

Report on attending Inter-Noise 2010 in Portugal

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The 39th International Congress and Exposition on Noise Control Engineering (also known as Inter-Noise 2010) was held from 13 to 16 June 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal. The Inter-Noise 2010 was sponsored by the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE), co-organized by the Portuguese Acoustical Society (SPA) and the Spanish Acoustical Society (SEA).

The main theme of the Congress was “Noise and Sustainability”. Societal development creates noise as a by-product while sustainability enforces and highlights the needs to preserve the future generation’s stability and existence, without compromising the global development. In this context, acoustics is indeed playing an important role.

The Congress featured 844 technical papers, 786 presented orally in 13 parallel sessions running continuously over 3 days, and 53 posters. Five plenary lectures aiming to address the principles of Sustainability (environment, economics and efficiency) were given by renowned specialists during the Congress days. The Congress also attracted a large number of exhibitors which occupied 44 booths showing and promoting their latest tools, equipment, systems and advanced materials.

As a society member of I-INCE, HKIOA is dedicated to supporting the Congress and encouraging members to participate. The delegates from Hong Kong including Mr. Tom Ho, Dr. Kin Cheng, Mr. M. K. Cheung, Professor K.C. Lam, Ir. Richard Kwan, Professor W.T. Hung, Professor Li Cheng and his students had good participations in the Inter-Noise 2010. Tom Ho also took part in the Inter-Noise Congress Selection Committee meeting to assist in deciding and recommending to I-INCE which society would host the coming Inter-Noise congresses.

Dr. Kin Cheng presented the HKIOA’s informal proposal of hosting Inter-Noise 2014 for the consideration by the Congress Selection Committee. The presentation went well on 12 June 2010 despite we met the strong competitor from Australia. After the deliberation from the Committee, HKIOA was told that we would be invited to submit a formal proposal in the coming Inter-Noise 2011 in Osaka. In this regard, the Institute did successfully make one-step closer.

The Congress was then officially kicked off in the afternoon of 13 June 2010. After welcoming speeches from Mr. Jorge Patricio (the President of SPA), Mr. Perez-Lopez (the president of SEA) and Mr. Robert Bernhard (I-INCE), Professor Hideki Tachibana from Japan gave a distinguished lecture on “General view of road traffic noise problem” which set the scene for Congress. Following this, delegates were able to refresh their acquaintances, making new friends etc in the welcoming reception.



The Lisbon University Choir performance during the Congress Opening.



Delegates from China, PRC and Hong Kong gathered together.



Professor Ulf Sandberg and our Chairman Mr. Tom



Professor Samir Gerges (President of ICA), Dr. Kin Cheng, Mr. Lawrence S. Finegold and his spouse



Left back row: Dr. Erwin Kohler, Dr. Sergey Semin; Left front row: Ms. Tatiana Uspenskaya (the second position), Professor Catedratico, Mr. M. K. Cheung

There were a total of about 700 participants. On the technical papers, delegates from Hong Kong presented a total of 10 technical papers which cover various acoustical and noise control issues relevant to the unique noise environment in Hong Kong. Fruitful discussions thereafter also stirred up interests among the audiences. All these marked a very good presence and success of the HKIOA in the Congress.

The Congress was a great success. The next congress, Inter-Noise 2011, would be held from 4 to 7 September 2011 in Osaka of Japan and hosted by the Institute of Noise Control Engineering Japan and the Acoustical Society of Japan. HKIOA will continue the effort to support the Congress as well as encourage members to participate.

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