

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF INTERNATIONAL INCE ON SATURDAY, 1992 JULY 18, HELD  
AT THE INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO, CANADA

Present

**Members of the Board**

LANG, W. W.	President
MYNCKE, H.	Secretary-General
INGERSLEV, F.	Honorary Member
BRUEL, P. V.	Director at Large
LYON, R. H.	INTER-NOISE 86
TOURRET, J.	INTER-NOISE 88
MALING, G. C.	INTER-NOISE 89
KIHLMAN, T.	INTER-NOISE 90
LAWRENCE, A.	INTER-NOISE 91

**Guests**

EMBLETON, T.	INTER-NOISE 92
KOYASU, M.	INTER-NOISE 94
SONE, T.	INTER-NOISE 94

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Approval of the Draft Agenda.
3. Approval of the minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting held in Sydney, Australia, on 1991-12-01.
4. Report by the President on the activities of I-INCE.
5. Report of the nominating committee.
6. Approval of the audited account for the fiscal year 1991.
7. Approval of the budget for 1993.
8. Report of the Editor of the International INCE Newsletter.
9. Report by a representative of INTER-NOISE 92.
10. Report by a representative of INTER-NOISE 93 to be held in Leuven, Belgium, on 1993 August 24-26.
11. Report by a representative of INTER-NOISE 94 to be held in Yokohama, Japan, on 1994 August 29-31.
12. Discussion of plans for INTER-NOISE 95.
13. Discussion of implementation of Initiative 1 from Sydney.
14. Discussion of implementation of Initiative 2 from Sydney.
15. Discussion of other, new initiatives to be taken by I-INCE.
16. Other business.
17. Closing of the meeting.

Minutes

1. The President opened the meeting at 09.30 hours and welcomed the members and guests.
2. The Draft Agenda was approved.

3. The Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Board held in Sydney, Australia, were approved.
4. The President reported that operations of International INCE have proceeded smoothly since the last meeting of the Board at the end of 1991. Membership is growing slightly (see Item 16 below).
5. Report of the Nominating Committee. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, F. Ingerslev, pointed out that the four-year term of Secretary-General H. Myncke will be completed at the end of 1992. Secretary-General Myncke expressed a strong desire to remain as Secretary-General through the end of 1993 August when INTER-NOISE 93 will be held in Leuven. It was pointed out by the President that when the Secretary-General steps down, it would be appropriate to appoint him as a Director responsible for liaison with the International Commission on Acoustics (ICA). The ICA has already named Professor Myncke to be the official liaison with I-INCE. A reciprocal arrangement would be in order. Upon formal motion, which was seconded and approved, Professor Myncke was re-elected for a four-year term as Secretary-General with the understanding that he may find it appropriate to resign that office following INTER-NOISE 93 and to assume the duties of the director at large responsible for liaison with the ICA.
6. The audited account for the fiscal year ending 1991-12-31 was accepted as presented (see Annex 1).
7. The budget for the fiscal year 1993 was approved (see Annex 2). The Secretary-General will transmit U.S.\$1,000 to Australia for support of delegates from Eastern countries at INTER-NOISE 91.
8. Newsletter In the absence of A. Cops, the President read his written report. The number of copies per issue continues at 2,900. Professor Kihlman has sent a list of ten Russian scientists who are interested in receiving the Newsletter without payment. The June issue of the Newsletter was mailed at the beginning of July. Editing for the September issue of the Newsletter will be completed before September 19.
9. INTER-NOISE 92. T. Embleton, General Chairman, presented a written report summarizing the planning for the Toronto congress. There were some 200 replies to the questionnaire mailed in 1991 March concerning interest in INTER-NOISE 92. The Announcement and Call for Papers was mailed during the summer of 1991. The deadline for abstracts was 1992-01-10; 320 abstracts were received, 317 accepted, which yielded 269 final manuscripts. About 20 percent of the authors were up to three weeks late in meeting the deadlines. The International Advisory Committee consisted of one member from each of 20 countries. Meeting planning was based on

an estimated registration of 600, 36 technical sessions in 6 parallel streams, 3 parallel talks, a briefing dinner for session chairmen on Sunday evening, Board of Directors meetings (I-INCE, INCE/USA, CAA), an INCE/USA Seminar, social functions on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and two non-technical tours. Financial planning was based on a more conservative estimate of 500 paid registrations. There were approximately 460 paid pre-registrations. The final paid registration turned out to be 580. Some items were under budget, but the net surplus will be smaller than anticipated. In retrospect, several matters are worth mentioning: a greater effort should be made to ensure that authors pay the registration fee before their papers are committed to printing; the \$30 fee for accompanying persons did not cover the costs (in Toronto, \$35 would have been better); the cost of the reception and briefing dinner for session chairmen is more than \$50 per person; the policy of inviting accompanying persons free of charge in the future should be re-examined. Moreover, it would be helpful to have a policy for the support of people from Third World countries. Finally, it would save inconvenience and disappointment if chairmen of committees and others would make their requests for space further ahead of time.

10. INTER-NOISE 93. In the absence of the General Chairman, the President read the report from Professor Cops which is summarized as follows: INTER-NOISE 93 will be held from Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 August, 1993, on the city campus of the Catholic University of Leuven in Leuven, Belgium. The first announcement with reply card has elicited responses from 470 individuals; 394 are interested in presenting papers, 50 exhibitors expressed an intention to exhibit, and participants will be coming from 46 countries. The Announcement and Call for Papers is included in the delegate's totebags for INTER-NOISE 92. A total of 18,000 copies have been mailed. The conference theme is "People versus Noise." Three distinguished lecturers will present plenary papers: Per Bruel, Frank Fahey, and Eric Rathe. Special sessions on selected topics will be organized and Professor P. Sas from the university is in charge of the technical program. Abstracts are due on 1992 December 15; authors will be notified of the acceptance of their papers by 1993 February 15. Manuscripts are due on 1993 April 15, and each manuscript must be accompanied by one registration fee. There will be an opening session, plenary sessions and up to ten parallel technical sessions. The chairmen's dinner will be on Monday evening; a reception will be held on Tuesday evening, and a banquet on Wednesday evening. The closing session will be on Thursday afternoon and time will be available for the Japanese hosts to invite delegates to participate at INTER-NOISE 94 in Yokohama. Technical tours will be organized on Friday, August 27, and other tours will be organized for accompanying persons and participants during and after the congress. Block bookings have been made in hotels of various categories in Leuven and Brussels which will offer registered delegates and their

families special rates before, during, and after the congress. Moreover, a large number of good quality, budget accommodations (400) will be available in the university's residence halls. At the current exchange rate, the registration fee will be approximately U.S.\$360. The break-even is planned for 500 participants. A technical exhibit will be arranged near the lecture theaters. Sabena World Airlines is the official carrier, and BBL Travel will organize the accommodations. Christine Mortelmans from the Conference Secretariat is attending INTER-NOISE 92 to give information about INTER-NOISE 93 and about traveling in and to Belgium. In addition to INTER-NOISE 93, the annual International Seminar on Modal Analysis will be held in Leuven from 1993 August 30 to September 01; and the 4th conference on intensity techniques will be held from 1993 August 31 to September 02 at Senlis, France. Professor Cops ended his written report with a request for support to invite scientists from Eastern European countries.

11. INTER-NOISE 94. This congress is being organized jointly by INCE/Japan and the Acoustical Society of Japan. The Congress President is Dr. M. Koyasu and the General Chairman is Professor T. Sone. The congress secretariat will be located at Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan. INTER-NOISE 94 will be held at the Pacifico Yokohama during the period 1994 August 29-31. The first announcement has already been printed (10,000 copies) and will be distributed at INTER-NOISE 92. Exhibition spaces have been reserved adjacent to the meeting rooms in the Pacifico Yokohama. Technical visits will be arranged, as will social activities for all participants, including receptions and a banquet. An accompanying persons' program will also be organized. Reservations for hotel accommodations in Yokohama are being made by a travel agent. Hotels in three different categories will be available. It is planned that the second announcement and call for papers will be printed next May and distributed as soon thereafter as possible.
12. INTER-NOISE 95. With the approval of the Board of INCE/USA, INTER-NOISE 95 will be held in North America at a time and place to be decided. This decision was accepted by the Board.
13. Meetings, Conferences, and Symposia of Other Organizations. Following the lunch break, there was an extended discussion of conferences organized by other societies around the world. The concept of an annual I-INCE Symposium which was discussed in detail at the Sydney meeting, was summarized and supported. Nonetheless, I-INCE must be very careful in selecting the meetings that the Board will support. Professor Lyon asks if it were possible to quantify the negative effect that Malcolm Crocker's congress in Auburn, Alabama, had on INTER-NOISE 92. The estimate was that perhaps during 1992 March 40 papers had been lost to that conference. Dr. Turret estimated that INTER-NOISE 93 will lose approximately 100 papers to the conference that



Professor Crocker is organizing in St. Petersburg, Russia, next May in advance of INTER-NOISE 93.

After further discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved that for I-INCE to co-sponsor any meeting, conference, or symposium will require that planning be undertaken in good time so that an I-INCE representative can be appointed to the organizing committee and that I-INCE opinions on the subjects to be covered, the date and the place of the meeting are to be considered by the organizing committee. It is hoped that this policy will help to coordinate meetings in noise control around the world and reduce (or at least hold constant) the number of such meetings which, in the recent past, have appeared to be proliferating.

14. Initiative Concerning Role of General Assembly. The President read a draft dated 1992 July 12 entitled "Procedures for the Preparation of Technical Publications by the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering." There was extended discussion following reading of the draft. It was decided that no further action should be taken at this time to revise the draft, but that a pair of trial studies should be undertaken, following the general guidelines provided by the draft.

The issues to be studied are:

- o Upper noise limits in working environments  
Should this be 85 or 90 dBA and is the appropriate trading relationship 3 or 5 dBA? The objective is to lay the technical facts on the table and describe the risks that are involved. The emphasis will be on technical aspects, not political or economic positions.
- o Noise emission of flowing traffic  
The task is to study and document changes during the past 15 years in the noise emission of flowing traffic. New vehicles must comply with certain maximum noise limits measured in a standardized drive-by-test. The limits have been lowered substantially over the last 15 years. There is evidence that the effect on noise levels along roads is substantially less. In many cases, it is doubtful if there has been any effect at all. What is the reason for this? Does the present test procedure (requiring maximum acceleration under specified conditions) force the industry to take steps which are effective for the annoyed citizenry? The answers to these questions are important since traffic noise is a major noise source in urban areas.

15. There was no discussion of other, new initiatives to be taken by International INCE.

- 16 Other Business. George Maling presented his proposal for

regionalization of the International INCE Board which was mailed to all Board members prior to the Toronto meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposal will be studied and refined during the next year and will be reconsidered by the Board at its next meeting.

OPAKFI, the Hungarian Society for Optics, Acoustics, and Filmtechnics has submitted an application to become a Member Society of I-INCE; this was unanimously approved. Professor Kihlman discussed the resolution at the end of 1990 by the parliament of Sweden to prepare an integrated Action Plan Against Noise. On 1992-02-13, the Swedish Minister of the Environment appointed a special investigator and instructed him to prepare such an integrated plan. Professor Kihlman has been named the investigator and is most interested in receiving comments and ideas from anyone interested in participating in the preparation of such an integrated action plan.

17. Closing of the Meeting. The President, after thanking all Board members for their participation, closed the meeting at 17.00 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Lang  
President