

Minutes from the meeting of the Audio Engineering Society  
Technical Committee on Acoustics and Sound Reinforcement

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The TCASR meeting started by the chair reading parts of the minutes from the recent two meetings of the committee, in view of the late posting of the minutes from the most recent meeting in San Francisco in 2006.

There then followed a general discussion on the issue of the rift between the US and European membership presence at the meetings. The decision at the meeting was to continue the system of having both US and European chairs/vice chairs but to try without a liason. The US chair will continue to be Kurt Graffy and the US vice chair will continue be Bruce Olson. The European Chair will continue to be Mendel Kleiner but the new European vice chair will be Douglas McKinnie, who has the possibility of attending all TCASR meetings over the next years. Mendel Kleiner reported the AES list server is now set up to serve the TC ASR community.

The discussion then focused on programs for the coming conventions. Diemer de Vries offered the committee a possibility to propose all types of activities but reported that the Amsterdam committee for 2008 would be most interested in workshops and tutorials. Diemer de Vries also offered to inform the TC ASR committee of the Amsterdam convention committee's own proposed sessions that might be of interest to TC ASR committee.

The discussion then centered on the previously proposed workshops/tutorials/sessions.

Douglas McKinnie offered to contact Trevor Cox to find out if Cox would be interested in arranging a workshop on the issue of "Acoustic materials, sound absorption and scattering". Douglas McKinnie also already in the meeting asked Peter Mapp about the workshop on "Ten basic things to get right in sound reinforcement" that Peter Mapp had offered for the NYC convention in 2007. Peter Mapp agreed to try to assemble such a workshop for Amsterdam in 2008.

Diemer de Vries then reported that the Amsterdam 2008 committee was going to arrange two tutorials, one on the topic of small room acoustics by Ben Kook and one on large room acoustics by Diemer de Vries.

The discussion in the committee then brought forward the idea of a combined tutorial/workshop on simulation software on the topic of "Computer modeling, uses and misuses". It was stressed that it is important that such an activity be free from commercial interest and that the workshop panel should be composed of software users among consultants, not associated with the software providers. At the writing of these minutes it was not clear however who was assigned the task of arranging this activity.

John Woodgate then reported on the importance that the committee be aware of the EC's new regulations concerning EMC radiation by equipment.

Finally Jim Brown brought up the issue of scheduling the TC ASR meetings. The current meeting was severely interfering with ongoing sessions of interest to the TC ASR members. It was suggested that the Technical Council propose meeting times in the same way as the Standards Council of the AES. This would reduce the possibility of the inconvenience experienced at the present meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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