EDITORIAL

The year of the 12th ICA has at last arrived and Canadian acousticians will soon be hosts to the major international acoustical conference. As you will see from the 12th ICA report in this issue, plans have progressed well, but it is now time for increased effort from all of us. Considerable sums of money are involved and a small cost over-run would put the Canadian Acoustical Association in the red for many years. Make sure you are involved!

This issue contains two papers that differ from our usual scientific contributions and concern acoustical requirements for multiple residence buildings. As you will discover, both papers start from the assumption that the National Building Code is inadequate in this area. Although this seems to be a common assumption, there is little effort to change the situation. It is your Building Code; if you don't like it you must do something about it. This is especially true if you are in any way involved in the construction industry. Your letters and comments would of course be most welcome.

After discussions with several consultants and much contemplation, we have decided to compile and publish a survey of Canadian companies engaged in acoustical consulting. Although we will attempt to approach most companies individually, a response form and instructions are included in this issue. If you wish to be included, you must respond!

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L'annee de l'ICA-12 est arrivée et les acousticiens canadiens seront les hôtes d'une importante manifestation scientifique internationale cet été. Beaucoup de nos membres sont impliqués, soit dans l'organisation ou comme auteurs et l'approche de l'été signifie une augmentation de leurs efforts. Vous trouverez dans ce numéro un rapport des activité sur le congrès. Il faut aussi souligner que l'organisation de l'ICA-12 représente pour l'Association Canadienne d'acoustique un fardeau financier considérable. C'est pour cette raison d'ailleurs que l'association demande une contribution au 12e ICA à chaque renouvellement de votre abonnement. L'argent recueilli de cette façon sert à alléger les risques financiers pour l'association.

Ce numéro contient deux articles qui diffèrent des contributions scientifiques habituelles. Ils se consacrent aux exigences acoustiques des édifices à logements multiples et leur point de départ est l'insuffisance du code national du bâtiment du Canada dans ce domaine. Quoique cette hypothèse soit généralement admise, il semble y avoir peu d'effort pour changer cette situation. Nous espérons que ces deux articles stimuleront des commentaires, spécialement de la part des gens dans l'industrie de la construction.

Après mointes consultations et réflexions nous avons décidé de compiler et publier un aperçu des entreprises offrant des services de génie conseil en acoustique. Nous essayerons de contacter chaque entreprise individuellement. Cependant une réponse au formulaire inclu dans ce numéro assurerait que votre entreprise soit incluse.

Il y a deux ans, une nouvelle équipe de rédaction était mise en place. En ce moment, et d'après ce qui semblait être un désir général, l'ACOUSTIQUE CANADIENNE fut légèrement remanié et les derniers numéros ont vu une série ininterrompue d'articles arbitrés. Cependant, au moment de cette rédaction l'ACOUSTIQUE CANADIENNE a un manque soudain de contributions. Après l'appui initial, que se passe-t-il?

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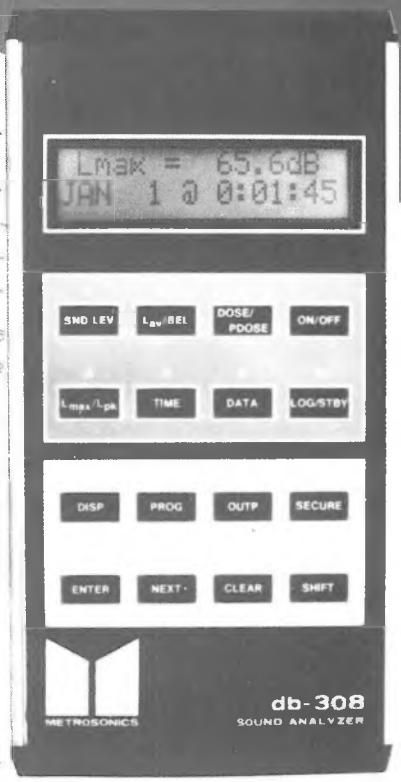

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