MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

To accept to be president of an association such as ours is to try to satisfy the aspirations of its members. In this regard, may I warmly congratulate Dave Chapman on your behalf for his effective contribution as president over the past two years. The vitality of the Association was clearly perceptible at the Toronto conference. Patient and generous work on the part of the organizers allowed more than 100 of us to share not only the results of research but also professional technical and, indeed, cultural preoccupations.

At the annual general meeting, several members expressed the desire to see the CAA become more involved in public affairs. This desire seems to me all the more appropriate when, in these times of great debate on problems of pollution, the accoustical environment is ignored, even though the stakes are high. Whether it be with respect to the lack of sensitivity to the risks and consequences of hearing loss due to noise exposure, problems of quality of life related to community noise, the accessibility of public places and services to hard-of-hearing persons, etc., the high stakes are obvious to acousticians.

I therefore support the aspirations of those members who want the CAA to increase its visibility and social relevance by becoming more involved with activities to increase public awareness of these problems. However, we must not simply improvise; it is by concentrating our resources and interests on priority questions that we will achieve our objective. In the first place, our visibility depends above all on the quality of our contributions to *Canadian Acoustics*. The invitation is urgent!

UN MOT DU NOUVEAU PRÉSIDENT

Accepter d'être président d'une association comme la nôtre signifie de tâcher d'être à la hauteur des aspirations de ses membres. A cet égard, je me fais votre porte-parole pour féliciter chaleuresement David Chapman pour sa contribution efficace comme président au cours des duex années passées. La vitalité de l'Association était bien perceptible lors du congrès de Toronto. Un travail patient et généreux de la part des organisatrices et organisateurs a permis à plus d'une centaine d'entre nous de partager non seulement des résultats de recherche mais aussi des préoccupations d'ordre professionnel, technique, voire culturel.

Lors de l'assemblée générale, plusieurs membres ont exprimé le désir de voir l'ACA s'impliquer davantage auprès du public. Cette volonté m'apparaît d'autant plus légitime qu'à l'heure des grands débats sur les problèmes de pollution, la question de l'environnement sonore fait figure de parent pauvre. Pourtant, ce ne sont pas les enjeux qui manquent en cette matière. Que ce soit le manque de sensibilisation aux risques de vie liée au bruit communautaire, la promotion de produits de consommation non bruyants, l'accessibilité des lieux et services publics pour les acousticiennes et acousticiens. Je souscris donc au souhait des membres qui veulent que l'ACA accroisse sa visibilité et sa pertinence sociale en s'impliquant davantage dans des activités de sensibilisation de divers publics. Mais, la mise en valeur de nos expertises exclut l'improvisation. C'est en conjuguant nos resources et nos intérêts autour de questions prioritaires que nous parviendront à atteindre cet objectif. Dans l'immédiat, notre visibilité dépend surtout de la qualité de nos contributions à l'*Accoustique Canadienne*. L'invitation est pressante!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

On pages 17-26 of this issue are published five two-page summaries of papers presented during Acoustics Week in Canada 1993. They were received too late to be included in the September Proceedings Issue.

MOT DU RÉDACTEUR EN CHEF

Aux pages 17-26 de ce numéro sont publiés cinq sommaires de conférences presentées lors de la Semaine Canadienne d'Acoustique 1993. On les a reçus trop tards pour les inclure dans le Cahier des Actes du mois de septembre.

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