

Minutes from the Meeting of the Audio Engineering Society Technical Committee on Acoustics and Sound Reinforcement Audio Engineering Society 135th Conference

Sunday October 20th, 2013, 11:00 AM, New York Expo, Jacob Javits Center New York City

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Upcoming Workshops/Tutorials

The meeting began with discussion of topics for workshops/tutorials for next two upcoming Conferences:

- 136th Berlin (April 26-29 2014)
- 137th Los Angeles (October 9-12 2014)

Peter Mapp noted that at the Rome TC meeting, Lorenzo Rizzi had volunteered to give a tutorial on small room acoustics. It was agreed that the TC should take up this offer.

Proposals for Berlin were as follows:

- Small Room Acoustics (Lorenzo Rizzi – Peter Mapp will initiate the process)
- Beam-Steering Loudspeakers (Peter Mapp)
- Room Acoustic Measurements (Diemer deVries)
- Errors in STI Measurements (Peter Mapp)

Proposals for Los Angeles were as follows:

- Repeat of one or more of the Berlin workshops/tutorials
- NFPA 72 and Life Safety Issues.

Upcoming Sound Reinforcement Technical Conference – Summer 2015

Peter Mapp has been spearheading development of a technical conference on Sound Reinforcement, (long overdue...seeing as how it's only been 27 years since the last Sound Reinforcement/Audio conference!), to be held summer of 2015, potentially in Montreal at McGill University.

At this point there is a notional program in development, which will be comprised of three main components; Invited Papers, Tutorials, and Workshops. It was also suggested that foundational material/education could be provided on the day(s) just prior to the Conference, so that attendees who were not up to date with the topics and discussions would be able to get more out of the Conference and its material.

Projected date is early June, but this may put the Conference into direct conflict with the InfoComm show. Consequently the early June date may need to shift to end of May or end of June. Francis Rumsey noted that the summer 2015 time slot is fairly critical, as there are number of other proposed Conferences, and we may find ourselves on a long delay if we don't hit 2015

Post meeting update – possibility of July 2105 is likely & being investigated .

TCASR Website and Forum

Francis Rumsey brought up the need for the TCs to update their webpages, and to take advantage of the recently instituted forums for each TC. TCASR wasn't as bad as some, but wasn't as good as others either!

For the TCs that have utilized the forums there has been an increase in communication with the members, which makes TC activities more consistent and better noticed.

The forums also provide an opportunity for TC member based technical topics to be raised and discussed. Out of this can come concepts for projects to be undertaken by the TC, ideas and proposals for upcoming events, as well as facilitating educational exchanges on topics of interest.

The forum ideally would also have some kind of moderator review to keep things on topic and appropriate to the TC.

It was generally noted that the challenge is the time to maintain the website and keep it active, and with the planning for the SR Conference needing attention there was an additional time issue. A request was made for volunteers to update/handle the website, and Alan Clayton volunteered to take it on and give it a go. He will get in contact with Steve Johnson to coordinate the various aspects necessary.

Finally, it was noted that there are a lot of names on the TCASR members list who have not been visible for some time. It was suggested that the Chairs send out a query to these members and verify that they are still interested in being involved with the TCASR.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.

Respectfully submitted

Kurt Graffy
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