

Preface to Volume III

It is my pleasure to share with you the following highlights after the 24th ITTC Conference.

The Princess Royal opened the 24th International Towing Tank Conference. Stressing the importance of the maritime sector to the World and UK economies, Her Royal Highness welcomed the delegates and went on to praise the School of Marine Science and Technology of the University of Newcastle for organising the Conference. The Princess joined the buffet lunch, where she spoke with over 100 delegates, individually discussing with them various construction and performance related aspects in ship design and operations. After the lunch, The Princess Royal attended the presentation of the Specialist Committee Report on Powering Performance and Prediction.

During the Conference 5 General Committee, 7 Specialist Committee and 1 Specialist Group Reports were presented and discussed. In addition there were four specialist Group Discussions. The discussions to the Committee Reports together with responses to the discussions, and the group discussion presentations are given in this Volume. On behalf of the Organising Committee I would like to extend my appreciation to all delegates who contributed to the discussions of the Technical Committees and Group Reports, the Members of the Technical Committees and Group for their responses and in addition a special thanks for those who led the Group Discussions presentations.

A total of 194 delegates (120 Members, 64 Observers and 10 Senior Members) together with 67 Accompanying Persons from 26 different countries and 95 Organisations attended the Conference, the end of which was marked with a spectacular gala banquet in Hopetoun House. The Banquet speech, given by Mr. David Moor was very much enjoyed by all attending the Banquet.

Finally I would like to record my gratitude to my colleagues Dr. David Clarke and Mrs. Ana Mesbahi for their excellent work in editing the 24th ITTC Proceedings and wish all the best to the Organising Committee of the 25th ITTC, to have a successful Conference in Fukuoka in 2008.



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