

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT / MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Just a few words about the current healthy state of CAA. We have just had a very successful annual meeting in Victoria. Stan Dosso and his team put on an impeccably organised meeting that was a complete success. Great hotel, beautiful location as well as interesting and smoothly run sessions; what more could one ask for? Next September we are to meet in Sherbrooke. Nouredine Atalla's plans for a number of interesting technical sessions are already well advanced. I am sure there will be a different emphasis and flavour and it should be another memorable CAA event that I am looking forward to.

Some years ago Don Jamieson started the CAA web site. Because of his foresight and continuing efforts we already have a web site that is comparable to other acoustical organisations. However, being the dynamic and forward thinking organisation that we are, CAA would like to further develop our web site. A web site offers so many possibilities for a small national organisation spread across a very large country. It could act as a focus for our organisation; a virtual head office perhaps?

Doug Whicker and Barry McKinnon have agreed to help us launch a new push to an even better and more accessible web site. It is difficult to imagine where this may eventually lead us, but we want to get started now and be part of the future. It could be a source of acoustical news, technical information and links to related organisations. Perhaps we could include links to our sustaining subscribers? Will there be overlap with our journal? Will *Canadian Acoustics* one day become an electronic publication? Can we imagine where this will take us? No, maybe not, but it is certainly timely and prudent to put effort and resources into an improved web site. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

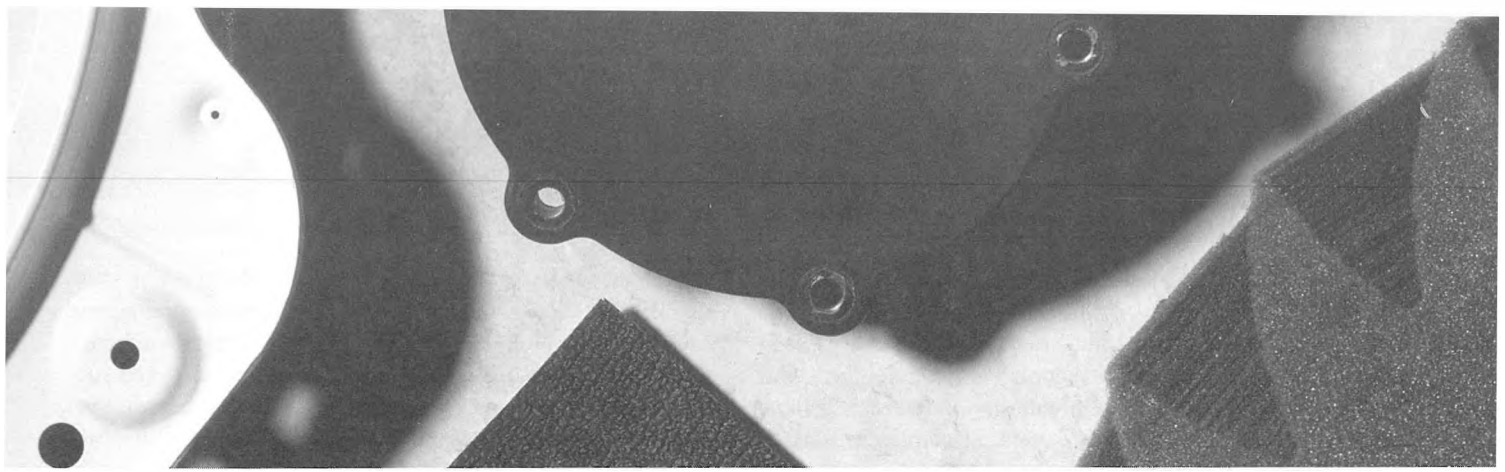
J'aimerais vous transmettre quelques mots sur la bonne santé de l'ACA. Nous venons de tenir une rencontre annuelle bien réussie à Victoria. Stan Dosso et son équipe ont organisé une rencontre impeccable, qui s'est avérée un grand succès. Grand hôtel, bel emplacement, ainsi que des sessions intéressantes et menées en douceur : quoi demander de plus? En septembre prochain, nous nous rencontrerons à Sherbrooke. Nouredine Atalla a déjà entamé les démarches dans le but d'offrir un certain nombre de sessions techniques intéressantes. Je suis convaincu qu'il y aura une emphase et une saveur différentes et cette rencontre devrait compter parmi les événements mémorables de l'ACA, que j'attends avec plaisir.

Il y a quelques années, Don Jamieson a mis sur pied le site web de l'ACA. À cause de sa prévoyance et de ses efforts continus, nous pouvons déjà compter sur un site web qui se compare avantageusement aux sites de d'autres organisations dans le domaine de l'acoustique. Cependant, compte tenu du dynamisme et de l'avant-gardisme de notre organisation, l'ACA aimerait développer davantage ce site. Un site web offre plusieurs avantages à une petite organisation nationale qui se trouve dispersée à travers un immense pays. Il pourrait devenir le point central de notre organisation : un bureau chef virtuel peut-être?

Doug Whicker et Barry McKinnon ont accepté de donner un second souffle à l'idée, afin d'avoir un meilleur site qui soit plus accessible. Il est difficile d'imaginer où cela nous mènera éventuellement, mais nous aimerions débiter dès maintenant et suivre la voie du futur. Le site web pourrait être la source de nouvelles en acoustique, d'information technique ainsi qu'un lien avec les autres organisations. Peut-être pourrions-nous inclure des liens avec nos abonnés de soutien? Y aura-t-il un chevauchement avec notre journal? Est-ce que *l'Acoustique Canadienne* deviendra un jour une publication électronique? Pouvons-nous imaginer où cela nous mènera? Non, peut-être pas, mais il est certainement opportun et prudent d'investir les efforts et les ressources nécessaires pour améliorer notre site web. Nous attendons vos idées et suggestions.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We experienced growing pains with QuarkExpress, the industry standard for publishing. The non-standardized formatting used by our authors for their articles (Word, Wordperfect, Post Script, PDF etc.) gave us hiccups. The problem became acute with the proceedings issue with more than 60 summaries to handle. The two articles by our President received the most embarrassing treatment. We are, therefore, reprinting four two-page summaries from the last issue in this issue. We hope we have rectified our mistakes of the past. We should be ready for the Year 2000 proceedings issue.



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