

SHOULD CAA JOIN INTERNATIONAL/INCE?

At the request of President Bill Bradley, I have prepared a report on the status of our proposed membership in The International Institute of Noise Control Engineering for the information and consideration of members of the Canadian Acoustical Association. It is intended that the question of membership in International/INCE be debated and resolved at the forthcoming CAA annual meeting to be held in Ottawa on October 26, 1977.

The following is an excerpt from the text of the address by Professor Fritz Ingerslev, President of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering at the INTER-NOISE 77 meeting held at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland in March 1977.

"The International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (International/INCE) was founded in 1974. A major objective of International/INCE is to sponsor and to make arrangements for INTER-NOISE Conferences in cooperation with leading national and international societies and organizations concerned with the engineering aspects of noise control.

Membership is also open to non-profit societies concerned with noise control and the application of engineering techniques for the control of noise, provided they are open in return to membership by individuals.

Membership is also open to non-profit societies who are interested in the development of interdisciplinary contacts between Noise Control Engineers and other related fields.

The list of Societies who have already been elected as members includes:

1. The Australian Acoustical Society
2. The Danish Acoustical Society
3. Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, VDI-Kommission Lärminderung
4. The Acoustical Society of Japan
5. The Institute of Noise Control Engineering of Japan
6. Nederlands Akoestisch Genootschap
7. The Acoustical Society of Norway
8. The Committee of Acoustics of the Polish Academy of Sciences
9. Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Akustik
10. The South African Acoustics Institute

11. The Acoustical Society of America
12. The Institute of Noise Control Engineering, U.S.A.

Thus, International/INCE has twelve member-societies in ten countries spread over five continents. Applications for membership from a number of other Societies is expected."

International/INCE is a non-profit organization established under Swiss Civil Law for the purposes of organizing international conferences on noise control engineering, providing a forum on information and news. It will also promote international interdisciplinary cooperation in research and the dissemination of knowledge on the application of engineering techniques to control noise. The by-laws of the organization are available on request.

International/INCE sponsors an annual international conference known as INTER-NOISE and to date 6 conferences have been held. INTER-NOISE 78 will be held in San Fransisco, May 8-10, 1978.

International/INCE produces a Newsletter which is circulated to member Societies. This Newsletter provides details on upcoming INTER-NOISE conferences as well as announcing decisions made in the technical committees of ISO and IEC concerning the progress of standardization related to noise control. Professor T.E. Siddon is the Corresponding Editor on behalf of CAA.

A member Society INCE/USA, incorporated in 1971, publishes two bimonthly magazines. NOISE CONTROL ENGINEERING covers new technical developments and NOISE/NEWS is devoted to other information such as U.S. government activities, technical reports, contract information and other news of interest.

The only implication of joining International/INCE other than the dissemination of information through the good offices of the Corresponding Editor is a financial obligation. On joining International/INCE an annual subvention of 300 Swiss Francs (approximately \$135.00/CAN. at the present rate of exchange) is due on January 1 of each year.

I recommend that the Canadian Acoustical Association membership be requested to approve an application for membership in International/INCE.

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