ACTIVITIES OF MEXICAN MEMBER ORGANIZATION IN 2009

Since Mexico will host the IFToMM 2011 World Congress (web page: www.iftomm2011.org), preparations for this most important event have dominated the MO activities. The members of the Congress Organizing Committee, which has been meeting regularly since 2007 are:

Ricardo Chicurel – General Chairman
Jose M. Rico – Scientific Com.
Jesus Cervantes – Local Com.
Jacqueline Cueto – Local Com.
Adrian Espinosa – Exhibition Com.
Alberto Caballero – Adm. Com.
Leopoldo Ruiz – Adm. Com.
Jesus Dorador – Communications Com.
Carlos Lopez – Int. Transp. And Visas Com.
Alfonso Pamanes - Int. Transp. And Visas Com.

On September 30 an October 1 the IFToMM's Executive Council convened in Guanajuato, site of the 2011 World Congress. The Congress Organizing Committee presented a progress report that was reviewed by the EC and analyzed in detail. A tour of the facilities for the Congress in the Campus of the University of Guanajuato was also included in the agenda. The Rector, Dr. Arturo Lara Lopez, himself an engineer member of the IFToMM community, welcomed the visitors and gave us all a royal treatment. During the reunion in Guanajuato the 40th anniversary of the founding of IFToMM was marked with an inspiring celebration led by our President Marco Ceccarelli. The EC members expressed their views on the enormous significance of IFToMM and recounted colorful anecdotes. Historical photos and films conveyed the dedication and enthusiasm of IFToMM's founders and others responsible for its growing influence and recognition.

The IFToMM 2011 World Congress Organizing Committee recognizes and appreciates the great effort of the Executive Council members to attend the reunion in Guanajuato, which, as we all know, required traveling very great distances.

The 2009 Annual Congress of SOMIM, the Mexican Society of Mechanical Engineers, held in September in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, included an IFToMM Symposium in which 11 technical papers were presented.