 2008-11, G. Stepan); Hungarian Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal "Mechanism and Machine Theory" (at present, G. Stepan); several Hungarians are currently members of Permanent Commissions and Technical Committees.

Professor Terplan relinquish his chairmanship of HMC to E. Filemon in 1996.

Unfortunately, by the beginning of the XXI. Century, three of the four members of the "Founding Delegation" (Professor Z. Terplan, Professor I. Salyi Jr., and Professor A. Bosznay) had passed away. This is a great loss to our community. We shall feel their absence, but we shall always have memory of them and their spirit will always be with us.

Presently the list of Officers and Hungarian Member Organization Representatives:

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The active participation of Hungary has been widely recognised by IFToMM (that has been grewed to include 44 Member Countries/ Territories) for 40 years.

I resign myself to all deceased members of the IFToMM Family, worldwide, with grateful respect. The Community shell respect and preserve their memory.

In behalf of the IFToMM HMC, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the friendly atmosphere of IFToMM all during of its history. This is why IFToMM is so unique among the scientific federations. I have pleasant memories of the 40 years of IFToMM.

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