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Chairman's Report
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The highlight of the year was the national meeting at Ladenburg, near Heidelberg. The principal lecture on "Forensic Engineering" by Prof. J. Stuart introduced an unusual and fascinating use of engineering techniques. The lectures by younger members were also rewarding, reflecting the varied careers of the speakers, including high speed trains in Japan!

A tour of the city by land and water on the second day made a pleasant conclusion.

Regional meetings have not been as frequent as in the past, and were restricted to Hamburg, München and Stuttgart. Presentations have included lectures on "Chaos" (Hamburg) and "Digital Television" (Stuttgart). Unfortunately it is becoming more difficult to attract members to attend lectures or visits. The reasons most often given are the increasing and continuous demands made upon members' time by employers, and the corresponding need to devote some remaining time to families.

However it is important to offer members what they want.

The "Nachrichten" continued to provide a valuable communication link for members.

Co-operation continues with the VDI, providing information on Britain to German student in Stuttgart.

The Register of Professional and Personal Interests (RPPI) was recognised to facilitate wider membership, but it appears that interest has declined with the availability of information via the Internet.

I thank all those who have contributed to the success of our programmes during my two years in office, in particular our Secretary, the Treasurer, and the editor of the "Nachrichten". The satisfaction of our members is our common reward.

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