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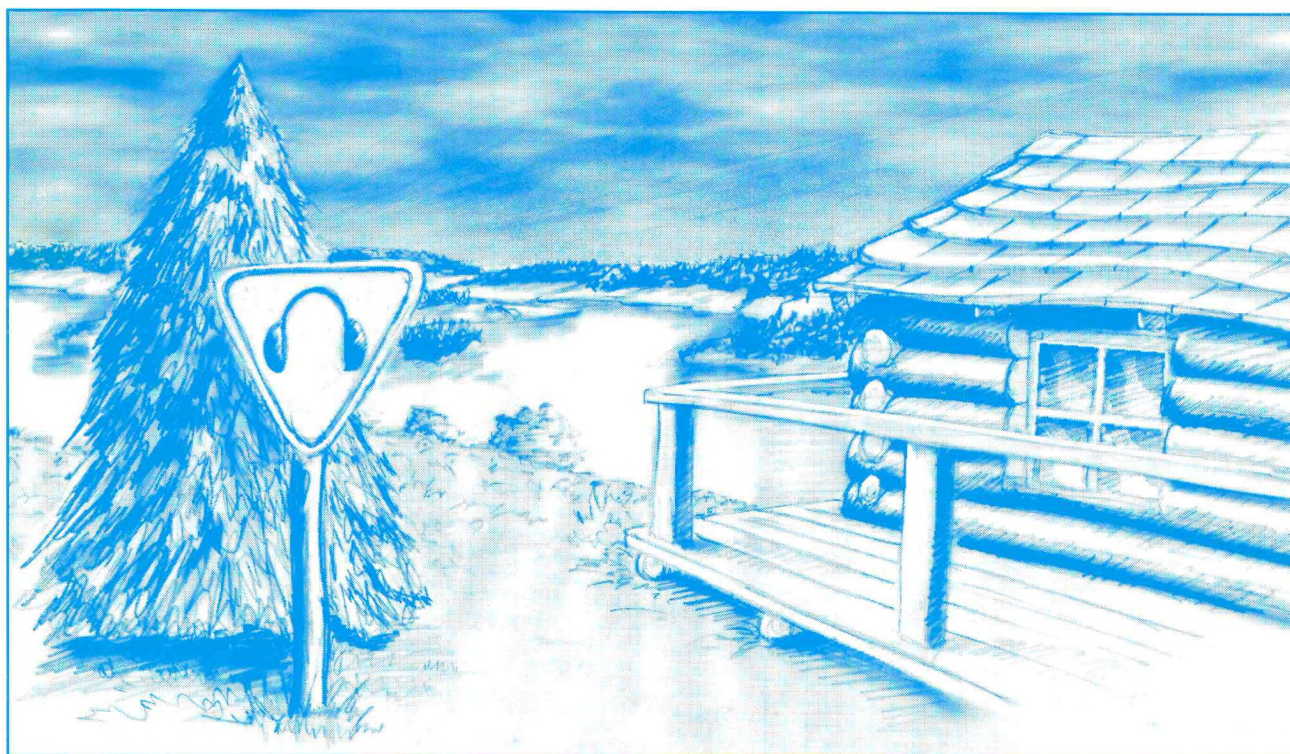
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EDITORIAL

Acoustics Week in Canada 1991 has come and gone. As you can read in the feature in this edition, it was a great success with excellent courses and papers.

I was delighted to learn from those attending the Edmonton meeting that (almost) everyone thought the first Proceedings Issue was a great success. May I emphasize that the two-page summaries were *not* reviewed; I encourage all of you to submit full-length versions for review and publication as technical articles.

Hot on the heels of Acoustics Week in Canada 1991 comes Acoustics Week in Canada 1992, which will be held in Vancouver. Many thanks to Doug Whicker for coming to the rescue and agreeing to coordinate the meeting. The call for papers appears in this issue.

We have had several complaints, from authors who submitted papers for publication, about the long delays involved in the review process. It is true that this process has taken six months in some recent cases. The reason is simple; reviewers agree to review a paper and then hold on to it for months. There is no reason for the review of *Canadian Acoustics* papers to take more than two or three months. We all know that reviewing papers is unrewarding and time-consuming, but necessary. To all reviewers: please do not unnecessarily delay your colleagues publications; you know how you hate it when your publications are held up! Let us know as soon as possible if you won't be able to review a paper.

On page 61 of this issue you will find a new feature. This is an announcement of all of the prizes awarded by the Canadian Acoustical Association. Brief details, and the names of past prize recipients, are included. Full prize details and application forms are available from the Secretary of the CAA. This announcement will appear in all issues of the journal from now on. It will replace the publication of full prize details and application forms once a year, as was done in the past. We hope, above all, that this new format will lead to more people applying for these prizes.

I leave you with perhaps the ultimate response to all those (including myself) who at one time or other have stated that they cannot 'afford' to publish in *Canadian Acoustics* because such publications are not 'recognized' by the scientific community. Here is article 225 of the 1991 NSERC awards guide:

Grantees are encouraged, whenever appropriate, to publish the results of their NSERC-supported research in Canadian journals, including not only the Canadian Journals of Research published by the National Research Council, but also other Canadian scientific and technical publications as well.

La Semaine de l'Acoustique Canadienne 1991 est maintenant chose du passé. Tel que vous le lirez dans ce numéro, ce fut un grand succès compte tenu des excellents cours et conférences, du haut taux de participation et de la superbe température.

J'ai été enchanté d'apprendre de la bouche des participants qui assistaient au congrès d'Edmonton que tous (ou presque) ont souligné le grand succès du premier numéro des Actes du Congrès. Puis-je insister sur le fait que les deux pages résumés n'ont pas été révisées; je vous encourage donc à soumettre une version complète pour révision et publication comme article technique.

Sur les traces encore chaudes de la Semaine Canadienne de l'Acoustique 1991 se dessine la Semaine Canadienne de l'Acoustique 1992, qui se tiendra à Vancouver. Nous remercions Doug Whicker d'être venu à la rescousse et d'avoir accepté de coordonner le congrès. L'appel des communications apparaît dans ce numéro.

Nous avons reçu plusieurs plaintes, de la part des auteurs qui soumettent des articles pour publication, concernant les longs délais relatifs au processus de révision. Il est vrai que dans certains cas récents ce processus a nécessité six mois. La raison est simple: les réviseurs acceptent de réviser un article mais le gardent en leur possession plusieurs mois. Il n'y a pas de raison pour que la révision des articles soumis à *l'Acoustique Canadienne* nécessite plus de deux ou trois mois. Nous savons tous que la révision d'articles n'est pas gratifiante et demande beaucoup de temps mais est nécessaire. A tous les réviseurs: s'il vous plaît, ne retarder pas inutilement les publications de vos collègues; vous n'aimez pas cela lorsque votre publication est retardée! Informez nous le plus rapidement possible si vous êtes incapable de réviser l'article qui vous a été envoyé.

A la page 61 de ce numéro, vous trouverez une nouveauté. Il s'agit de l'annonce des prix décernés par l'Association Canadienne d'Acoustique. Un court détail ainsi que le nom des récipiendaires antérieurs de chacun des prix sont présentés. Les instructions détaillées de chacun des prix ainsi que les formulaires d'inscription sont disponibles au Secrétariat de l'ACA. A partir de maintenant, cette annonce paraîtra dans tous les numéros du journal. Celle-ci remplacera la publication des instructions détaillées et des formulaires une fois l'an, tel que fait antérieurement. Nous espérons que ce nouveau format incitera davantage les gens à soumettre leur candidature pour ces prix.

Nous aimerions solliciter votre aide à l'égard de la traduction de textes pour *l'Acoustique Canadienne*. Les francophones qui peuvent consacrer une heure ou deux par période de trois mois à la traduction de textes sont invités à communiquer avec le rédacteur en chef.

Je vous laisse probablement avec la réponse ultime à tous ceux (incluant moi-même) qui à un moment ou un autre ont mentionné qu'ils ne pouvaient 'se permettre' de publier dans *l'Acoustique Canadienne* parce que ces publications ne sont pas 'reconnues' par la communauté scientifique. Voici l'article 225 du guide des prix du CRSNG 1991:

On encourage les bénéficiaires des subventions à publier les résultats de leur recherche subventionnées par le CRSNG dans les journaux canadiens, si possible. Il peut s'agir non seulement des journaux canadiens de recherche publiés par le CNRC, mais aussi d'autres publications scientifiques et techniques canadiennes.

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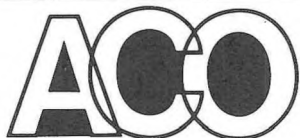
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NOISE IN RURAL RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

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ABSTRACT

This study describes and analyses the relationship between people's evaluation of various sounds commonly heard in rural outdoor recreational environments and their measured dB(A) or sound pressure levels. The findings indicate that sound pressure level alone is not a good predictor of annoyance. Rather several complexly interrelated factors relating to the harmonic content of the sounds themselves and those concerning their socio-psychological aspects influence the way in which people evaluate different sounds. Factors relating to the perception and evaluation of sounds in rural recreational environments are discussed and implications for other rural settings are presented.

SOMMAIRE

La présente étude se propose d'analyser le rapport entre l'impression que se font les gens des bruits qui les entourent dans les aires de loisirs en plein air et leur niveau de pression sonore réelle mesurée en décibels (dB(A)). Les résultats indiquent que le niveau de pression sonore, pris tout seul, ne suffit pas à prédire le désagrément qui en résulte. Au contraire, les gens font une évaluation des bruits perçus selon plusieurs facteurs se reliant entre eux de manière complexe et qui ont trait au contenu harmonique de ces bruits eux-mêmes, aussi bien que selon des facteurs ayant trait aux aspects socio-psychologiques de ces bruits. Cette étude examine également les facteurs relatifs à la manière dont les gens perçoivent ces bruits et ce qu'on peut en conclure pour le milieu rural dans un sens plus large.

1. INTRODUCTION

For the many who visit forests, parks, wilderness areas, and similar types of rural or outdoor recreational environments, escaping noise and crowds is one of the significant benefits obtained (Driver, Nash, and Haas 1987). While in these environments individuals are exposed to a variety of natural sounds such as those of birds and streams, the sounds of people talking or setting up camp, and technological sounds, such as those of chain saws or aircraft overflights. Some of these sounds are considered pleasing and satisfying, while others are deemed annoying and distract from the quality of the recreational experience which people seek.

This paper summarizes research on the relationship between individual's evaluation of sounds commonly heard in rural or outdoor recreational environments and their measured sound pressure level (dB(A)) and

discusses factors which relate to the perception and evaluation of these sounds. Planning implications for recreational and other rural areas are also presented.

2. PREVIOUS STUDIES

In contrast to the many studies of noise and its annoyance in urban areas, there are relatively few studies about noise in rural or outdoor recreational environments. Harrison (1974b) summarized investigations carried out by the U.S. Forest Service on the effects of noise from off-road vehicles (snowmobiles, motorcycles, dune buggies, and all-terrain vehicles) on operators, bystanders, and forest recreationists. Kariel (1978, 1980) studied campers' evaluation of natural, person-related, and technological sounds commonly experienced at campgrounds. Harrison, Clark, and Stankey (1980), using the Outdoor Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, discussed the unacceptability of noise in Forest

Service recreation areas in general terms. Dailey and Redman (1975), in suggesting guidelines for campsite spacing, described physical and psychological properties of a number of human-related noises often associated with recreation in roadless areas. Dellora, Martin, and Saunders (1984) synthesized their laboratory studies of conflicts between four-wheel-drive users, bushwalkers, picnickers, and other recreationists in Victoria, Australia.

3. METHOD

Data for the reaction of people to sounds are from two studies by Kariel (1978; 1980) in which evaluations were measured by attitude surveys. In the first study, visitors (n=713) to highway-oriented campgrounds in three of Canada's mountain national parks (Banff, Yoho, and Kootenay) were asked to rate a number of nature-, person-, and technology-related sounds commonly heard in these settings, on a five-point, bipolar, pleasantness-annoyance scale, even if they had not experienced them all. Mean values of these ratings were computed and ranked, from the most pleasing (water, campfires, and wind) to the most annoying (car noise, motor or trail bikes, and chain saws) (Table 1 and Figure 1). Questions about such items as trip purpose, type of sleeping accommodation used, ownership of noise-producing items, and experience with particularly annoying sounds were also asked. Additional information, such as time of day effect, was gained in conversation with interviewees following completion of the questionnaire.

Results showed that sounds which are considered most annoying are technology-related, those as acceptable or neutral were usually person-related, and nature-related ones were deemed most pleasing. If a sound was considered annoying, the degree of annoyance was greater in the evening than during the day and greatest at night. The evaluation of pleasing sounds was constant regardless of time of day. Agreement among respondents was greatest with respects to sounds considered pleasant, next greatest for annoying sounds, and least for acceptable ones.

Additional information was provided by analyzing the relationship between the evaluations of sounds and other questions asked of respondents.

– *Purpose of the trip:* Sounds which represent possible conflicts or which might interfere with enjoyment of the trip purpose were considered annoying. Those persons whose major purpose was hiking were more annoyed by person- and technology-related sounds than those who had other trip purposes. Individuals whose primary purpose was camping were less bothered by persons talking, but found sounds from horses and mules annoying; those picnicking were not as bothered by all sounds. Fishermen disliked sounds of pets, which they felt would interfere with fishing and swimmers found the sound of wind unpleasant.

– *Sleeping accommodation:* People who slept in tents were more pleased with natural sounds and more annoyed by person- and technology-related ones, and generally preferred a quieter environment than those in other accommodations.

Table 1. Mean rating of sound sources, from Pleasing (1) to Annoying (5) for persons staying at highway-oriented campgrounds and mountaineers at a mountaineering camp.

Source	Campers	Mountaineers
Water	1.20	1.30*
Campfire	1.32	1.76
Wind	1.40	1.21*
Birds, insects, or other native animals	1.44	1.42
Horses or mules	2.34	2.42
Chopping wood	2.39	2.65
Persons' activities	2.67	3.09*
Persons talking	2.81	3.11
Radio	3.28	4.56*
Pets	3.31	3.84*
Trains	3.53	4.04*
Motorboats	3.75	4.83*
Aircraft	3.78	4.20*
Road or highway traffic	4.00	4.61*
Snowmobiles	4.27	4.61*
Car noise (door slamming, horn blowing, engine running, etc.)	4.29	4.76*
Motor or trail bikes	4.36	4.98*
Chainsaws	4.37	4.48

*Difference between the two groups is statistically significant at $P < 0.05$

- *Previous camping experience*: More experienced campers found sounds from radios, trains, motor boats, and cars more annoying than did those who had taken fewer trips.
- *Trip duration*: Length of trip, whether overnight or of several weeks' duration made no difference.
- *Value attached to camping experience*: Those who placed a greater value on camping experience tended to be more pleased with nature-related sounds as well as those associated with camping than were other individuals. They were also more annoyed with sounds from highways and motor or trail bikes.
- *Ownership of noise-producing items*: Those persons who owned a noise-producing item were less annoyed by its sound than were others: pet owners liked the sound of pets, chain saw owners were less annoyed than non-owners by their sound.

Of those respondents who had experienced particularly annoying sounds (N = 487), the most frequently mentioned sounds were person-related (people being raucous or noisy, playing the radio or

tape deck); sound of motorbikes, trail bikes, and similar equipment; that of trains; dogs barking; and automobile and traffic noise. Forty six per cent of all respondents had discussed annoying sounds with fellow campers. As was also found in other studies (TRACOR 1969), only a minority, 13%, had discussed annoyances with officials.

Additional data are from Kariel (1980) in which the same procedure for obtaining sound ratings was used in a backcountry area. Participants (n=46) of the Alpine Club of Canada were interviewed at a general mountaineering camp held near Glacier Lake, in Banff National Park. The sound ratings were treated in the same way as in the first study and the ordering was similar for both groups ($r_s = 0.91, z = 3.74$) (Table 1 and Figure 1). While mountaineers differed little from highway-oriented campers in their evaluation of nature-related sounds, they rated person-related ones as somewhat less acceptable, and technology-related sounds considerably more annoying. This difference, although not as strong, also showed up when the small

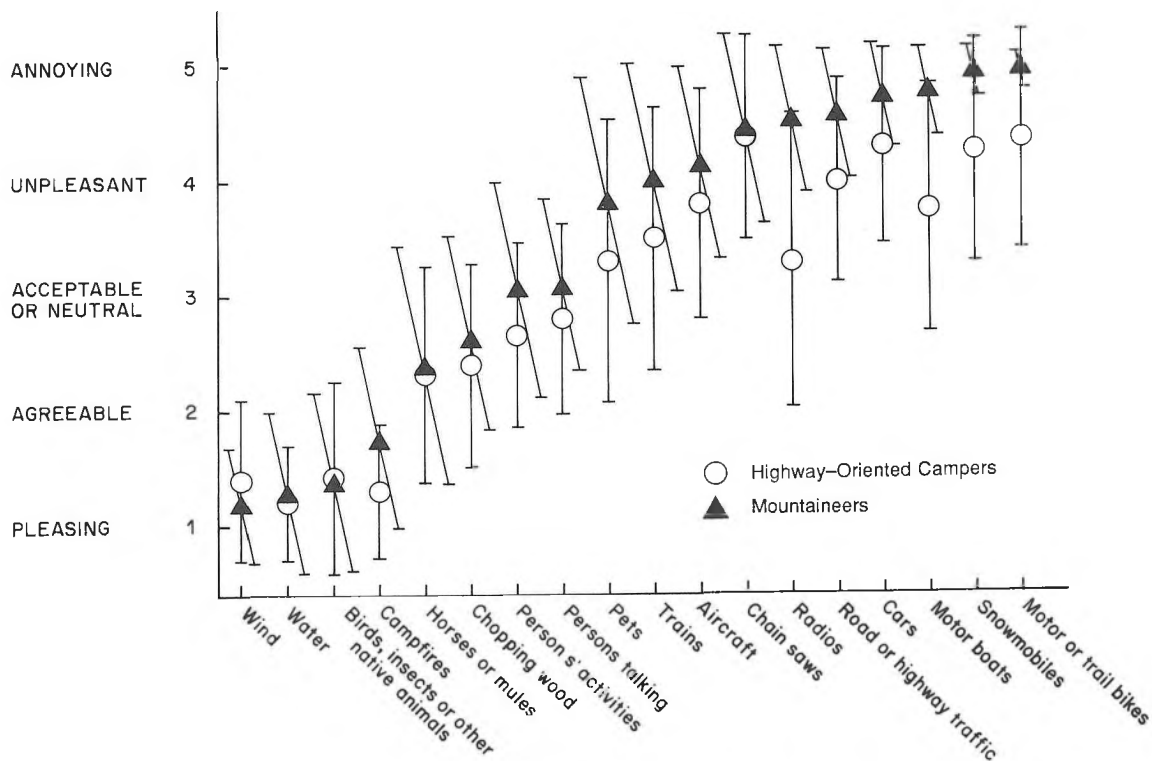


Figure 1. Comparison between highway-oriented campers and mountaineers in their rating of sound sources.

group of highway-oriented campers who had given mountaineering as a trip purpose (n=17) was analyzed. Hence, these differences probably relate to the fact that mountaineers are generally more wilderness purist in their viewpoints and characteristics than highway-oriented campers.

Sound pressure level data were obtained in the field and were supplemented by those reported in other studies (for example: U.S. EPA 1971; Dailey and Redman 1975; Harrison 1974a and Ohlson 1976). Sound pressure level measurements collected specifically for this study were made and recorded using a single channel version with a of 40 dB range for each setting or more than a total range of 140 dB, of the data acquisition system described in Jones and Babott (1977). This system consists of a microphone which picks up the sound, a box containing circuitry which converts the sound into digital form, and a cassette tape recorder for storing the digitized data. The recorded data are then played back via an interface into a computer for analysis and printed out. The printout includes various L_x values, all in dB(A), but only L_{eq} values are reported since L_{eq} , L_{10} , and L_{dn} are all equally good predictors of subjective response and is the accepted current practice (Hall and Taylor 1977; Fidell, Barber and Schultz 1991). A few measurements were made by observing the sound pressure level, as measured by a sound level meter, over a period of time and calculating L_{eq} . Some impact sounds, such as chopping wood were read off a sound level meter, recorded and averaged, a procedure which provides an approximation of L_{50} . The microphone and measuring instrument used was a standard GENRAD 1565-B sound level meter. All readings were taken on the dB(A) scale. Those readers who wish to convert sound pressure level to Sones can apply the appropriate equation.

The microphone or sound level meter was either positioned or, in a few instances, hand-held approximately 1.5m above the ground. The distance from the sound varied with the source, but approximated that of the nearest camper, since it was reasonable to believe that those persons nearest the source and therefore exposed to the higher sound pressure level would evaluate the sound as more annoying than those at a greater distance. All recordings were taken at campgrounds or in similar settings except for those for a helicopter, which were taken on a mountain slope at an elevation roughly similar to that of the helicopter (2450m, 8,500 ft.) and at a distance of about 3km.

Weather and other environmental conditions were generally good at times of recording. There was no

rain, and wind varied from calm to light breeze, except when the sound of wind through trees was specifically recorded. Cloud cover ranged from overcast and scattered clouds to clear. Vegetation varied from grassy areas with shrubbery to open forest, and topography was reasonably level.

4. RESULTS

The sound pressure level of the sources varied considerably, ranging from a low of 22 to 27 dB(A) for those of insects to a high of 83 dB(A) for chainsaws (Table 2). This variation is not only due to the sounds themselves, but also to the distance to the sound source as well as environmental factors. When these sound pressure levels were related to their ranking on the pleasantness-annoyance scale, using the broader categories of the questionnaire, there was no apparent relationship ($r=0.20$); that is, the level of annoyance appeared to be independent of dB(A) level. Examination of the particularly annoying sounds reported as having been experienced also showed that there was little relationship to sound pressure levels alone.

5. CAUTIONARY COMMENTS

Before discussing findings, some cautionary comments regarding the data on noise levels and the responses given on the questionnaires should be made.

- All sound level values are not directly comparable, since different ones were used in different studies. For example, peak levels were reported in U.S. EPA, Dailey and Redman used L_{50} , and the author used L_{eq} as well as direct readings of peak values.
- Different methods were used to record data, ranging in sophistication from reading a sound level meter directly by eye to a complex system involving analysis of the statistics of the sound levels.
- The duration of the sound samples varied, being quite short for direct sound level meter readings, especially for impact type sounds and longer for continuous ones.
- Distances from sound sources varied among and within studies. Dailey and Redman, for example, used 15.2m (50 ft.), while I tried to use the distance from the sound source to the nearest campsite.
- The sound pressure level of a source may have quite a range, depending upon various factors, such as whether a radio is turned on especially high (full blast), the number of persons in a group and how loudly they sing, whether a helicopter is taking off or flying, a trail bike is being accelerated, or if a wild animal is charging, or merely ambling along.

Table 2. Range of sound pressure level at the observer in dB(A) of various sound sources in rural recreational environments: at different distances, under various environmental conditions, and by different researchers.

83	Chainsaw ^a 15.2m	50-62	Birds, terns and gulls call notes ^f
78	Person yelling ^b 15.2m	50	Crickets ^e
76	Safety whistle ^b 15.2m	49.9	Chopping wood 5m
74	Trail bike ^c 15.2m	48	Wind blowing through trees
73.6	Aircraft, small 100m	48	Conversation ^b 15.2m
73	Snowmobile ^d 15.2m	48	Birds ^e
73	Dogs howling ^e	47.8	Persons talking, taking pictures, etc. 15m
72	Harmonica ^b 15.2m		
>70	Aircraft, small ^f 300-400m	47-48	Creek, small, with rapids 15m
70	Aircraft sight-seeing, Grand Canyon ^e	46.6	Automobile, warming up 30m
68	Helicopter 150m	45.1-55.5	Helicopter, ca. 3km
66-71	Chopping wood 5m	45	Background, 1m opposite small rapids of ca.5m wide brook ^b
66	Pounding tent stakes ^b 15.2m		
66	Clattering pans ^b 15.2m	44.9	Birds, crows, call notes 20m
65.1	Motor boat trolling 75m	44.3	Campfire with persons talking 25m
65-68	Persons talking 20m		
64.8	Car door being slammed 10m	44	Radio, playing music 25m
64	Chopping wood ^b 15.2m	43.4	Garbage container being opened and closed 40m
62.0	Wind, fresh breeze blowing through trees		
61.2	Creek, small with rapids 5m	43	Camp stove 5m
60	Singing ^b 15.2m	42.8	Aircraft, small at high altitude
60	Dogs barking ^e	42-52	Road traffic 100m
59.8	Campfire 2m	40-46	Chipmunks 10m
57.5	Diesel generator 50m	39	Squirrel ^e
57	Trail bikes 100m	36.1	Road traffic 100m
55-68	Persons washing dishes, doing camp chores 15m	35.5	Automobile, engine idling 30m
		35	Background, coniferous forest, low wind ^b
54.8	Wind, gusty, with rustling of tree foilage		
53.8	Birds, woodpeckers, call notes 5m	34-41	Birds, chaffinch song notes ^f 30-100m
53.6	Train in distance 1km		
53.0	Persons setting up camp 15m	30.7	Bird flying along lakeshore 15m
52.9	Campfire 5m	30	Background, meadow, low wind conditions ^b .
52.9	Birds, woodpeckers, call notes 5m		
52	Radio playing music ^e	30	Wind, rustling of grass and brush
52	Guitar ^b 15.2m	23.4	Background, open mountain slope
51.9	Persons eating and talking 15m	22-27	Insects ^f
50.2	Creek, medium size 15m	16	Background, rim of Grand Canyon ^e

Unless footnoted, sound pressure levels are the author's measurements; L_{eq} in decimals, L_{50} and peak values in whole numbers, and distances are estimates. More than one value for a source indicates measurements were made by different researchers or under different conditions. Distances, where shown, are the author's or as given in the sources.

- Myles, Hirvonen, Embleton, and Toole (1971) L_{50} .
- Dailey and Redman (1975) peak values.
- Harrison (1974a) peak value.
- Sound rating tag on Bombardier Nordic Safari 503R, at 15.2m (50') and 78dB(A) at wide-open throttle, in accordance with Society of Automotive Engineers regulations J1161 and J192A.
- U.S.EPA (1971) peak values.
- Ohlson (1976) L_{50} values.

- There were some differences between the sounds measured and those which were identified on the questionnaire in the attitude survey. Those on the attitude survey included both specific and generalized ones, while the measured sounds were nearly all specific. For purposes of analysis, specific sounds, such as persons talking, were grouped under the generalized sound, persons' activities.
- Questions regarding the duration of sounds were not included in the survey.
- Respondents probably generalized sounds to averages on the basis of past experiences or anticipations of them in the future, and hence did not include consideration of persistence in terms of duration or frequency, or particularly loud ones.

6. DISCUSSION

Despite the limitations and biases which may have been introduced by the items pointed out above, the overall finding that annoyance is independent of dB(A), within the range of sound pressure levels studied, appears to be reasonable in light of the data available and our present understanding of annoyance from noise in outdoor recreational environments.

If sound pressure level alone is not a good predictor of annoyance, how is it related to annoyance and how else can persons' evaluations of noise in rural or outdoor recreational environments be accounted for? It would appear that several complexly interrelated factors relating to the physical characteristics of the sounds themselves and those concerning their socio-psychological aspects influence the way in which people evaluate different sounds.

Regarding the physical characteristics of sounds, transportation and community noise studies have found that sound pressure level is related to annoyance, i.e. higher sound pressure levels are more annoying than lower sound pressure levels (Galloway and Jones, 1974; Kryter, 1985). Although this finding was not born out in this study, I suspect that person- and technology-related sounds would also be deemed more annoying at higher levels.

Sounds of higher-pitch or frequency tend to be more annoying than lower-pitched ones. Also, rhythmic sounds, such as those from engines, as well as those which are irregular or intermittent, are judged to be more annoying than continuous ones, even when other properties are the same (Dailey and Redman, 1975). On the other hand, noises which have a random component, such as those from wind, flowing water, and other nature-related sources, tend to be considered more pleasing.

A number of researchers have pointed to the importance of the socio-psychological or perceived meaning or connotation of a noise (Parry and Parry, 1972; Harrison, 1974b; Dailey and Redman, 1975; Schultz, 1978). When a sound is heard, people interpret, evaluate, and attach meaning and significance to it and also judge its appropriateness for the setting, whether it is potentially harmful or helpful, how it relates to past experience, and the like.

The total experience in the setting is important in judging a sound's appropriateness. If we consider only the source of a sound, a stream for example, we take it out of context. We then ignore the larger scene as well as the activity in which the person evaluating the sound may be engaged.

Sounds which are interpreted as aiding or benefiting an activity are evaluated positively, while those deemed as interfering with or being detrimental to an activity or as being harmful are considered to be displeasing or annoying. Sounds may include noises which interfere with conversation, sleeping, relaxing, or other activity. The thresholds interfering with conversation and sleep seem to be approximately 45 and 35 dB(A) respectively (Kryter, 1985).

As the primary reasons for visiting rural or outdoor recreational environments are to escape the noise of urban areas, enjoy the natural scene, reduce tension, and obtain tranquility or solitude (Driver, Nash, and Haas, 1987), sounds which are felt to interfere with these experiences will be considered as annoying. In this connection it should be mentioned that, since sounds are detectable, and hence identifiable, from great distances and at very low levels, even without registering on a sound level meter, they can be intrusive and provoke reactions.

Expectations and ideas about which sounds are appropriate in a specific environment and at a particular time are also important in determining their annoyance. This helps to explain why people who stay at campgrounds only overnight are more tolerant of noises than those who use them as a destination or for a longer period of time. Although off-road vehicles are not ordinarily heard at campgrounds, it is noteworthy that, where their presence is considered inevitable, as with dune buggies at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, sound pressure levels of 85 dB at 15.2m (50ft.) were considered acceptable (Harrison 1974b). Also, the sound of chain saws, for example, might be considered less annoying in Finland or Sweden where they are seen as a natural part of forested environments.

Instances of preventability or misfeasance, such as when persons have their radio turned on loudly, or are joy-riding a trail bike around a campground, are considered annoying. This reaction is similar to what has been found in transportation noise studies (Galloway and Jones, 1974; Leonard and Borsky, 1974, for example). In transportation studies, instances of misfeasance are considered extra annoying, at the same sound pressure level compared with normally anticipated operation of vehicles, while sounds which have a presumed utility and are infrequent are deemed sub-annoying. In addition, sounds over which persons feel they have no control or which are unpredictable, are considered annoying (Glass and Singer, 1974).

At the same time people will be tolerant of or even pleased with a disturbing sound, at least for a short time period, if they believe that it will aid or benefit an experience or activity, such as the sound of a chain saw used for cutting wood or the sound of a snowmobile or helicopter when it signifies that rescue is on the way.

A number of other items contribute to the annoyance of a sound. Sounds which engender fear, such as those from wild animals, and prior experiences with sounds are also important in determining their degree of annoyance. Persons who have had pleasant experiences with horses find the sound made by them pleasing, while others with less pleasant memories, such as hiking on trails disturbed by them, dislike their sound. The same holds true of sounds made by native mammals, especially bears and by insects, such as mosquitos. Time of day and type of sleeping accommodation also relate to annoyance. For sounds which are considered annoying, the degree of annoyance is greater in the evening than during the day and greatest at night, whereas the evaluation of pleasing sounds is constant regardless of time of day. In addition, I suspect that some sounds will become annoying if they continue for long time periods.

7. IMPLICATIONS

The results of this study as well as others can be used for planning purposes in rural or outdoor recreational environments to enhance the recreational experience of users. It appears to be important to keep the level of human- and technology-related sounds generally low; if possible below the background level of about 15-20 dB(A). In discussing guidelines for planning campsite locations so as to minimize annoyance from noise, Dailey and Redman (1975) suggested that they be located laterally along streams and so as to take advantage of environmental features, such as natural relief and vegetation, but not near lake shores or in meadows. Disturbance from noise may also be

minimized by designating different areas for different types of accommodations, such as recreational vehicles, trailers, and tents. Special sections might also be set aside for late arrivals. It would also be desirable to restrict or regulate the use of sound-producing items, such as aircraft overflights, snowmobiles, generators in motor homes, motor boats, and radios, in order to safeguard a recreational milieu. This could be done by legally designating recreational areas as noise-sensitive, limiting noise levels, and making quietness a condition of use. Patrolling campsites and equitable enforcement of regulations is obviously tricky and managers are often hesitant to do so. It would appear, however, that the preponderance of campers would be willing to accept regulations as long as they were reasonable and fairly and impartially administered (Hendee *et al.* 1968). Education concerning the need for low sound levels is probably the most effective way to preserve a quiet atmosphere. Signs such as the ones used in many European cities showing an automobile horn with a red slash through it, might be effective reminders.

If the findings of this study also apply to other rural areas where ambient sound pressure levels are generally low and natural sounds predominate, then nature- and person-related sounds would also be considered pleasing or acceptable. On the other hand, continuous or intermittent technological or mechanical sounds, such as those emitted by compressors and other equipment at gas processing plants, would be deemed annoying even at quite low sound pressure levels or at levels falling within the Alberta ERCB (Energy Resources Conservation Board) directive of between 40 and 56 dB(A) L_{eq} . Such sounds have been considered annoying by persons living near such a plant (Deets, pers. comm.). Annoyance would be aggravated at higher sound pressure levels which occasionally occur. Such exotic sounds are urban-type intrusions into rural settings and interfere with the serenity experienced in them. Since affected individuals would likely express their displeasure and possible frustration more vociferously if little or nothing is done to alleviate annoyance, it would appear wise to restrict such sounds to the immediate vicinity of the source. Other technology-related sounds, such as those of road traffic, farm machinery, or even road construction, would likely be tolerated because they are of relatively short duration or interpreted as benefiting rural residents.

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BOTTOM LOSS IN AREAS WITH ICE-RAFTED SEDIMENTS

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ABSTRACT

Bottom loss vs grazing angle data was obtained for a location in Baffin Bay. The analysis showed bottom losses decreasing with frequency, for frequencies from 20 to 630 Hz. This feature fits the hypothesis of the presence of ice-rafted sediments, which could be modelled by adding a thin layer of high-impedance material at the sediment surface. Other areas of the North Atlantic Ocean have shown similar features in their bottom loss curves and sediment configuration. The thin-layer approximation appears to be valid for areas where ice-rafting is dominant. Turbidity currents may possibly create the same phenomenon.

SOMMAIRE

Des analyses de pertes acoustiques en fonction de l'angle d'incidence rasante ont été produites pour une région dans la baie de Baffin. L'analyse a démontré que les pertes acoustiques dues au fond marin diminuent avec la fréquence, pour des fréquences allant de 20 Hz à 630 Hz. Cette caractéristique soutient l'hypothèse de la présence de sédiments déposés par les glaciers (floes), ce qui peut être modélisé en ajoutant une mince couche de matériel de grande impédance à la surface des sédiments. D'autres régions de l'océan Atlantique Nord ont montré des caractéristiques semblables dans leurs courbes de pertes acoustiques dues au fond marin et dans leur configuration de sédiments. L'approximation faite avec la couche mince semble être valide pour les régions où les floes sont dominants. Les courants de turbidité peuvent vraisemblablement créer le même phénomène.

1. INTRODUCTION

Sound propagation in Arctic regions has recently taken on a new importance, and an effort has been made over the past few years to collect and analyze acoustic data from several Northern areas. DREA produced an analysis of bottom losses vs grazing angle for one station in Baffin Bay which presents an interesting case of what could be a thin layering at the sediment surface. The hypothesis was made that the particular sediment configuration was due to ice-rafted sediments, which are a main characteristic of this northern area.

The experiment is described and the bottom loss vs grazing angle data are presented. Extensive modelling was done to support the thin layer hypothesis. This hypothesis seems to be valid for areas where either ice-rafting and/or turbidity currents are the main sediment transportation agents.

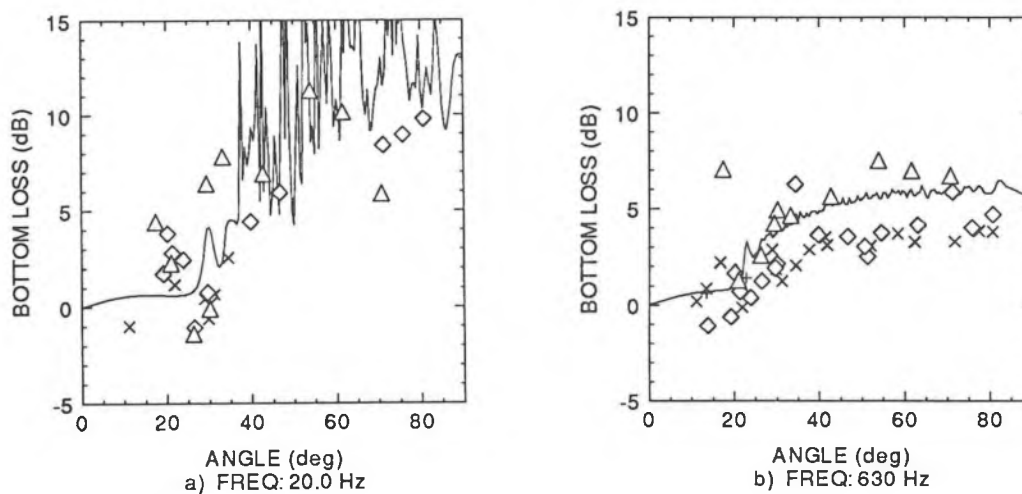
2. EXPERIMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS

The experiment was conducted by DREA at an unspecified site in Baffin Bay (the site will be referred to as station 1).

The research vessel CFAV QUEST deployed and monitored an experimental dipole array of hydrophones (EDA), and HMCS CORMORANT dropped charges along two radial tracks approximately 70 km long, each ending at the station (with approximately 60° between the tracks). 1.8 lb explosive sound sources were used, with a detonation depth around 200 m. The omnidirectional hydrophone depths were set at approximately 300 m. The water depth was relatively constant along the two tracks.

The analysis of the data was done using a set of shot analysis programs available at DREA (Desharnais and Peters, 1989). The programs divide the transients into their diverse components (according to the number of bottom interactions for each component). The energy levels of each component are calculated for several frequency bands of one-third of an octave. Six centre frequencies were chosen, from 20 to 630 Hz. The results, ie. data points of bottom loss vs grazing angle, are shown in Figures 1a and b for 20 and 630 Hz respectively. The grazing angle is the angle between an acoustic propagation vector and the seabed.

The symbols indicate the different number of bottom interactions. The reader is reminded that the lower the number, the more reliable are the data. The data with higher



Figures 1a,b. Bottom loss vs grazing angle, for 20 and 630 Hz, data and SAFARI modelling.
 Symbols: ▲ = 1 bottom bounce; ◆ = 2 bb; ✕ = 3 bb; += 4 bb; — = SAFARI.

orders of bottom bounces are consistently lower than the one bottom bounce data at high grazing angles. This problem occurs when the different energy arrivals are too close in time to accurately estimate independently the separate energy levels. The bottom loss is not well defined at very low grazing angles, for any frequency. This problem is due to the low number of charges at long distances. At higher grazing angles, we observe bottom losses decreasing with increasing frequency. Effectively, the bottom losses cluster around 10 dB for the low frequencies (20, 40 Hz), and gradually decrease for higher frequencies (315, 630 Hz), where the values reach 5-6 dB (one bottom bounce data).

3. DATA MODELLING

The model used was SAFARI (Seismo-Acoustic Fast field Algorithm for Range-Independent environments; see Schmidt, 1988). This normal-mode based model can include shear waves for a multi-layered stratified medium. It has the capability to calculate plane-wave reflection coefficients, from which the reflection losses are obtained. In this case, due to the particular geometry of the experiment, these reflection losses are taken to be a good approximation of the observed bottom losses. The geology of the site and the modelling parameters that we used are presented next, followed by the modelling results.

3.1 Geology

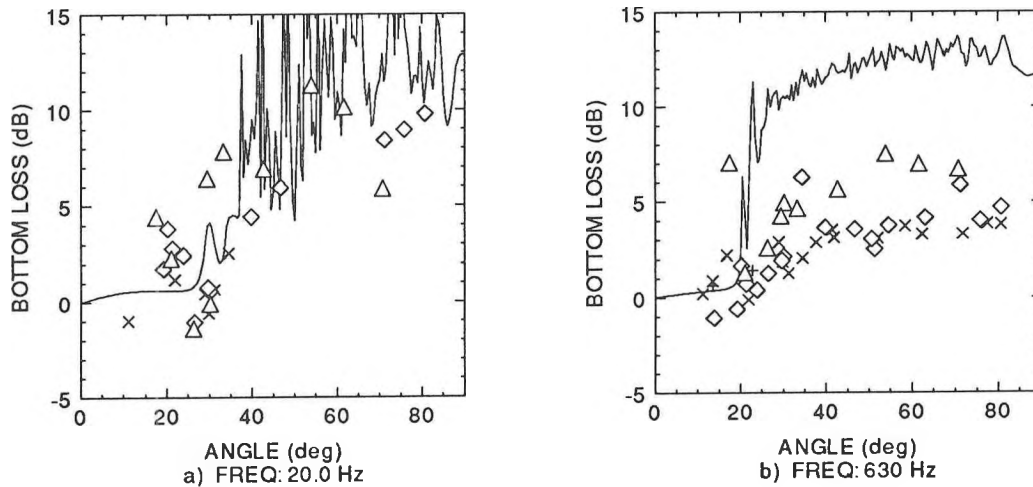
Jackson, Keen and Barrett (1977) as well as Keen and Barrett (1972) published seismic refraction and reflection measurements taken in Baffin Bay. These two references thus supply compressional sound speeds and densities for the

main bottom layers, down to the mantle. Because of the nature of these measurements, the layers are crudely defined and do not provide a sufficiently refined description of the surface layer.

Several authors though reported core analysis for the area of Baffin Bay where ice-rafting prevails [Aksu and Hiscott (1989), Aksu and Piper (1979), A. Grant (1971) and J. Marlowe (1968)]. The first few centimetres are predominantly composed of a yellow-brown to brown gravelly, sandy mud. Scattered pebbles and gravel are present, because of the ice-rafting. Mud aggregates beds (from submarine slumping, and further transportation by suspended flows) were also found in thin layers, in the first few meters. These aggregates might contain as much as 80% of sand-size grains.

A compressional sound speed profile associated with the above bottom description is insufficient to model the data realistically. Even though it represents well the high losses at low frequencies, an additional feature, like the presence of a thin reflector near the surface, is required to explain the low losses at higher frequencies (630 Hz). A high-impedance thin layer would reflect the high frequency energy, but would be transparent to longer wavelengths, ie lower frequencies, which would be absorbed by the soft material underneath the reflector.

Such a thin layer in fact is not unusual since it has been reported in many other areas of the North Atlantic Ocean where core analyses are available. It has been observed in certain areas of Labrador Sea (Gallagher, 1973), Hatteras Abyssal Plains (Tucholke, 1980), Sohm Abyssal Plains (Horn et al., 1969), etc.



Figures 2a,b. As figures 1a,b without the thin layer at the sediment surface.

Symbols: \blacktriangle = 1 bottom bounce; \blacklozenge = 2 bb; \times = 3 bb; $+$ = 4 bb; — = SAFARI.

A thin layer was therefore added to the bottom parameters to obtain a better modelling of the data. An improvement was indeed observed. The best fit was obtained with the addition of a high-impedance layer slightly below the sediment-water interface, between the depths of approximately 0.1 and 0.75 m. The compressional sound speed varies from 1600 to 1830 m/s within the layer, and the density is from 1.6 to 2 g/cm³. The final compressional sound speed profile used to model the sediment and bottom is shown in Figure 3; the top 11 m of sediment is detailed on the inset of Figure 3. Other parameters necessary to model the data, and not found in the previously mentioned literature, were derived from Hamilton (1987).

3.2 Modelling Results

Figures 1a and b show, along with the data, the modelling results averaged in one-third octave bands (solid curves), using realistic geo-acoustic parameters (including the thin high-impedance layer at the sediment-water interface). For a comparison, the modelling results obtained with the same parameters, but without the surficial thin layer, are shown in Figures 2a and b, also with the data. The addition of the thin layer yields highly improved results at higher frequencies, as seen at 630 Hz. The oscillations produced by the model at low frequencies are due to the multiple interactions between the acoustic energy and the different bottom layers (resonance effect). The effect is less obvious at high frequencies since the wavelengths are much shorter. At all frequencies, the agreement is within 2-3 dB (except for a few data points) between the modelled and the experimental results, and the difference is even less if we consider only the one-bottom-bounce data points. This good agreement seems to indicate that the geo-acoustical parameters used to model

the station 1 data are realistic if the thin layer is included. The small amount of data at low grazing angles makes it hard to conclude anything about the validity of the model at these angles, and on the real shear speeds for station 1. The negative bottom losses seem to indicate that a fair amount of energy is refracted within the sediments. Since SAFARI produces reflection loss data, and not bottom loss data, it cannot effectively model the negative bottom losses due to this phenomenon, even though it handles bottom-refracted waves very well.

There is also some scatter in the data arising from different numbers of bottom interactions. This could be due partly to the lower reliability of the data for higher bottom bounce arrivals, since at this point the signal to noise ratios can be fairly low. Discrepancies at angles above 30° can also be related to the time spreading of the signal. As explained by Vidmar and Oakley (1987), the energy of the first bottom bounce arrival can persist into the two-bottom bounce arrival and so on. This overlapping was found to be negligible for the first bottom bounce arrival, though it could lower the bottom loss of the two and three bottom bounce arrivals by 2-3 dB, as we can observe in Figure 1b. Vidmar and Oakley correlated these discrepancies with scattering from the sea surface; this effect would be mainly observed at wind speeds above 10 kt. Winds of 10 kt and over were effectively recorded for one of our runs, and such a phenomenon could therefore have affected about half the data points.

4. DISCUSSION

The bottom-loss data have been successfully modelled using geophysical parameters that are realistic for the area, and the

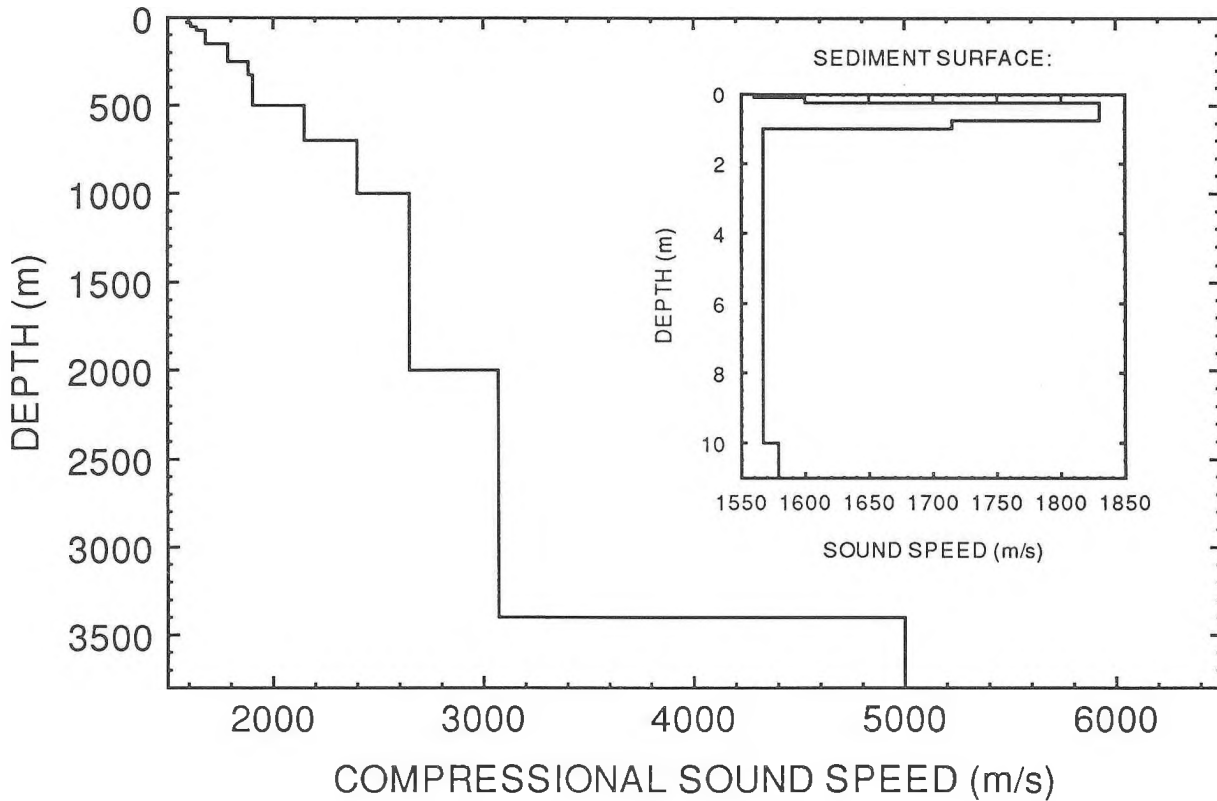


Figure 3. Compressional sound speed profile of the sediments and bottom, used to produce the results of Figure 1. Depth 0 is the water-sediment interface.

addition to the model of a thin layer with a high impedance near the sediment-water interface. Gallagher (1973) has presented the following hypothesis to explain a similar thin layer found at one site in the Labrador Sea. For this particular location, the thin layer has two components: one upper section composed of coarse material overlying a lower section of finer material. Turbidity currents and, to a lesser extent, ice-rafting, are to be held accountable for the presence of coarse material at the sediment surface (upper section of the thin layer), since the material is of the same type as the adjacent continental shelf and land masses. This coarse material is of higher density and sound speed than the sediments that would otherwise be found in the Labrador Sea. The underlying fine material has a higher percent clay size component than other typical cores of the North Atlantic, and it has a lower water content and a higher strength than the coarse layer. The overburden load caused by the coarse layer would have decreased the water content of the underlying material, and increased its sound speed and density. This mechanism would account for the high impedance of the lower section of the thin layer. Care must be taken, however, when considering this mechanism, since

it was observed that the fine, high-speed material of the thin layer contained a high percentage of sand. The measurements performed on the core samples to determine water content may therefore be unreliable, since there is a possibility that water escaped during the core sampling, and that the high impedance of the layer was solely due to the high sand content within the layer, and not to the low water content.

It is possible that a similar "coarse layer overload" could explain the data collected at station 1. Ice-rafting is the main sediment transportation agent for at least the first several metres of sediments, in addition to the less important effect of turbidity currents and debris-flow deposits (which could be more important for different layers of the bottom, or different areas). Because of the ice-rafting, there are mud aggregates with high percentages of sand, and a certain amount of sand-mud mixtures, with a high variability in the porosity.

The sediment type at station 1 therefore appears to have a different origin than that shown in Gallagher's data, though

both areas present sandy types of material close to the surface, and coarse material right at the sediment surface. On a first analysis, the same arguments could be used to explain the similar sound speed profiles at the sediment surface for these two areas. Unfortunately, these mixtures are not pure sand, and may not justify an impedance for the thin layer as high as found necessary to model the data. One explanation for this problem might be some water drainage from the sand layers interbedded with the mud layers. This drainage would explain the porosity reduction and the high impedance of the layer. It should also be added that it is possible that the thin layer that was added to the model could also be found at greater depths. Since the high-frequency energy is reflected mostly by the first thin layer, deeper layers cannot be acoustically seen. The model as it stands is still valid, however, since it fits the data very well.

Other processes could also explain the presence of a thin layer at the sediment surface at station 1. The theory of a permafrost layer could possibly explain this peculiar layer. It may also be that the layer is some type of crust due to evaporation of chemicals, although the core analysis did not indicate the presence of any such consolidated material right at the surface. Neither is erosion a satisfactory answer, since it would not explain the thinness of the layer. However, gas hydrates have a similarly high impedance (Max, 1990), and it is possible that they could appear at a relatively small depth within the sediment, although why solid hydrates would form near the sediment surface only could not be explained.

It can therefore be concluded that the most satisfactory explanation for the observed bottom loss phenomenon is that a singular sediment configuration appears when ice-rafting or turbidity currents are mainly responsible for sediment transportation. This type of sediment seems to incorporate a near surface layer probably consisting of coarse grains and low water content; this structure has the effect of increasing the speed and thus the impedance of that layer.

There are methods to determine the sound speed and the thickness of a thin layer using relative arrival time differences from separate energy arrivals (see for example Herstein, Dullea and Santaniello, 1979). Such a method will be tested in the near future as an attempt to confirm the presence of a thin layer at the sediment surface of station 1.

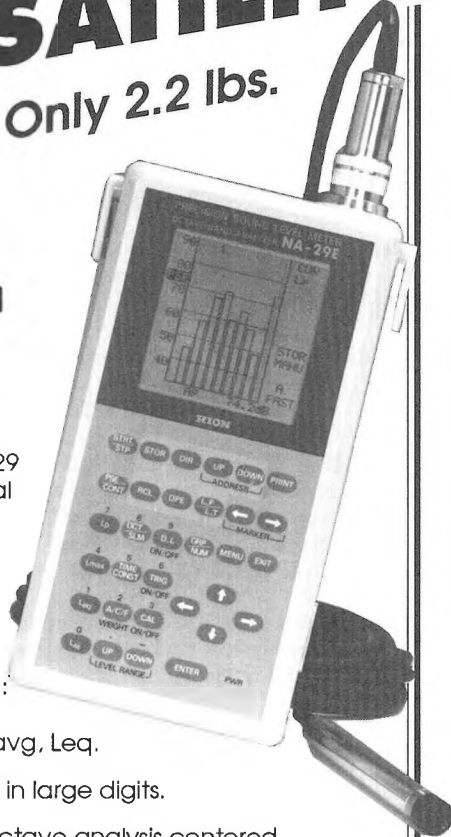
Assuming that we confirm the presence of the layer, it would be interesting to analyze other North Atlantic Ocean sites, and see if the presence of a thin layer is a fairly common phenomenon, extended to more areas where we can have either ice-rafting and/or turbidity currents.

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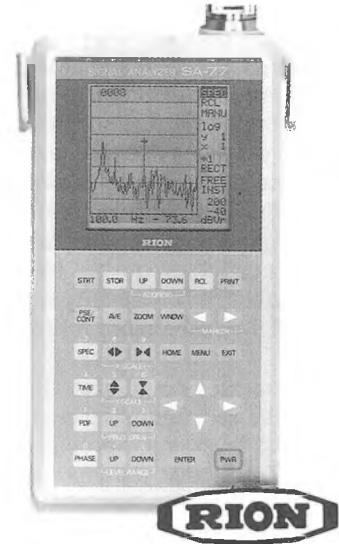
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SUMMARY

This paper evaluates the accuracy of the CSA ABC class system for rating hearing protectors. The noise level of the protected ear of twelve protectors (six Class A and six Class B) subjected to twelve noises were calculated. It was shown that there is large variation among sound levels from both protector classes as well as overlaps, resulting mostly in overprotection. It is recommended that the ABC system be changed to some other rating system used by the international community.

SOMMAIRE

Cet article s'intéresse à l'adéquacité de la classification ABC dans l'ACNOR pour l'évaluation des protecteurs auditifs. Le niveau de pression acoustique atteignant l'oreille protégée par douze protecteurs différents (six de classe A et six de classe B) soumis à douze bruits différents est calculé. Les résultats démontrent une dispersion importante des niveaux de pression acoustique ainsi que des chevauchements pour les deux classes de protecteurs, résultent principalement en une "sur-protection". Il est recommandé que le système ABC soit écarté au profit d'un autre système d'évaluation utilisée par la communauté internationale.

1.0 OBJECTIVE

The ABC Classification system in the CSA Standard for hearing protectors⁽¹⁾ has been under discussion for many years within the CSA Committee as well as among the Canadian scientific community, manufacturers and users. The fact that Canada is the only place in the world where this system is used has been often pointed out. Also, the ease and simplicity in using the NRR⁽²⁾ as a simplified substitute to the NIOSH "long" method⁽³⁾ has been debated.

This paper intends to bring a different approach to this discussion by examining the intrinsic value of the ABC system. To this effect, sound level of the protected ear, resulting from the use of twelve protectors (six Class A and six Class B) in twelve different noises was calculated. Accuracy of the system was examined by analyzing overlaps and spreads of sound levels of the protected ear when using Class A and B protectors. The adequacy of using a particular class of protector for a given noise was also tested

for the noises used in the study.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

Protectors are intended to reduce the sound level that reaches the tympanic membrane of the ear of a person exposed to noise ("sound level of the protected ear"). Consequently, the sound attenuation is one of the most important parameters of a protector. The almost universally accepted ANSI method⁽⁵⁾ (similar to the ISO one⁽⁶⁾) allows for the measurement of the protector's sound attenuation at each one of the measurement frequencies, 125 Hz through 8000 Hz. It also provides a mean for assessing the variability between and within test subjects using the standard deviation of the measured attenuations.

Results from the measurement of the attenuation of protectors are used to:

- (a) determine if a protector is appropriate for a given noise by calculating the sound level of the protected ear, and
- (b) compare protectors.

A variety of methods allow for the calculation of the sound level of the protected ear, using attenuation values measured in laboratories around the world. It is well known that those attenuations are higher than these obtained in real world situations. Because all classification methods use the same source of information, (laboratory measured attenuations), the same criticism regarding non-realistic results applies to all and everyone of the prediction methods.

2.2 The ABC Classification System

The CSA Standard on hearing protectors provides details on how to classify a protector into Class A, B or C according to the attenuation measured as per the ANSI Standard. No provisions are made for using the standard deviation of the measurements.

The CSA classification system was originated as an attempt to set performance requirements for plugs and muffs. It was incorporated in the CSA Standard Z94.2-1965⁽⁴⁾. Later, the system was modified following a proposal by Berger⁽⁸⁾. The attenuation of the hearing protectors was reduced to reflect their performance in real life situations. To that effect, Class A protectors were derated by 4 dB, Class B by ten and Class C by eight. To simplify the derating and in a somehow arbitrary manner, no difference was made between derating of plugs and muffs.

2.3 Use of the Measured Attenuation

Attenuation results are used in one of the following ways:

- (a) To calculate the sound level of the protected ear. This is the approach taken by the international community using the NIOSH "long" method⁽³⁾, the NRR⁽⁴⁾ and the HML⁽⁷⁾ Method.

This approach has the advantage of allowing for the calculations of the sound level of the protected ear. In some instances it takes into account the entire spectrum of the ambient noise (NIOSH "long" method). In some others (NRR) it only uses the C-Weighted sound level of the noise. Finally, the HML method uses both A and C-weighted sound levels.

- (b) To divide protectors in classes according to the mean attenuation at the measured frequencies. Use of a given class of protector depends on the time weighted average sound level the person is exposed to. This method is only used in Canada in the CSA Standard.

One advantage of this method is of being procedural: no calculations are needed to determine the class of the protector to be used.

3.0 MATERIAL

Twelve different noises (No. 1 through No. 12) and twelve protectors (A through L) were used in this study. Some of the noises are real (measured in real life situations), while other are shaped artificially. Details of the noises are presented in Table 1, Figure 1 and Figure 2. They were chosen so that to cover a wide variety of spectra. Details of the twelve protectors (six Class A and six Class B), their attenuations and CSA classes are presented in Table 2. All data are those supplied by manufacturers.

TABLE 1
NOISES USED IN THE STUDY

No.	Type of Noise	Sound Levels, dB*									
		A	Lin	C	Octave Band Centre Frequencies, Hz						
					125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
1	Air chisel chipping	109.4	110.1	109.4	90	98	104	102	100	103	104
2	-4 dB/oct	99.3	107.2	107.1	105	101	97	93	89	85	81
3	Air compressor	100.2	102.7	102.5	65	100	91	93	93	94	89
4	Chemical reactor	92.9	94.4	94.3	82	87	88	90	86	76	66
5	+4 dB/oct	111.9	112.2	110.4	86	90	94	98	102	106	110
6	Bell shape	95.4	96.1	95.9	82	86	90	90	90	86	82
7	Blower	94.8	95.8	95.7	86	87	88	90	90	84	72
8	Feeding pump	92.8	94.9	94.8	82	89	90	87	86	83	75
9	Wood chipper	102.8	106.5	106.4	97	102	102	95	95	91	85
10	Clarifier	94.4	94.5	94.3	78	82	87	88	90	86	78
11	Compressor	99.5	100.1	99.9	81	90	93	96	93	88	86
12	Grinder	103.5	102.5	102.0	64	72	81	85	101	95	92

* Octave band levels were rounded to the nearest dB; A, C and Lin levels were obtained by calculation and were rounded to the nearest tenth of dB.

Since the objective of this paper is to compare treatment of laboratory data, no allowance is made here to compensate for the difference between laboratory and real life attenuation results.

TABLE 2
LIST OF HEARING PROTECTORS USED IN THIS STUDY

Letter	Manufacturer	Model	Type	Attenuation - 2 Standard Deviations, dB							CSA Class
				125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	
A	Willson Prod. Division	Sound Band	Semi-insert	16.4	12.8	12.4	12.8	23.4	25.6	36.8	B
B	Bilsom International Inc	Prop-O-Plast	Plug	15.4	17.8	18.2	18.0	26.2	33.0	27.6	B
C	Mine Safety Appliances Company	Noise-foe Mark IV	Muff	7.2	12.2	18.6	31.0	29.6	36.4	29.6	A
D	American Optical Company	1720	Muff	12.0	17.0	26.6	39.3	39.1	43.4	32.3	A
E	Cabot S.C. Safety Corp.	E-A-R	Plug	23.6	26.0	26.2	32.2	34.4	39.6	36.4	A
F	Mine Safety Appliances Company	Ear Defender	Plug	10.4	8.2	11.0	15.2	18.8	15.2	7.6	B
G	Safety Supply Canada	204	Muff	7.2	13.2	20.5	31.2	33.4	35.8	32.5	B
H	Glendale Optical Company	GN901	Muff	8.8	14.8	25.6	31.2	33.8	37.0	27.6	A
I	Peltor	H9A	Muff	10.6	11.0	20.3	28.4	32.9	35.9	29.3	B
J	North	Com-Fit	Plug	15.1	20.5	25.1	27.4	33.8	42.1	40.8	A
K	Cabot S.C. Safety Corp.	Ultra Fit	Plug	27.5	28.7	32.1	28.9	26.5	29.6	39.4	A
L	Peltor	H9P3e	Cap. Muff	9.9	12.5	20.9	25.4	32.5	33.6	30.5	B

4.0 METHOD AND RESULTS

Sound levels of the protected ear, in dBA, were calculated for each of the one hundred and forty-four combination protector/noise, using the NIOSH "long" method. They are presented in Table 3. The Table also shows the CSA class of each protector and the sound level in dBA of each noise. As an example, when wearing Protector I (Class B) while exposed to the Noise 9 (SL=102.8 dBA), the noise level of the protected ear will be 84.2 dBA, while it will be 70.9 dBA, when exposed to Noise 12 (103.5 dBA).

TABLE 3
SOUND LEVELS OF THE PROTECTED EAR

Protectors		Noises (3)													
Letter (1)	Class (2)	SL dBA	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			109.4	99.3	100.2	92.9	111.9	95.4	94.8	92.8	102.8	94.4	99.5	103.5	
C	A		84.4	84.6	79.9	70.2	81.8	71.2	61.6	69.2	84.3	68.5	74.6	73.4	
D	A		77.9	79.5	74.8	63.9	77.6	64.4	63.1	62.0	78.4	61.3	67.8	65.0	
E	A		77.2	71.8	68.8	62.3	75.8	63.9	62.4	62.8	74.5	61.9	67.9	68.5	
H	A		80.8	82.3	77.1	66.7	82.2	67.2	66.1	65.0	80.6	64.5	70.9	70.1	
J	A		79.2	77.1	72.8	65.7	75.4	66.5	64.8	65.5	77.4	64.3	71.0	69.1	
K	A		79.4	70.2	71.5	64.4	80.8	67.1	66.9	64.0	73.5	66.5	71.0	76.2	
A	B		92.3	85.5	83.7	78.8	88.2	79.6	77.7	79.0	88.7	77.4	84.6	80.3	
B	B		87.2	80.9	78.6	73.6	85.2	74.4	72.7	73.8	83.3	72.4	79.4	77.0	
F	B		97.7	88.0	87.4	78.7	101.9	81.2	81.3	80.6	90.7	79.2	85.2	87.5	
G	B		82.8	84.1	78.8	68.9	79.6	69.6	68.0	67.6	83.0	66.7	73.1	70.1	
I	B		83.8	83.6	80.8	70.2	81.7	70.6	69.4	68.7	84.2	67.7	74.4	70.9	
L	B		83.6	83.1	87.6	70.0	81.4	70.5	69.2	69.0	83.2	67.9	74.7	71.4	

Note: Sound levels were calculated using the NIOSH "long" method

(1) From Table 2
(2) As per CSA Standard
(3) From Table 1

Protectors were further divided into two groups according to their CSA class: one group contains six Class A protectors and the other six Class B protectors. For each noise and class of protectors, the maximum and minimum sound levels of the protected ear, as well as their ranges were calculated. Maximums, minimums and ranges are shown in Table 4. The graph in Figure 3 shows the maximum and minimum values, while the graph in Figure 4 shows their ranges. Figure 5 shows the overlap existing between the maximum SL using a protector Class A and the minimum SL using a Class B.

5.0 DISCUSSION

It is accepted that the best prediction of the sound level of the protected ear is obtained by using the NIOSH "long" method. It has also been shown, that no large differences appear between results from using the above method or anyone of the NRR and the HML methods. (9) (10)

As mentioned at the beginning, the ABC is a procedural method. As such, it implies that the use of a given type of protector, ensures a "safe" sound level of the protected ear, without having to confirm it through calculation of the noise level of the protected ear. As per the CSA Standard, a Class A protector is to be used in sound levels up to 105 dBA and a Class B up to 95 dBA. There is an implicit assumption that a Class A protector has a 10 dBA higher attenuation than a Class B.

Data in Table 4, Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that there is a wide variation among the sound levels of the protected ear among protectors of the same class. Depending of the noise involved, their range varies between 5.3 and 14.4 dBA for Class A protectors and between 7.1 dBA and 22.3 dBA for Class B protectors.

The examination of Table 3 and Figure 3 shows that there is also a large overlap between sound levels of the protected ear using Classes A and B protectors. In almost all cases, the maximum sound level of the protected ear using a Class A protectors results in a higher sound level than the lower sound level using a Class B protector, meaning that a Class A protector is not always better than a Class B. Differences ranging between -1 dBA and +6 dBA are shown in the graph of Figure 5.

The wide variation of sound levels of the protected ear and their overlap leads us to the conclusion that there is no clear difference between sound levels of the protected ear using protectors of Class A and Class B. Therefore, there cannot be a safe guideline as to when to wear what.

TABLE 4
SOUND LEVELS OF THE PROTECTED EAR
(maximum, minimum and ranges)

Protectors Class	SL	Noises												
		No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		SL, dBA	109.4	99.3	100.2	92.9	111.9	95.4	94.8	92.8	102.8	94.4	99.5	103.5
A	Min		77.2	70.2	68.8	62.3	75.4	63.9	61.6	62.0	73.5	61.3	67.8	65.0
	Max		84.4	84.6	79.9	70.2	82.2	71.2	66.9	69.2	84.3	68.5	74.6	76.2
	Range		7.2	14.4	11.1	7.9	6.8	7.3	5.3	7.2	10.8	7.2	6.8	11.2
B	Min		82.8	80.9	78.6	68.9	79.6	69.6	68.0	67.6	83.2	66.7	73.1	70.1
	Max		97.7	88.0	87.6	78.8	101.9	81.2	81.3	80.6	90.7	79.2	85.2	87.5
	Range		14.9	7.1	9.0	9.9	22.3	11.6	13.3	13.0	7.5	12.5	12.1	17.4

Finally, the validity of Table 1.A of the Standard was tested against the sound levels of the protected ear calculated in Table 3. To account for the derating of 4 dB (Class A protectors) and 10 dB (Class B protectors), Table 5 was developed, where those levels were added to the levels in Table 3. Next step was to see how many protectors of each Class reduce the sound level of the protected ear to 85 dB for each one of the twelve noises. Table 6 shows the result. In this table, the first row lists noise numbers and the second their levels in dBA. Next row contains the Class of protector to be used for that noise as per Table 1.A of the Standard. The following two rows show the number of protectors from this study that will satisfy the requirement of reducing the noise level of the protected ear to the required 85 dBA (or less).

Table 6 shows that, for instance, for noise No. 1 (SL=109.4 dBA), the CSA requirement is for a combination of a plug and a muff. However five of the six Class A protectors will be sufficient by themselves without being used in combination. Therefore the CSA recommendation will result in overprotection.

In the case of noise No. 2 only four of the six Class A protectors will provide the required reduction.

The last row of the table summarizes the findings:

- (a) in only one case (noise No. 3) all six Class A are adequate and none of the Class B could be used. Therefore, the Class system works.
- (b) in six cases (noises No. 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10) not all protectors of the assigned classes are adequate, and

- (c) in five cases (noises No. 1, 5, 6, 11 and 12) protectors of a lower class will also be sufficient.

Therefore, in one out of twelve cases, the Class system works correctly.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

As stated before, the conclusions of this study apply only to:

- (a) protectors and noises studies here, and
- (b) to attenuations provided by manufacturers. No derating for real life situations has been done.

The CSA Standard ABC classification and selection method is supposed to insure a proper protection of wearer's hearing by dividing protectors into Classes A, B and C and indicating the maximum sound level the person should be exposed to. Those maximum levels are:

- 105 dBA for protectors Class A
- 95 dBA for protectors Class B, and
- 89 dBA for protectors Class C.

The obvious implication is that the attenuations from protectors Class A are at least 10 dBA higher than those of Class B and 16 dB than those of Class C.

Results from this study show that this is not the case and that there are large variations and overlaps between sound levels of the protected ear when wearing either Class A or Class B protectors. There is a basic inconsistency in the results of assigning a particular Class of protector for a given noise, as hown in Table 6.

The conclusion is that the Class ABC system is not a reliable one and should be replaced by other method (or methods, as done by the ISO), developed on a more scientific basis and recognized by the scientific community. The conclusion is that the Class ABC system is not a reliable one and should be replaced by other method (or methods, as done by the ISO), developed on a more scientific basis and recognized by the scientific community.

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TABLE 5
SOUND LEVELS OF THE PROTECTED EAR

Protectors		Noises												
		No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Letter	Class	SL dBA	109.4	99.3	100.2	92.9	111.9	95.4	94.8	92.8	102.8	94.4	99.5	103.5
C	A		88.4	88.6	83.9	74.2	85.8	75.2	65.6	73.2	88.3	72.5	78.6	77.4
D	A		81.9	83.5	78.8	67.9	81.6	68.4	67.1	66.0	82.4	65.3	71.8	69.0
E	A		81.2	75.8	72.8	66.3	79.8	67.9	66.4	66.8	78.5	65.9	71.9	72.5
H	A		84.8	86.3	81.1	70.7	86.2	71.2	70.1	69.0	84.6	69.4	74.9	74.1
J	A		83.2	81.1	76.8	69.7	79.4	70.5	68.8	69.5	81.4	68.3	75.0	73.1
K	A		83.4	74.2	75.5	68.4	84.8	71.1	70.9	68.0	77.5	70.5	75.0	80.2
A	B		102.3	95.5	93.7	88.8	98.2	89.6	87.7	89.0	98.7	87.4	94.6	90.3
B	B		97.2	90.9	88.6	83.6	95.2	84.4	82.7	83.8	93.3	82.4	89.4	87.0
F	B		107.7	98.0	97.4	88.7	111.9	91.2	91.3	90.6	100.7	89.2	95.2	97.5
G	B		92.8	94.1	88.8	78.9	89.6	79.6	78.0	77.6	93.0	76.7	83.1	80.1
I	B		93.8	93.6	90.8	80.2	91.7	80.6	79.4	78.7	94.2	77.7	84.4	80.9
L	B		93.6	93.1	97.6	80.0	91.4	80.5	79.2	79.0	93.2	77.9	84.7	81.4

Note: Sound levels were calculated following the procedure in the NIOSH "long" method and then 4 dB were added to all Class A protectors and 10 dB to all Class B protectors.

TABLE 6
PROTECTOR'S CLASS AS PER THE CSA STANDARD

NOISE NUMBER		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SL, dBA		109.4	99.3	100.2	92.9	111.9	95.4	94.8	92.8	102.8	94.4	99.5	103.5
CLASS AS PER THE CSA STANDARD	A plug + A or B muff	A	A	B	A plug + A or B muff	A	B	B	A	B	A	A	
NUMBER OF PROTECTORS	Class A	5	4	6	N/A	4	6	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	6	6
	Class B	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	0	4	3	3
CORRECT CLASS ASSIGNED		NO		YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Figure 1

NOISE SPECTRA Noises 1 through 6

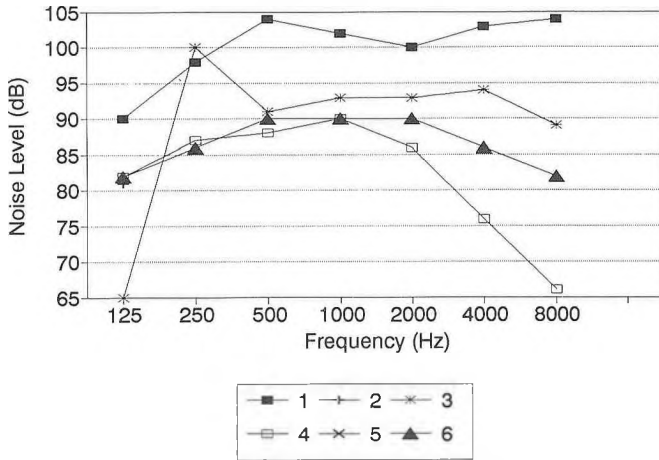


Figure 4

RANGES OF SOUND LEVELS Using Protectors Type A and B

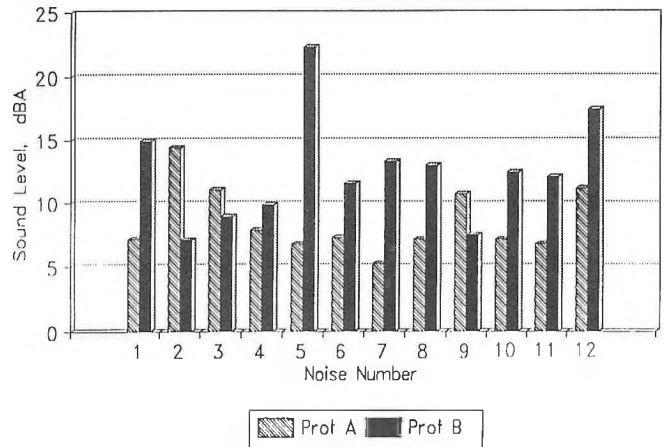


Figure 2

NOISE SPECTRA Noises 7 through 12

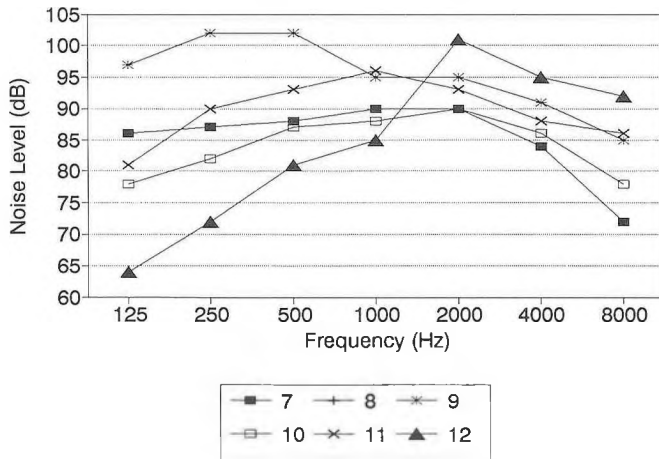


Figure 5

SOUND LEVEL OVERLAP Using Protectors Types A and B

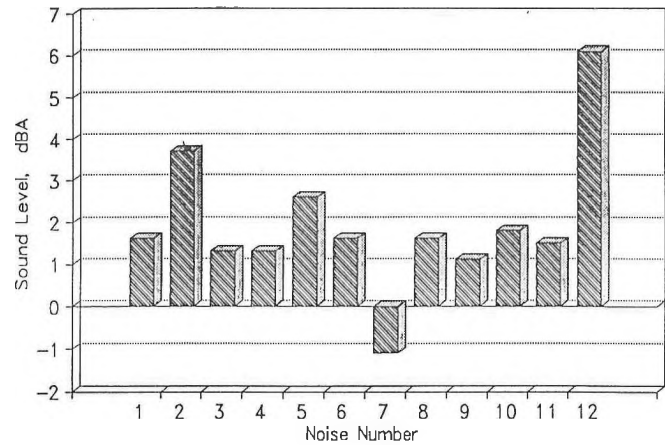
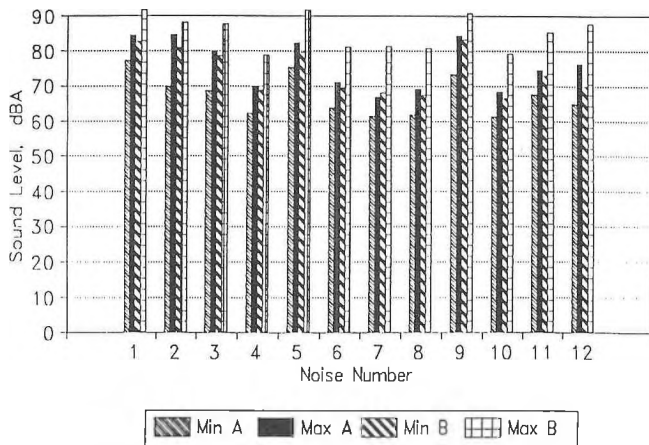


Figure 3

SOUND LEVELS PROT. EAR Using Protectors Types A and B



FLOW-INDUCED VIBRATIONS, 2nd ed.

by Robert D. Blevins

This is the Second Edition of Dr. Blevins' book. It is an expanded and up-dated version of the original which was published in 1977. The book has a pronounced applied orientation and is designed to provide students and practising engineers with the tools required to deal with a broad range of fluid-structure interaction problems. These include the dynamic response of tall buildings, long span bridges and electric power cables under wind action, the vibration problems of tube arrays and other parallel structures, the dynamic response of off-shore platforms to wave action, the fluid-elastic instability of towed cables, other marine applications, and aeroacoustic excitation and sound generation. Entirely new in this edition are a review of aircraft flutter and sonic fatigue and a chapter devoted to "ideal fluid flow".

The book begins with a brief presentation of the principal dimensional parameters that are encountered in later chapters. This is followed by the new chapter on Ideal Fluid Flows. Useful material is provided in this chapter for determining "added mass"; otherwise the presentation is academic in style and of little value to the practising engineer.

The next several chapters deal, in turn, with the fluid-structure interaction phenomena responsible for dynamic response; vortex-induced vibration, galloping and flutter, aeroelastic instabilities of tube and cylinder arrays, vibrations induced by oscillatory flows and vibrations induced by turbulence and sound. The engineering problems caused by these phenomena are described. Experimental data and analytical procedures are provided to help the engineer design around the problems. Attention is also directed towards approaches to the reduction of vibration. In most sections, example problems are analyzed and additional exercises are provided to make the book more suitable for student use.

These chapters are followed by a chapter on structural damping and devices for augmenting damping. A useful review is provided of field and laboratory measurements of damping values. Finally there is a chapter on sound generated by vortex shedding and a chapter on the vibrations of pipes that are induced by internal flow and axial external flow.

The book leaves the impression of being well-edited but is not without some editorial errors. It might be faulted for not including some of the more recent developments; for example, the measurement and use of "Scanlan" coefficients for analysis of bridge motion, the dynamic force balance technique for wind tunnel investigation of buildings, the development of tuned liquid or liquid sloshing dampers and the recently identified wind-rain induced instability of the sloping stays of cable-stayed bridges.

The scope of the book is enormously broad. It encompasses much of the fields of fluid dynamics and structural dynamics. The complex interaction between the two has been admirably dealt with in this book. The breadth of the subject and the number of problems addressed has made it difficult in many cases to cover the individual topics with the depth required by the engineer. However, the book will alert him to the potential, flow-induced vibration problems and for those wishing to probe a particular topic in more depth, they will find that excellent referencing has been provided.

The new material in the Second Edition, the reorganization of much of the content and a generally more attractive presentation has resulted in a significant improvement over the earlier version. As a "basically introductory" book it provides much useful data and analytical methodology and a good basic understanding of the fluid-elastic phenomena. Good books that deal with the destructive forces of wind and waves that can lead to the failure of long span bridges and overturning off-shore platforms are always welcome. This book would enhance the libraries of many engineers and academics.

[This book (ISBN 0-442-20651-8) is available from Van Nostrand Reinhold at a price of \$59.95].

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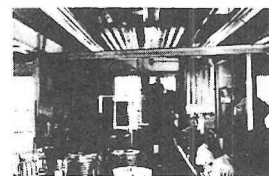
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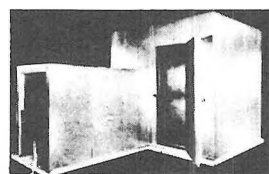
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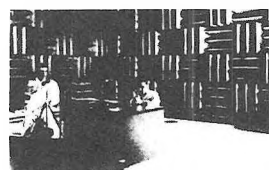
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REGULATION OF SOUND LEVELS IN THE FEDERAL JURISDICTION

Baily Seshagiri, Labour Canada / Travail Canada

A comprehensive set of revisions to Part VII ("Levels of Sound") of the Canada Occupational Safety and Health Regulations was published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, on July 31, 1991, and became law as of that date. This is the culmination of nearly 3 years of discussions between the employers and employees under the federal jurisdiction, with Labour Canada acting as the facilitator, and providing technical, legal and administrative support. The revisions are extensive and the new regulation appears to be one of the most progressive in Canada. It applies only to some of the establishments that come under the jurisdiction of Part II of the Canada Labour Code, such as the federal public service, banks, the Post Office, airports, radio broadcasting stations, etc.

Some of the highlights are given below.

- The criterion level at which engineering controls become mandatory has been reduced to 87 dB(A) from 90 dB(A). Hearing protection is to be utilized only when engineering controls are not "reasonably practicable", and a report has been submitted to Labour Canada. The same report is to be given to the Joint Safety and Health Committee or the Safety and Health Representative where either exists.
- The exchange rate has been changed to 3 dB from the previous value of 5 dB.
- The threshold level is now at least 74 dB(A), with an option open to the employer of choosing a lower level to suit his instrument requirements.
- The employer has to conduct an investigation if any employee is likely to be exposed to sound levels equal to or greater than 84 dB(A), for a duration "that is likely to endanger the employee's hearing". The Joint Safety and Health Committee or the Safety and Health Representative must be consulted in this matter.
- Employees exposed to noise exposure levels ($L_{ex,8}$) equal to or greater than 84 dB(A) must be provided with written information describing the hazards associated with exposure to high levels of sound".
- Warning signs must be posted where employees could be exposed to sound levels in excess of 87 dB(A).
- Where the use of hearing protection becomes unavoidable, the employer, in consultation with the Joint Safety and Health Committee or Safety and

RÈGLEMENT SUR LES NIVEAUX ACOUSTIQUES DANS LES ÉTABLISSEMENTS DE COMPÉTENCE FÉDÉRALE

Une modification globale de la partie VII ("Niveaux acoustiques") du Règlement du Canada sur l'hygiène et la sécurité au travail a été publiée, le 31 juillet 1991, dans la partie II de la Gazette du Canada et est entrée en vigueur la même date. Il s'agit du résultat de presque trois ans de pourparlers entre les employeurs et les employés relevant de la compétence fédérale, Travail Canada ayant fait fonction de coordonnateur et fourni un soutien technique, juridique et administratif. Les révisions sont nombreuses et le nouveau règlement est vraisemblablement l'un des plus sévères au Canada. Il ne s'applique cependant qu'aux établissements qui sont assujettis à la partie II du Code canadien du travail, comme la fonction publique fédérale, les banques, les bureaux de poste, les aéroports, les stations de radiodiffusion, etc.

Voici certains points marquants de la modification:

- Le seuil pour l'utilisation obligatoire de dispositifs techniques a été ramené de 90 à 87 dBA. Les protecteurs auditifs ne doivent être utilisés que lorsque le recours à des dispositifs techniques est "impossible", qu'un rapport a été présenté à cet égard à Travail Canada et qu'un exemplaire en a été fourni au comité de sécurité et de santé ou au représentant en matière de sécurité et de santé, le cas échéant.
- Le facteur de bissection a été ramené de 5 à 3 dB.
- Le seuil pour ce qui est des mesures se situe maintenant à 74 dBA, et les employeurs peuvent choisir un niveau inférieur, selon l'instrument utilisé.
- L'employeur doit effectuer une enquête si un employé risque d'être exposé à des niveaux acoustiques de 84 dBA ou plus, "Pour une période susceptible de nuire à son ouïe". Il faut alors consulter le comité de sécurité et de santé ou le représentant en matière de sécurité et de santé.
- L'employeur doit fournir par écrit aux employés exposés à des niveaux de bruit ($L_{ex,8}$) de 84 dBA ou plus des renseignements écrits "sur les risques que présente l'exposition à des niveaux acoustiques élevés".
- L'employeur doit afficher des panneaux avertisseurs là où sont susceptibles d'être exposés les employés à un niveau acoustique supérieur à 87 dBA.
- Lorsqu'il devient inévitable d'utiliser un protecteur auditif, l'employeur doit, en consultation avec le comité de sécurité et de santé ou le représentant en matière de sécurité et de santé, établir un programme de formation

Health Representative, must institute a training programme in the fit, care and use of the protectors.

- The CSA Standard CAN/CSA-Z107.56-M86 (Procedures for the Measurement of Occupational Noise Exposure) has been referenced and forms the basis of assessing noise exposure.
- There is no separate limit on impact or impulsive sounds.
- Audiometric testing is not mandatory.
- Large trucks (trucks with a gross vehicle weight of more than 4,500 kg, designed primarily for transport of goods and operated primarily on public roads) are exempt from most of the revisions to the Regulation. They continue to operate under the previous limits: criterion level of 90 dB(A), and an exchange rate of 5 dB.

For details, please consult the text of the revised regulation. The title of the document is: Canada Occupational Safety and Health Regulations, amendment - SOR/91-448. Copies can be purchased from:

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de l'employé sur l'ajustement, l'entretien et l'utilisation du protecteur auditif.

- La norme CAN/CSA-Z107.56-M86 (Méthode de mesure de l'exposition au bruit en milieu de travail) a été utilisée comme référence pour l'évaluation de l'exposition au bruit et elle en constitue le fondement.
- Il n'existe pas de limite distincte applicable aux bruits d'impact.
- L'examen audiométrique n'est pas obligatoire.
- Les poids lourds (camions d'une masse totale en charge de plus de 4500 kg qui sont conçus principalement pour le transport des marchandises et qui sont utilisés essentiellement sur les chemins publics) ne sont pas visés par la plupart des modifications apportées au règlement. Ils sont toujours régis par les dispositions antérieures (c'est-à-dire seuil de 90 dBA et facteur de bissection de 5 dB).

Pour plus de précisions, veuillez consulter le règlement révisé, dont le titre est: Règlement du Canada sur l'hygiène et la sécurité au travail - Modification - DORS/91-448. Vous pouvez en acheter des exemplaires auprès de:

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HALIFAX CHAPTER MEETING REPORT

David Chapman, Dartmouth

On 29 October 1991, the halifax Chapter of the Canadian Acoustical Association held yet another meeting and public lecture. As the meeting was held in the Earl of Dalhousie Pub in the Dalhousie University Club, a social hour and light supper were held before the meeting started. The business issues of the meeting were few and were dispensed with rapidly. Two speakers were arranged for the evening. This is a new procedure that we are introducing to help us to

know each other better. The first speaker is to be a local member of the acoustics community who will take 10-15 minutes to give an overview of their area of expertise. (They will at the same time work up the audience to a fevered pitch in anticipation of the main speaker...). The first speaker of that evening was John Gillis of Simrad Marine's Dartmouth office. Using some excellent colour graphics, John gave a thorough but rapid overview of Simrad and its role in local projects.

The main event of the evening was a presentation by Blake Noon and Tom Walton of Eckel Industries, who were down from Morrisburg, Ontario to speak to Dalhousie University about installing an anechoic chamber. They gave a very interesting talk about a massive anechoic chamber (largest in Canada) being built in the Ottawa area for Health and Welfare Canada. The talk was well received and stimulated much discussion.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Acoustics Week in Canada October 6 - 9, 1992

Acoustics Week in Canada 1992, will be held at the Sheraton Plaza 500 Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia. The week will begin with two days of technical seminars with proposed topics being underwater acoustics, architectural acoustics, and occupational noise and vibration evaluation and control. Specific details and registration for these courses will be published in the June issue of *Canadian Acoustics*. The symposium of the Canadian Acoustical Association will take place on October 8th and 9th following the seminars. The annual meeting and banquet of the CAA will be held on Thursday, October 8th.

SYMPOSIA

October 8 & 9, 1992

The symposia programme will include keynote speakers in special plenary sessions which will be followed by parallel general sessions. Authors are invited to submit abstracts for presentation in these general sessions on all aspects of acoustics, however, papers in specific areas are especially encouraged. These include:

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| * | Underwater Acoustics | * | Electroacoustics |
| * | Speech, Hearing and Communications | * | Acoustic Sources |
| * | Architectural Acoustics | * | Performance Acoustics |
| * | Acoustic Measurements | * | Occupational Noise and Vibration |

The organizers intend to develop several structured sessions around a particular theme and invite ideas from potential authors. Group submissions will be reviewed as a complete package. Papers submitted independently will be placed into appropriate categories for presentation.

All submissions will be reviewed to ensure suitability, and accepted abstracts will be published in a booklet available at the conference as well as in *Canadian Acoustics*. Abstracts should be limited to 300 words and must be received by April 15th, 1992. Submitted abstracts must be prepared in accordance with the Instructions for the Preparation of Abstracts as directed in this issue of *Canadian Acoustics*. Completed abstracts and information on technical sessions should be directed to:

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STUDENT AWARDS

Students are particularly invited to participate. Students must apply for these awards with their abstract submission using the enclosed application form. In addition to the student awards for papers available from the CAA, a limited number of assistance grants for student travel and housing will be available. Further details on the travel grants will be carried in the March issue of *Canadian Acoustics*.

Host City: Vancouver, Spectacular by Nature

APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS



Semaine Canadienne de l'Acoustique 6 - 9 octobre 1992

La Semaine Canadienne de l'Acoustique 1992 aura lieu à l'hôtel Sheraton Plaza 500 de Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique. La semaine débutera avec deux jours de séminaires techniques, les thèmes proposés étant l'acoustique sous-marine, l'acoustique architecturale, et l'évaluation et le contrôle du bruit et des vibrations en milieu de travail. Les détails spécifiques et les modalités d'inscription à ces cours seront publiés dans le numéro de juin de *l'Acoustique Canadienne*. Le congrès de l'Association Canadienne d'Acoustique se tiendra les 8 et 9 octobre, suite aux séminaires. L'Assemblée générale annuelle et le banquet de l'ACA auront lieu mardi, le 8 octobre.

CONGRES

8 - 9 octobre 1992

Le programme du congrès sera composé des conférences d'invités spéciaux regroupés à l'intérieur des sessions plénières qui seront suivies par des sessions générales parallèles. Les auteurs sont invités à soumettre leur résumés pour ces sessions générales qui porteront sur tous les aspects de l'acoustique. Cependant, les communications relatives à des thèmes spécifiques sont fortement encouragés. Il s'agit de:

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| * | Acoustique sous-marine | * | Electro-acoustique |
| * | Parole, Audition et Communication | * | Sources acoustiques |
| * | Acoustique Architecturale | * | Acoustique des salles de spectacle |
| * | Mesures acoustiques | * | Bruit et vibration en milieu de travail |

Les organisateurs désirent planifier plusieurs sessions structurées autour d'un thème particulier et invitent les auteurs potentiels à soumettre leurs idées. Les soumissions de groupe seront révisées en tant qu'ensemble complet. Les papiers soumis individuellement seront classés dans une catégorie appropriée.

Tous les résumés seront révisés afin de vérifier leur pertinence et les résumés acceptés seront publiés dans un document qui sera disponible au congrès ainsi que dans *l'Acoustique Canadienne*. Les résumés doivent être limités à 300 mots et doivent être reçus avant le 15 avril 1992. Les résumés soumis doivent être préparés selon les instructions contenues dans la préparation des résumés inclus dans ce numéro de *l'Acoustique Canadienne*. Les résumés complets et les informations concernant les sessions techniques doivent être envoyés à:

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PRIX AUX ETUDIANTS

Les étudiants sont particulièrement invités à participer. Les étudiants doivent s'inscrire au concours et envoyer leur résumés en utilisant le formulaire joint à ce numéro. En plus des prix aux étudiants décernés par l'ACA, il y aura un nombre limité de bourses pour couvrir les frais de déplacement et de logement. Des détails supplémentaires concernant ces bourses seront fournis dans le numéro du mois de mars de *l'Acoustique Canadienne*.

Ville hôte: Vancouver, Nature Spectaculaire

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

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- 8) At the bottom of an abstract give the following information:
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 - b) Name the area of acoustics most appropriate to the subject matter;
 - c) Telephone Number, including area code, of the author to be contacted for information. Non-Canadian Authors should include country;
 - d) If more than one author, name the one to receive the acceptance notice;
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ANNUAL STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS

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RULES

1. These awards are presented annually to authors of outstanding student papers that are presented during the technical sessions at Acoustics Week in Canada.
2. In total, three awards of \$500.00 are presented. An award can be divided in case of a tie.
3. Presentations are judged on the following merits:
 - i) The way the subject is presented;
 - ii) The explanation of the relevance of the subject;
 - iii) The explanation of the methodology/theory;
 - iv) The presentation and analysis of results;
 - v) The consistency of the conclusions with theory and results.
4. Each presentation is judged independently by at least three judges.
5. The applicant must be:
 - i) a full-time post-secondary student at the time of application (undergraduate or graduate);
 - ii) the first author of the paper;
 - iii) a member of the Canadian Acoustical Association.
6. To apply for the award, the student must send the application simultaneously with the abstract of his or her paper. Multiple authors are permitted, but only the first author may receive an award.

PRIX ANNUELS RELATIFS AUX COMMUNICATIONS ÉTUDIANTES

L'Association Canadienne d'Acoustique décernent des prix aux étudiants qui présenteront une communication au congrès annuel de l'ACA. Les étudiants qui considèrent présenter un papier au congrès doivent s'inscrire à ce concours au moment où ils soumettent leur résumé,

REGLEMENTS

1. Ces prix sont décernés annuellement aux auteurs de communications exceptionnelles présentées par des étudiants lors des sessions techniques de la Semaine Canadienne de l'Acoustique.
2. Au total, trois prix de 500\$ sont remis. Un prix peut être partagé en cas d'égalité.
3. Les présentations sont jugées selon les critères suivants:
 - i) La façon dont le sujet est présenté;
 - ii) Les explications relatives à l'importance du sujet;
 - iii) L'explication de la méthodologie;
 - iv) La présentation et l'analyse des résultats;
 - v) La consistance des conclusions avec la théorie et les résultats.
4. Chaque présentation est évaluée séparément par au moins trois juges.
5. Le candidat doit être:
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 - ii) le premier auteur du papier;
 - iii) un member de l'Association Canadienne d'Acoustique.
6. Afin de s'inscrire au concours, l'étudiant doit envoyer le formulaire d'inscription en même temps que son résumé. Plusieurs auteurs sont permis, mais seul le premier auteur peut recevoir le prix.

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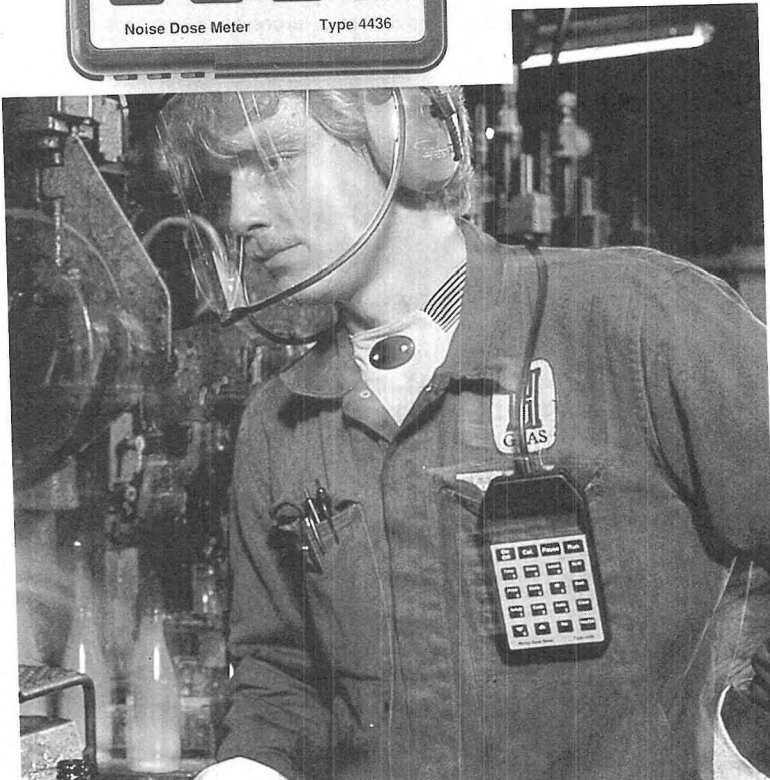
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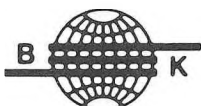


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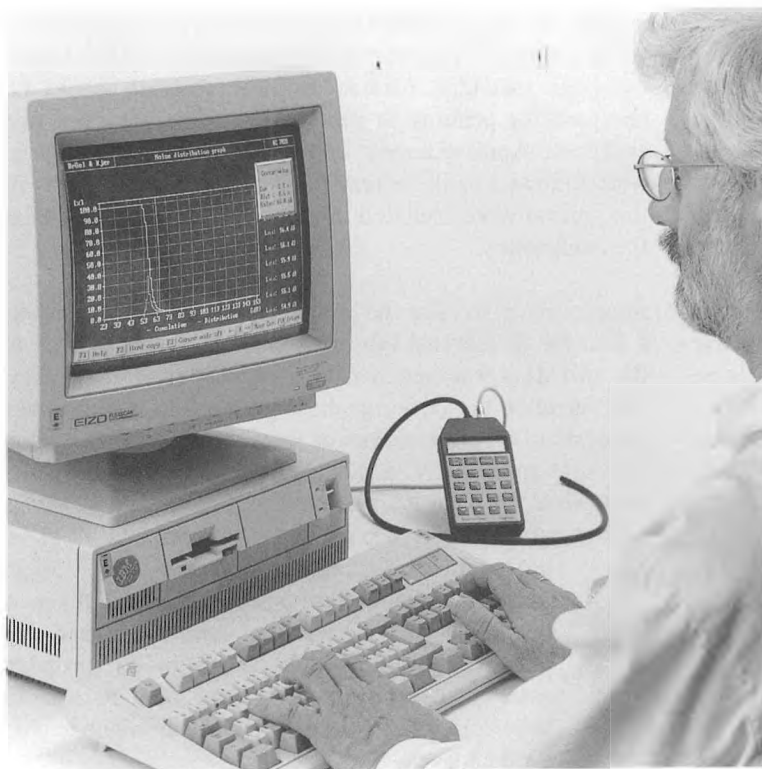
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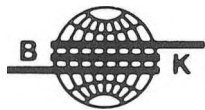
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CANADIAN ACOUSTICS WEEK 1991

The Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Edmonton, October 7 to 10, 1991.

The 1991 Acoustics Week in Canada Convention was marked by several success stories - marvelous weather in Edmonton (and why not?), a larger than anticipated registration, a full complement of strong technical papers, two well-received plenary session speakers, two well-attended preconference seminars, an enjoyable banquet with a unique entertainment group, and finally, one of the greatest after-conference bus tours that any of the participants could remember.

Registrations, always a bit of a problem at conventions, did not disappoint this year either. To encourage early registrations, a fee of \$75 was charged if paid before August 31, \$85 if paid after. It appears the \$10 differential made little impact. Registrations continued to come in up to and including the opening day. Fifty-three persons, including students, registered before Aug. 31. Thirty more registered prior to opening. Fifteen more showed up at the door. There were 83 full registrations, 15 students, 10 seminar registrants who did not attend the conference, and 13 "freebies", including seminar speakers, exhibitors, guest speakers, and press.

The Technical Program, organized by Dr. Gary Faulkner and his committee of seven, drew a total of 76 submitted abstracts in a wide variety of subjects. Initially, the committee chose to play an active role in promoting CAA'91 instead of simply dealing with submissions that responded to the advertising. The result was a significant number of invited speakers whose contributions made the sessions both interesting and useful. Coupled with the invited speakers, the general papers submitted were used to develop the final programme which consisted of three parallel sessions, with 20 minute time allocations. The printed program was formatted to have the three simultaneous sessions for each time period on one sheet, allowing delegates to easily understand their options.

The Annual General Meeting is serious business



Bruce Dunn turns over the reigns of office to Dave Chapman

The Conference Proceedings took a new twist this year, which promises to be a pattern for the future. In cooperation with the Editor, Dr. Murray Hodgson, the October issue of Canadian Acoustics was advanced one month, so that it would be available at the conference. All the abstract contributors were notified in May that a two-page extended format of their abstract would be accepted for printing in the journal. The response was excellent. Approximately 2/3 of the accepted abstracts were followed by the extended-format version. Copies of the journal were included in all of the registration kits at the conference.

In an attempt to raise the image level of the conference as a host for the several sub-disciplines in acoustics, each of the two days was begun with a plenary-session speaker. The speaker topics were chosen to reflect the broader interests of all acousticians as opposed to a select group. The first speaker, W. J. Cavanaugh, an architect, opined that, while we have learned how to measure many things with great accuracy, we still have a long way to go in determining acceptable criteria that affect people. The second speaker, John Ohala, a distinguished researcher and lecturer in phonetics, cautioned researchers to broaden their field of vision to discover what persons in other disciplines were doing which might impact on their own work.

Consistent with previous years, the convention was used as the backdrop to presentation of Tutorial Seminars for people interested in the practical application of acoustic principles. These are not necessarily directed to CAA members, but can act to attract others to join the



Alberto Behar presents Katherine Ward with her prize

CAA. The two seminars presented were on Active Noise Control and Noise and Vibration Control in Buildings. With last minute registrations coming in as late as October 4th, the Building Noise course attracted 18 people and the Active Noise course drew 12 registrations. Both courses were well received and many compliments were expressed regarding their value.

The Social Aspects of the convention were not overlooked. The wine and cheese reception on Tuesday evening, sponsored by generous donations from exhibitors and other corporations, was attended by over 60 people.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BUS TOUR

If you weren't there, you missed out on three great days ! Eleven people plus the driver enjoyed fantastic weather, incredible scenery, a rare avalanche experience, great accommodation and food, and marvellous fellowship.

Brilliant sunshine and a temperature of 27°C greeted the group as they arrived in Jasper ! The Park animals were everywhere, and the visit to Maligne Lake and Rose Marie Rock in the Maligne River gave the group an indicator of what was to come.

A trail hike to the base of Mt. Edith Cavell glacier put several members of the group in position to witness first hand (in safety) two successive ice avalanches as huge chunks of the Angel Glacier high up on the side of the mountain broke loose in the warm weather. This was followed by more spectacular scenic visits to Athabasca Falls, Sunwapta Falls, the Columbia Icefield, Peyto Lake with it's incredible color, and Lake Louise.

Saturday evening was spent in Banff, enjoying great food and the usual "tourist" activities of riding the Sulphur Mountain Gondola and shopping.

Sunday, October 13 the group travelled to Drumheller

The Awards Banquet was attended by 74 persons, who were entertained by an unusual trio of musicians dressed as medieval minstrels playing ancient instruments. While their numbers were small, six ladies enjoyed a conducted bus tour of the City and an afternoon at West Edmonton Mall, followed the next day by a visit to the city center and luncheon at the Macdonald Hotel.

Commercial Exhibitors again made a significant contribution to the success of the convention. Seven firms filled the two exhibition spaces, and provided complimentary coffee service throughout the two days.

Financially, we are not sure if the convention was a success or failure. At the Montreal convention in 1990 a motion was passed directing this committee to lose up to \$3000 by subsidizing student participation and inviting outstanding speakers to enhance the conference image. While the final tally has not yet been made, it appears that a small profit will be realized! The good turnout at the conference, the printing of the Proceedings in the Journal, and the substantial contributions from exhibitors and other companies made the difference. In addition to the reduced registration fee of \$10 levied to all students, six of them were granted travel subsidies of \$250 each. Finally, four students received awards for student paper presentations, two at \$500 and two at \$250 each.

and the world renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paeleontology located in the Red Deer River Badlands. The trip ended that evening with a farewell dinner in Red Deer and home to Edmonton.

Oh yes, there was a convention held that week also !

Entering Jasper Park: Krish Krishnappa, Gene Bolstad, Bill Cavanaugh, George Wong, Agnes Bolstad, Betty Behar, Steve Elliott



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MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Même si j'ai été formellement élu Président de l'ACA au congrès d'Edmonton, j'ai pris environ un mois et demi avant de m'y plonger pour vrai. Cette révélation coïncide avec l'arrivée des archives envoyés par Bruce Dunn, président sortant; une pile de documents et de chemises empaquetés dans une boîte de carton. Dans une vie antérieure, cette boîte contenait un électroménager nommé "The Canadian/le canadien"; sur la boîte, il y avait quelques étiquettes indiquant que le contenu était "100% CANADIAN/100% CANADIEN" et deux grandes feuilles d'érable rouges. Mystérieusement, les deux feuilles d'érable et les étiquettes ainsi que les instructions "PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY/LIRE ET SUIVRE LES INSTRUCTIONS" ont été rayées avec un marqueur noir. Je n'ai pas encore compris si Bruce m'envoyait un message codé. De toute façon, je suis assuré que Bruce sera d'un précieux support comme Président sortant, me pilotant à travers les eaux un peu agitées de l'ACA.

On attend probablement d'un nouveau président élu qu'il écrive un message enlevant à ces membres, qu'il présente sa vision future de l'organisation et qu'il annonce des changements radicaux à structure. J'espère que je ne décevrai pas personne en ne le faisant pas. Je pense que nous avons une association en bonne santé avec des membres engagés, un conseil d'administration et un exécutif. Notre journal *l'Acoustique Canadienne* s'améliore toujours du point de vue apparence visuelle et contenu. Notre rencontre annuelle continue d'être stimulante et de remporter un grand succès (techniquement et financièrement). Pourquoi changer quoi que ce soit?

Ceci ne veut pas dire qu'il n'y a pas de place pour l'amélioration. Il y a certaines choses que nous pouvons améliorer et je propose de concentrer mes efforts sur l'augmentation de l'efficacité de l'organisation, de m'occuper des choses qui ont pris du retard, et peut-être de regarder vers l'avant. Je reviens tout juste d'une session portant sur la "planification stratégique" offerte par mon établissement, même si je ne suis pas un fervent défenseur de ce processus, il peut être utile à l'ACA afin de regarder vers l'avant et de s'imaginer dans 5, 10 ou 15 ans d'ice. Qui sont nos membres actuels et futurs? Aurons-nous toujours besoin d'une association strictement canadienne? Comment la question québécoise affectera-t-elle l'association?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although I was formally elected President of the CAA at the Edmonton meeting, it took about a month and a half for the awesome truth to sink in. This revelation coincided with the arrival of the CAA "archives" from Past President Bruce Dunn: a stack of documents and file folders packed in a cardboard box. In a former life, the box contained an electrical appliance dubbed "The Canadian/le canadien"; on the box were a couple of labels indicating that the contents were "100% CANADIAN/100% CANADIEN" and two large red maple leaves - or is it leafs? Mysteriously, both of the maple leaves and all of the labelling on the box were scratched out with thick black marks, including the instructions "PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY/LIRE ET SUIVRE LES INSTRUCTIONS". I have not yet determined if Bruce was sending me a coded message. In any case, I am sure that Bruce will prove invaluable as Past President, piloting me through the choppy CAA waters.

A newly-elected president is probably expected to write a stirring message to the membership, charting out the future course of the organization and heralding sweeping changes to its structure. I hope I won't disappoint anyone by not doing this. My feeling is that we have a healthy association with a committed membership, Board of Directors, and Executive. Our journal *Canadian Acoustics* is steadily improving in both visual appearance and content. Our annual meetings continue to be stimulating and successful (both technically and financially). Why change anything?


That is not to say that there is no room for improvement. There are a few things we could probably do better, and I propose to devote my efforts to tightening up the running of the organization, tying up loose ends, and perhaps looking ahead a little. I have just returned from a "strategic planning" session run by my establishment; although I have not become a strong advocate of this process, it may be useful for the CAA to try to look ahead and imagine itself 5, 10, or 20 years from now. Who are our present and future members? Will there still be a need for a strictly Canadian association? How will the Québec question affect the association?

A la recherche d'une plus grande efficacité, quelques modifications ont déjà été apportées. Une certaine insatisfaction a été exprimée à l'égard de l'organisation des prix étudiants de la Semaine Canadienne d'Acoustique; une de mes premières tâches de Président a été de créer un comité chargé d'améliorer les règlements et le formulaire d'inscription pour ces prix. Je vous invite à prendre connaissance dans ce numéro du résultat de cette démarche qui a été révisée et approuvée par le conseil d'administration.

Enfin, j'exhorte les membres de l'ACA à contribuer à l'association en soumettant du matériel à l'*Acoustique Canadienne*. non seulement le journal est un forum de publications scientifiques et de notes techniques mais il est aussi le principal médium de communication. Pourquoi ne pas envoyer des nouvelles des activités de votre communauté dans le domaine de l'acoustique? S'il y a quelque chose qui vous tracasse à propos de l'ACA ou de la façon dont elle est dirigée, pourquoi ne pas écrire un court texte exposant votre point de vue? (Nous acceptons aussi les compliments!)

In the pursuit of improved efficiency, some alterations have already been made. There has been some dissatisfaction with the way student presentation awards have been organized at Acoustics Week in Canada; one of my first duties as President was to create a committee to design an improved set of rules and an application form for these awards. Please see elsewhere in this issue for the result, which has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

In closing, I urge the CAA members to contribute to the association by submitting material for *Canadian Acoustics*. Not only is the journal a forum for research papers and technical notes, but it is also our principal means of communication. Why not send in newsy bits of acoustical activities in your community? If something about the CAA or the way it conducts itself bothers you, why not write a short piece expressing your point of view? (We also accept compliments, by the way!)



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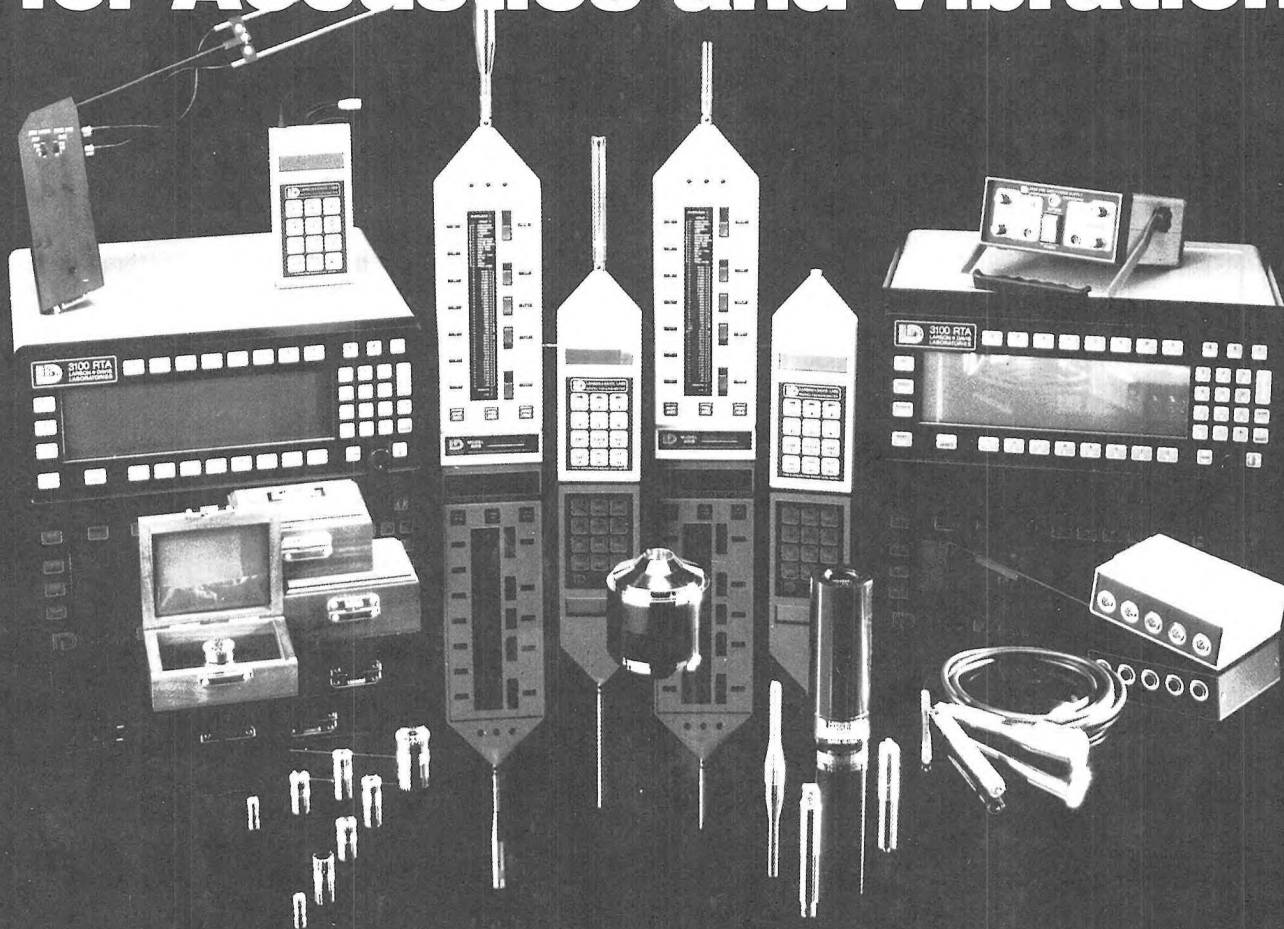
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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL PRIZE IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOURAL ACOUSTICS

Steven Donald Turnbull, University of New Brunswick

"The influence of possible anti-masking strategies in pinniped vocalizations of signal detection"

Fangxin Chen, University of Alberta

"Computer simulation of a Mandarin tone perception"

Leonard E. Cornelisse, University of Western Ontario

"The spatial perception of a sound's location in three dimensions"

DIRECTORS' AWARDS / PRIX DES DIRECTEURS

Professional / Professionel: **Annabel J. Cohen, Dalhousie University**

"Scale and serial order information in melodic perception: independence or interdependence"

STUDENT AWARDS / PRIX ETUDIANT

Daryl Caswell, University of Calgary

"Symphonic bells of 'fantastic' proportion"

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"Rock-drill handle vibration: measurement and hazard assessment"

Jane MacNeil, University of Calgary

"Discrimination of static and dynamic frequency changes by children and young adults"

Katherine Ward, University of Alberta

"An acoustical and perceptual study of changes in dysphoria with voice therapy"

CONGRATULATIONS / FÉLICITATIONS

**The Canadian Acoustical Association
L'Association Canadienne d'Acoustique**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 8, 1991, 10:00 a.m.
Ramada Renaissance, Edmonton, Alberta

Present: B.F. Dunn	C. Laroche
S. Abel	D. Chapman
W. Sydenborgh	A. Behar
E. Bolstad	T. Embleton
L. Brewster	

1. Report of the President

Bruce Dunn welcomed the members of the board present. He announced that due to his retirement and extensive travel, he would not be able to stand for re-election as President. The minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held May 26, 1991 in Ottawa were discussed and adopted. Motion made by A. Behar, seconded by G. Bolstad.

2. Report of the Secretary

Discussion of the changes in the Postal Services whereby mail has to be picked up at the Post Office Box rather than forwarded to the Secretary as in previous years. It is decided that no changes be made at this time. Paid membership as of August 31, 1991 is as follows: Members 277, Student Members 33, Corporate Subscriptions 75, and Sustaining Subscribers 23.

3. Treasurer's Report - (See Appendix A)

Four motions by the Treasurer (See Appendix B). Moved by E. Bolstad, seconded by A. Behar. All in favour, none against.

4. Editor's Report

Due to the absence of the Chief Editor, Murray Hodgson, a brief report was presented by the Editor, Chantai Laroche. Moved by E. Bolstad and seconded by S. Abel that provision be made to cover the attendance of the editor at an editors' workshop. The president made special mention of the high quality of the Journal and special mention of the Proceedings Issue for the work done by Murray Hodgson and Gary Faulkner.

5. A Membership Report was sent in by Mike Zagorski with some suggestions which may be of value to the next membership chairperson.

6. Convention Chairman's Report. E. Bolstad was very pleased with the advance registration of 80 people for the symposium and 30 for the seminar. The symposium is held this year over 2 days with 3 parallel sessions.

7. Prizes and Awards Committee - Presentation by A. Behar on the inner workings of such a committee and the need for universal guidelines. Reports are presented in the following order:

Post Doctoral - E. and M. Shaw Award	Chairperson: S. Abel
Bell Speech Prize	Chairperson: L. Brewster
Fessenden Award	Chairperson: D. Chapman
Eckel Award	Chairperson: M. Hodgson
Directors' Award	Chairperson: C. Laroche
Student Prizes	Chairperson: A. Behar
Youth Science Fair Prize	Chairperson: A. Cohen

Motion by C. Laroche to have 3 Directors Awards:

\$500.00 to a student author
\$250.00 to a professional author under 30 years of age
\$250.00 to a professional author over 30 years of age or over

It was agreed that any paper reviewed and published in Canadian Acoustics would be eligible for a Directors' Award and that the author need not be a CAA member. Also, only graduate students are currently eligible for the Student category; that is students pursuing an M.Sc., Ph.D. or some other professional degree. The CAA will investigate including undergraduate students in future.

8. Student Awards - A. Behar

Three prizes are available. Guidelines are: advance identification of the student together with the name of the supervisor, on a board provided at the registration desk.

9. Post Doctoral Award 1992

Applications and submissions for the award should be made before the end of February 1992. Forms are available from S. Abel and the Secretary.

10. Directors' Award

Winners for 1991 will be announced at the Symposium Banquet.

11. Science Fair

Our sponsorship of the Science Fair to continue. We should have a representative of the CAA at the Science Fair to present the award for an acoustics project and report back to the Committee. B. Dunn and A. Cohen to function as contact persons.

12. Bell Speech Prize

L. Brewster announced that this prize was a three-way split among Steven Turnbull, Fangxin Chen, and Leonard Cornelisse.

13. Fessenden Award
D. Chapman noted that no applications were received and no award presented in 1991.
14. Eckel Prize
No report is available at this time from M. Hodgson.
15. Education Committee: S. Abel, A. Cohen, M. Hodgson
Information is being gathered on a continuous basis for a published report at some point in time.
16. Internoise - Toronto 1992: Tony Embleton
Report tabled. Tony Embleton is also willing to report to the CAA on Internoise 1991 in Australia.
17. Nominating Committee
S. Abel, as Chairperson for the committee and Past-President, proposes David Chapman for President for 1992. Nominations will also be solicited from the floor at the AGM. Two new Directors are to be elected, one from Nova Scotia and one from Quebec.
18. Status Reports: B. Dunn
On the 1994 International Congress on Audiology and the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing: it is recommended that no official participation nor financial assistance be provided.
19. Halifax Chapter
D. Chapman reports that meetings are held three to four times per year. A recent speaker was a representative from Eckel Industries on anechoic chambers.
20. Directors' Meeting Spring 1992
Travel allowance total to be budgeted at \$3,000.00, with the provision that no reimbursement can exceed the economy airfare. Motion by S. Abel, seconded by L. Brewster. Passed.
21. Acoustics Week 1992
No report is tabled by Winnipeg; nor is a representative available from the Winnipeg committee. B. Dunn will report to the AGM after consultation with Winnipeg.
22. New Business
- a) CAA will have logo pins available at a cost of about \$1.50 each. E. Bolstad had hoped to have them available at this convention.
 - b) Observation: If Winnipeg 1992 is not ready, investigate the possibility of Vancouver hosting the 1992 meeting. B. Dunn will investigate.
 - c) Observation: T. Embleton asks whether a Nominations committee should not be independent from the Board of Directors.
23. Adjournment of the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Moved by B. Dunn, seconded by A. Behar.

Prepared by W.V. Sydenborgh

APPENDIX A

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Acoustical Association:

I am pleased to present the accompanying Financial Statement prepared by our auditor, Mr. G.A. Tipping, CGA, for the year ending August 31, 1991.

Firstly, as noted in the interim report of May 26, 1991, for practical administrative purposes, the previous treasurer, Chris Andrew, continued to carry out his duties until the end of December and then turned over all accounts and transferred all funds to the new accounts which I had established in Edmonton. I am pleased to report that all funds appear to have been tracked satisfactorily.

As recommended by our previous treasurer and the auditor, a distinct division of assets has now been effected. We now have a separate Trust Account for the Capital Fund which requires two signatures to withdraw or transfer any funds. It has a substantial amount of cash on deposit, bearing interest, from which it is intended to pay for all prizes and awards that have been established to date. It also has a sufficiently large portfolio of Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC's) to generate income to support those awards.

For simple administrative reasons, the actual issuance of cheques to award recipients must be made from the General Operating fund chequing account, with occasional transfer of funds from the Trust Account as needed.

The General Operating Fund is now essentially a chequing account, requiring only the Treasurer's signature. The amount of cash held in this account has been arbitrarily established to reasonably handle all budgeted cash flow.

As the accompanying statements indicate, both accounts have been showing income in excess of expenditures, which is fortunate, but which does deserve comment. Perhaps the principal reason for the excess has been the success of the last two conventions, in Halifax and Montreal. The latter has contributed \$7,632.00 to the General Operating Fund, due probably to relatively high registration fees and good attendance.

As directed by the membership at the last Annual General Meeting, the 1991 Convention Committee was budgeted to lose approximately \$3,000.00 in the interest of increasing support to student attendees and improving the quality of the program. As will be reported on separately, it is now anticipated that due to excellent attendance at both the seminars and the conference, this loss may not occur.

The Operating Fund Balance of over \$31,000.00 is more than is needed to handle the budgeted expense for the coming year, and since there is no reason to expect any significant deficit in income vs expense, I propose that approximately \$20,000.00 of the balance be transferred to the Capital Fund at once. Keep in mind, however, that once the money is transferred, it is in trust for our society purposes and cannot be transferred out for operating expenses.

The Capital fund cash account is also in excess of that needed to pay for currently budgeted awards and scholarships, and I propose that a substantial portion of the cash be invested in additional GIC's to bear better interest. As a matter of fact, one of the listed certificates for \$8,500.00 matured on October 1, with interest of \$913.75. In light of the currently falling interest rates, I took the liberty, on September 19, of taking out a replacement certificate in the amount of \$10,000.00 at 9.5% for five years. I will be requesting confirmation of this action at this meeting.

Since the current and future investment income is expected to be in excess of \$11,000.00 per year for the next 3 to 5 years, with a budgeted list of awards currently at \$7,800.00, the Board and the Association should give consideration to the matter of whether or not the award list should be augmented or adjusted. I am not advocating change, merely suggesting discussion.

With respect to this matter, it should be pointed out that most institutions such as Universities generally limit their grants and bursaries to approximately 75% of the investment income, with the balance being reinvested to cover inflation and possible lowering of interest rates.

APPENDIX B

NOTICE OF MOTION

Whereas the Operating Fund balance of \$31,360.00 shown at the end of August, 1991, is in excess of the amount needed for budgeted expenditures in the 1991/92 fiscal year and no interest is earned on this Fund, be it moved that the Treasurer be empowered to transfer the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Operating Fund to the Capital Fund. The amount shall be made up of a credit of \$5,587.00 in the inter-fund balance and \$14,413.00 cash.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Whereas the Guaranteed Investment Certificate No. 1134024 in the amount of \$8,500.00 plus interest of \$913.75 matured on October 1, 1991 and was deposited to the Capital Fund cash account, be it moved that the Treasurer be empowered to reinvest the amount of \$10,000.00 in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate from Canada Trust for a period of five (5) years, at an annual interest rate of 9.5%, paid annually to the Capital Fund cash account.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Whereas the Capital Fund cash account, after transfer of funds from the General Operating Fund of \$14,413.00, will be standing in excess of \$32,000.00, and whereas awards and prizes scheduled to be given within the next fiscal year will not exceed \$7,800.00, be it moved that the Treasurer be empowered to invest an additional \$20,000.00 in Guaranteed Investment Certificates for a period of five (5) years, with the provision that this investment be placed in a separate Trust Company account covered by Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation apart from the coverage already provided.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Be it moved that the present Auditor, G.A. Tipping, Certified General Accountant, be appointed as Auditor of the Association until the next General Meeting, to audit the accounts of the Association, except for the accounts specifically related to the annual conference held in Edmonton in 1991.

This constitutes my report.

Eugene H. Bolstad, P.Eng.,

Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE C.A.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 10, 1991, 3:30 p.m.
Ramada Renaissance, Edmonton, Alberta

- 1) Opening of the Meeting and Welcome by Bruce Dunn.
- 2) Minutes of the 1990 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec accepted as published in the Journal. Moved by A. Behar. Seconded by R. Peppin.
- 3) President's report, B. Dunn. Announcement by the President that he will be stepping down after two years due to his impending retirement and subsequent extensive travel.
- 4) Secretary's Report, W.V. Sydenborgh. The paid membership status is as follows:

Members	277
Student Members	33
Sustaining Subscribers	23
Corporate Subscribers	75

This shows very little change from previous years, with a continuing shift of about 10% in the membership category. A loss as far as student members are concerned is observed. Sustaining subscribers have increased, as have subscriptions.

- 5) Treasurer's Report, E. Bolstad. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report and Auditors' Report by Mr. Tipping. The Financial Report is adopted. So moved by G. Wong and seconded by T. Embleton. Re-investment of funds plus surplus of the Operating Fund to be added to the Capital Fund for future expansion and hedge against inflation. Motion by J. Nicolas and seconded by B. Dunn.
- 6) Report of the Editor of "Canadian Acoustics". Chantal Laroche presented the report on behalf of M. Hodgson. We are always looking for papers to be published in the Journal. With the move of the Chief Editor to Vancouver, a new printer will have to be found. Also, expenses will be higher due to more pages in the Journal and the increased cost of mailing. Motion presented to increase the budget of the Chief Editor by up to \$2000.00. Moved by C. Laroche. Seconded by A. Behar. Motion of congratulations to M. Hodgson and G. Faulkner for the quality of the "Proceedings" issue, September 1991. Moved by A. Behar. Seconded by E. Bolstad. The membership list will be published in the next issue.

- 7) Report by the Membership Chairman is received in the absence of M. Zagorski and will be passed on to the incoming Chairperson for Membership.
- 8) Report of the Convener of Acoustics Week 1991 Edmonton, E. Bolstad.
The \$3,000.00 seed money (loss) has helped to keep costs down for people wanting to attend the Symposium. Early hopes were for 60-70 attendees. Result to date is 83. Student attendance is also very good. Summary of the Symposium will be published in the Journal. Including exhibitors and those attending seminars, a total of 144 tags were issued.
- 9) Prizes. Announcement is postponed to the banquet after the AGM.
- 10) Cameron Sherry reports as Chairman of the C.S.A. Main Committee on Acoustics about rapid development of standards adapted by the I.S.O. (International Standards Organization).
Due to input and co-operation of the members of the European Common Market, the danger exists that these standards could become trade barriers to North American manufacturers. A letter on behalf of the C.S.A. Main Committee will be addressed to the President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, outlining these dangers. Especially machinery exported to the ECM may be affected.
- 11) Report by Chairperson Education Committee, S. Abel. The request for input via the Journal generated only one response. Urgent appeal for input to S. Abel, especially from the academic sector.
- 12) Fessenden Underwater Prize, D. Chapman. No applications received in 1991.
- 13) Report - International INCE and Inter-Noise 1992 in Toronto by T. Embleton. International INCE is in its 21st year. This will be the first conference held in Canada. Dates are July 20 - 22, 1992 at the Inn-On-The-Park in Toronto. All committees are in place. Requests for papers are out. Deadline for abstracts is January 10, 1992.
- 14) Review of the Prize Committee by A. Behar is outlined. Some shortcomings to be rectified. It is moved by D. Chapman and seconded by M. Roland-Mieszkowski that: Regarding the Student Awards Presentation at Acoustics Week in Canada, the CAA Board of Directors review the existing rules and:
- a) Establish and publicize a revised set of rules acceptable to a majority of CAA Directors and Executive.
 - b) Make the changes necessary to admit undergraduate students into the awards scheme, provided that their work is certified to be original.
 - c) Ensure that a copy of the rules and an application form be included in the call for papers.
- The above to be in place starting with Acoustics Week in Canada, 1992.
All present are in favour.
- 15) Science Fair Report by B. Dunn and A. Cohen. B. Dunn announced that \$250.00 was presented to the winner of the Project in Acoustics. The winner was an 8th grade student from Beaconsfield, Que., Maria Gazelle-Holm. Motion by T. Embleton and seconded by C. Lunis that our participation in the Science Fair continue with an amendment by C. Sherry that a one year free subscription to the Journal be provided to the winner.
Accepted unanimously.
- 16) Status Report on the 1994 International Congress of Audiology and the International Conference on Spoken Language, by B. Dunn. The above will not have official participation by the CAA, nor financial support.
- 17) Vancouver will be the host city for Acoustics Week 1992. Convener is D. Wicker. Toronto will be the host city in 1993. Motion to accept is made by A. Behar. Seconded by G. Wong. Unanimous. The original proposal from the Winnipeg group was withdrawn.
- 18) Fees and Budget for 1992. Motion by E. Bolstad, seconded by T. Embleton that the fees for 1992 remain the same as for 1991. Carried.
That the Auditor, G.A. Tipping, be retained for 1992 at \$1500.00 per year and the yearly secretarial budget remain at \$1500.00. Moved by E. Bolstad and seconded by A. Behar. Carried.
- 19) Elections. For President, Membership Chairperson, 2 Directors. The proposed slate is:
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| President: | D. Chapman (1 yr) |
| Membership: | J. Bradley (1 yr) |
| Directors: | M. Roland-Mieszkowski, Nova Scotia; F. Laville, Quebec (4 yrs) |
- No other nominations received either in writing or from the floor. All declared elected. All accepted. Past President will be B. Dunn.
- 20) B. Dunn thanked all those that have fulfilled their terms and congratulated those newly-elected and wished them well.
- 21) D. Chapman thanked B. Dunn for all the work he has done for the CAA.
- 22) Adjournment by B. Dunn. Seconded by A. Behar.

Prepared by W.V. Sydenborgh

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2nd International Congress on Recent Developments in Air- & Structure-Borne Sound and Vibration: Acoustical Society of America/Institute of Noise Control Engineering, March 4-6, 1992. For further information call (205) 844-4820.

2nd French Congress on Acoustics: Arcachon, France, April 14-17, 1992. Contact: Congrès français d'acoustique, Mécanique physique-Université de Bordeaux I, 33405 Talence Cedex, France. Telephone: (33) 56 84 62 26 - Telefax: (33) 56 84 69 64.

DGLR/AIAA 14th Aeroacoustics Conference: Aachen, Germany, May 11-14, 1992. Contact: Dr. John Seiner, Acoustics Division, NASA Langley Research Center, Mail Code 166, Hampton, Virginia 23665-5225, U.S.A. Phone (804) 864-6276, Fax: (804) 864-7687.

Eurosymposium, "The Mitigation of Traffic Noise in Urban Areas": Palais des Congrès Nantes - France, May 12-15, 1992. Contact: Y. Delanne, L.C.P.C., Centre de Nantes 8 P 19, 44340 Bouguenais, France. Phone 33.40.84.59.01 or Fax 33.40.84.59.86.

6th International Conference on Hand-Arm Vibration: Bonn, Germany, May 19-22, 1992. Contact: 6th HAV - Berufsgenossenschaftliches Institute für Arbeitssicherheit - BIA, Alte Heerstrasse 111, D-5205 Sankt Augustin 2. Telex: 49/2241/23102 or Telefax: 49/2241/231234.

Acoustical Society of America: Salt Lake City, Utah, May 11-15, 1992. Contact: Murray Strasberg, Acoustical Society of America, 500 Sunnyside Blvd., Woodbury, NY 11797, USA

14th International Congress on Acoustics: Beijing, China, September 3 - 10, 1992. Contact ICA Secretariat, Institute of Acoustics, P.O. Box 2712, Beijing 100080, China or Fax at 256 - 1457.

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Vibration Testing: San Diego, CA, February 25-28, 1992. Contact: Spectral Dynamics, 13112 Evening Creek Drive, South, San Diego, CA 92128-4149. Telephone: (619) 679-6000 or FAX: (619) 679-6400 or, better yet, phone seminar registration at (619) 679-6351 between the hours of 08:00 - 16:00 Pacific Time.

Clinical Audiology: Southampton, UK, March 30 - April 3, 1992. Contact: ISVR Conference Secretary, Institute of Sound & Vibration Research, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, UK. Telephone: (0703) 592310 or FAX: (0703) 593033.

Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques for Noise Control (run in association with Bruel & Kjaer): Southampton UK. April 6 - 8, 1992. Contact: ISVR Conference Secretary, Institute of Sound & Vibration Research, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH Telephone: (0703) 592310 or FAX: (0703) 593033.

Active Control of Sound and Vibration: Southampton, UK, April 13-15, 1992. Contact: ISVR Conference Secretary, Institute of Sound & Vibration Research, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, UK. Telephone: (0703) 592310 or FAX: (0703)

Acoustics & Noise Control: Cheswick, PA, May 18-22, 1992. Contact: AVNC, Continuing Education Division, 250 Shagbark Drive, R.D. #1, Cheswick, PA 16094.

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2e Congrès international sur les derniers progrès dans le domaine des vibrations et des sons aériens et des corps: Acoustical Society of America/Institute of Noise Control Engineering, du 4 au 6 mars 1992. Renseignements: (205) 844-4820.

2e Congrès français d'acoustique: Arcachon, France, du 14 au 17 avril 1992. Contacter: Congrès français d'acoustique, Mécanique physique, Université de Bordeaux I, 33405 Talence Cedex, France. Téléphone: (33) 56 51 62 26. Télécopieur: (33) 56 84 69 64.

14e Conférence DGLR/AAIAA sur l'aéroacoustique: Aachen, Allemagne, du 11 au 14 mai 1992. Contacter: Dr. John Seiner, Acoustics Division, NASA Langley Research Center, Mail Code 166, Hampton, Virginie 23665-5225, E-U. Téléphone: (804) 864-6274. Télécopieur: (804) 864-7687.

Eurosymposium su la maîtrise du bruit routier en milieu urbain: Palais des congrès, Nantes, France, du 12 au 15 mai 1992. Contacter: Y. Delanne, L.C.P.C., Centre de Nantes 8 P 19, 44340, Bouguenais, France. Téléphone: (33) 40 84 59 01. Télécopieur: (33) 40 84 59 96.

6e Conférence internationale sur les vibrations dans les bras et les mains: Bonn, Allemagne, du 19 au 22 mai 1992. Contacter: 6th HAV - Berufsgenossenschaftliches Institute für Arbeitssicherheit - BIA, Alte Heerstrasse 111, D-5205, Sankt Augustin 2. Télex: 49-2241-23102. Télécopieur: (49) 2241-231234.

Conférence de l'Acoustical Society of America: Salt Lake City, Utah, du 11 au 15 mai 1992. Contacter: Murray Strasberg, Acoustical Society of America, 500 Sunnyside Blvd, Woodbury, NY 11797, E-U.

14e Congrès international sur l'acoustique: Beijing, Chine, du 3 au 10 septembre 1992. Contacter: ICA Secretariat, Institute of Acoustics, P.O. Box 2712, Beijing 100080, Chine, Télécopieur: 246-1457.

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Acoustics & Noise Control: Cheswick, Pennsylvanie, du 18 au 22 mai 1992. Contacter: AVNC, Continuing Education Division, 250 Shagbark Drive, R.D. #1, Cheswick, PA 16094.

Signal Processing: Cheswick, PA, May 18-22, 1992. Contact: AVNC, Continuing Education Division, 250 Shagbark Drive, R.D. #1, Cheswick, PA 16094.

Program in Acoustics and Signal Processing: State College, PA, June 1992. A unique four-week program, comprised of ten accredited graduate level courses in acoustics and signal processing, will be offered in June, 1992 by Penn State's Graduate Program in Acoustics in cooperation with the University's Applied Research Laboratory (ARL). Contact: Dr. Alan D. Stuart, Summer Program Coordinator, the Penn State Graduate Program in Acoustics, P.O. Box 30, State College, PA, 16804. Telephone (814) 863-4128 or FAX (814) 865-3119.

NEW PRODUCTS

A new Draft American National Standard: "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Hearing Conservation Programs" is shortly to appear as Draft ANSI S12.13-1991 (ASA Catalogue No. 97-1991). It is the result of the work of the ANSI S12 WG12, that has two Canadian members. The Standard made use of the Audiometric Data Base Analysis, originally developed by Larry and Julie Royster from the North Carolina State University. For more information, contact Alberto Behar, Ontario Hydro, Telephone: (416) 683-7516.

Institute of Noise Control Engineering: NOISE-CON 91 was the occasion for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering. The Proceedings of NOISE-CON 91 are now available. Eighty-seven papers on a wide variety of topics on noise control engineering appear in the Proceedings. Copies of the NOISE-CON 91 Proceedings are available for \$75.00 each from Noise Control Foundation, P.O. Box 2499 Arlington Branch, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, USA.

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Murray Hodgson has left the NRC to take up a joint appointment at the University of British Columbia. He will be the "engineer" for the Occupational Hygiene Programme, a new graduate programme funded by the Workers' Compensation Board of BC. He will also have a cross appointment in Mechanical Engineering. In both cases he will teach acoustics and vibration and undertake research into the acoustical environment in workrooms.

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NOUVEAUX PRODUITS

Nouveau projet de norme de l'ANSI sur l'évaluation des programmes de protection de l'ouïe à paraître sous la désignation Draft ANSI S12.13-1991 (no 97-1991 dans le catalogue ASA). Le projet est le fruit des travaux du groupe de travail ANSI S12 WG12, qui compte deux canadiens. Le norme fait usage de l'analyse de la base de données audiométrique, mise au point par Larry et Julie Royster de la North Carolina State University. Contacter: Alberto Behar, Ontario Hydro, téléphone (416) 683-7516.

Institute of Noise Control Engineering: Au cours de la conférence NOISE-CON 91, qui coïncidait avec les festivités du 20^e anniversaire de l'Institute of Noise Control Engineering, quelques 87 mémoires ont été présentés sur une grande variété de sujets liés au génie de la maîtrise du bruit. Ces mémoires sont contenus dans les actes de la conférence disponible au coût de 75 \$ l'unité. Contacter: Noise Control Foundation, P.O. Box 2499 Arlington Branch, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, USA.

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LES GENS QUI FONT PARLER D'EUX

Murray Hodgson vient de quitter son poste au CNR pour occuper un poste double à l'université de la Colombie-Britannique. Il travaillera en effet au sein de deux programmes: le nouveau programme d'hygiène industrielle fondé par la Commission des accidents du travail de la Colombie-Britannique, et le programme de génie mécanique. Dans les deux cas, son enseignement portera sur l'acoustique et les vibrations; il fera aussi des recherches dans le domaine de l'environnement acoustique en milieu de travail.

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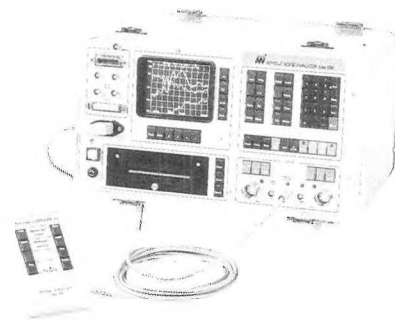
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