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The 10th Western Pacific Acoustics Conference (WESPAC X) was held from 21 to 23 Sept 2009 in Beijing. The Congress was co-organized by the Acoustical Society of China (ASC), the Institute of Acoustics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IACAS), and the National Laboratory of Acoustics Chinese Academy of Sciences. There was a mission for Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics (HKIOA) during this event in Beijing; it was to bid for hosting 2012 WESPAC XI in Hong Kong. We formed an organizing committee and finally managed to work out a decent proposal to co-organize the next Congress.



Our bidding team: CL, Tom and Maurice

In the afternoon of 20 Sept 2009, our representatives, Tom HO, Maurice YEUNG and CL WONG attended the Board Meeting of the Western Pacific Commission for Acoustics (WPCA) and presented our bid. We were given to understand that another bid from Singapore was competing with ours. After the close scrutiny by Board members, the Board unanimously approved HKIOA to host the 2012 WESPAC XI in Hong Kong. Moreover, we were also commissioned to communicate

with the Acoustical Society of America (ASA) and the Acoustical Society of China (ASC) to explore the possibility of combining their 2012 ASA / ASC joint meeting with WESPAC XI in Hong Kong. On 21 Sept 2009, we had a very fruitful meeting with representatives from both ASA and ASC. The partnership we set up would hopefully pave the way for further cooperation for mutual benefits.



Maurice meticulously presenting our bid to the WPCA Board

The WESPAC X was officially kicked off in the morning of 21 Sept 2009, with opening speeches from Prof. Dr J TIAN (the General Chairman) and Prof. Renhe ZHANG (the Conference President), followed by 3 distinguished lectures given by Prof. Yoiti SUZUKI, Prof. Xiuming WANG, and Prof. Robert SPINDEL. The technical sessions covered a variety of topics in acoustics and lasted till 23 Sept 2009.



WESPAC XI will be held in Hong Kong



Exploring the possibility of combining the 2012 ASA / ASC joint meeting with the WESPAC XI in Hong Kong

(Left to Right) Prof. Fenghua Li, Dr. Whitlow Au, Prof. Renhe Zhang, Prof. Jing Tian, Dr. Charles Schmid, Tom Ho, Maurice Yeung, C.L. Wong

Apart from attending distinguished lectures and technical sessions, we also joined a technical visit to the IACAS. During the visit, we had the opportunity to understand more about their research achievements in the development of speech recognition system, digital signal processing, underwater acoustics, and their laboratory facilities.



Demonstration of Speech Recognition System



Application of DSP to TV Programmes



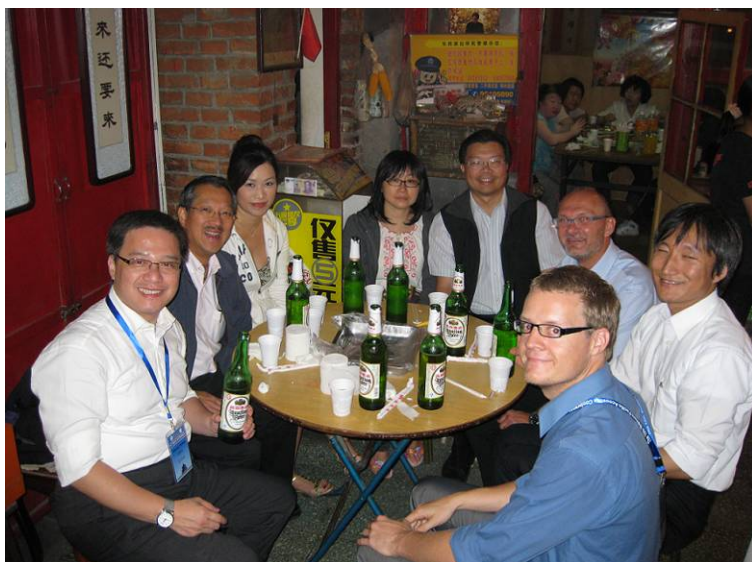
**Anechoic Chamber of the
National Laboratory of Acoustics**



Underwater Acoustics Laboratory

As a support to this Conference, two papers were submitted by our members, “Potential Novel Derivatives from Noise Mapping Technologies” (by *Maurice YEUNG et al*) and “Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs in Hong Kong” (by *C.L.WONG et al*). During the conference, we also exchanged views with other participants on various acoustic and noise control issues of common interest.

We treasured the chance to meet friends and establish networks with other professionals as well. We not only talked about acoustics, but also shared the same taste of roasted chicken wings!



What a fun at “五哥鸡翅”!

On the last day, 23 Sept 2009, the newly elected Chairman of WPCA, Prof. Jungyui NA formally announced HKIOA as the next organizer for the 2012 WESPAC XI. We were so pleased to be given the opportunity to introduce HKIOA and present a video about Hong Kong to all the participants in the Farewell Lunch of the Conference.



Our Chairman introducing HKIOA and Hong Kong to all the participants

We are now teaming up for the coming WESPAC XI. Let's join hands and make it a great success of the Institute! It can't happen without your full support.

Interesting Sidelights

During this attendance to the WESPAC X, we saw noise barriers during casual visits to various places of Beijing and here are some photos we took.

