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MFI GERMANY

Annual General Meeting, 26 September 1998

Chairman's Report,
September 1997 to September 1998

Meetings

The International Lecture was held in the auditorium of Stuttgart University . Prof. Charles Kao Spoke on " Engineering the Future ". The meeting was very successful and attracted a good audience from the Universities Stuttgart, Fach Hochschule -Stuttgart, guest Professor from University Duisburg (Chairman of IEEE Germany), representative from VDI and from local industry. The audience appreciated the multicultural prospective offered by the speaker. Two new members were recruited by the MFI and several in pending.

The highlight of this year was our Eastern and Central European meeting which was held in Weimer and was attended by over eighty participant . The meeting was organised to meet our East European IEE colleagues and to established a close relationship with the eastern counterparts. The meeting showed the willingness and enthusiasm to work together in feature; proposals were put forward for meeting to be held in Gdansk - Poland or in Czech Republic. The executive committee is working to organised such meeting ,watch for next news flash. The weekend program was opened with two lectures. Prof. Berta from Technical University of Budapest, described his work on the effect of electromagnetic fields (EMI and EMC) in every day life and Prof. Lipski from University Gdansk spoke about Polish education system and its problems. Next ,the four winning younger members papers were presented (for the first time a pre selection was necessary as significant number of competitor were keen to present their technical papers).The guest speaker Prof. Angela Newing who gave a very informative lecture on the development of Medical Radiation -invisible and visible' covering from earlier experiment with X-rays to the latest non-intrusive imaging technologies. The guest and family afternoon program was a visit to the Carl Zeiss Planetarium in Jena.

Regional meetings have not been as frequent as hopped , and were restricted to Hamburg., Munich and Stuttgart .Technical presentation were a talk on " Chaos" in Hamburg and Digital Television in Stuttgart.

Students

Co-operation continues with Local Industry and VDI. We were able to help German student going to U K but very poor response from UK student who like to come for his training in Germany.

VDI Accredierung Committee

The German Centre is participating in this committee to work out the new degree courses which will be offered by German University and Fachhochschulen.

Special Interest Group

The Translator group did not meet during Weimer meeting .New members have joined and contact are maid via Internet.

RPPI

The Register of Professional and Personal Interest was kept alive by Richard Daniel's hard work, but it appears that interest of the members have declined.

Centre Organisation

In order to comply with Budget constraints, meetings of full committee now takes only in conjunction with major meeting or the AGM, Executive meetings are held as necessary for the planning of such events. Cost reduction and rationalisation have been implemented in every respect.

At the end of this report ,I would like to thank all those who have helped to make our programmes a success .My special thanks are to our Secretary, our Treasurer ,Bob Slater and Peter Langheinrich for their work with the Newsletter, and lastly to Richard Daniel for continuing the RPPI.

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