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The purpose of the ICA is to promote international development and collaboration in all fields of acoustics including research, development, education, and standardisation.

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Season's Greetings

The board of the International Commission for Acoustics wishes to all the Member Societies, International Affiliates and their individual members all the best for the **New Year, 2017**. May the New Year bring peace and prosperity to the world and health and personal happiness to all of you.

Happy and Prosperous
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2017

Welcome

This newsletter is a combined production from **Michael Taroudakis** (President from 1 October 2016) and **Marion Burgess** (Past President). We hope that you find the content of interest and we encourage you to use relevant parts of the newsletter in the communication with your own members. The newsletter will be available from the ICA website www.icacommission.org under the Letter from the President tab.

At **1 October 2016** and following our General Assembly during the Congress in Argentina, the new Board with the responsibility for the operation of the ICA was elected. The ICA has clear bylaws limiting the number of terms which ensures that there are new persons involved and bringing new ideas. The outgoing

President moves to the position of Past President for one more term.

It is important at this time to sincerely thank those who have contributed to the Board over the past 3 years. In particular, thanks are due Michael Vorländer who has been a supportive Past President and will continue to contribute to the activities of the ICA in regard to the International Year of Sound Committee.

Board Meetings

The ICA Board meets only once per year and continues business between meetings via email. The 2016 Board Meeting was held at the time of the ICA in Buenos Aires and the key decisions reported to the membership at the General Assembly.

Of particular interest is the decision on the ICA Congress of 2022. There were three excellent proposals from South Korea, China and Egypt. The board decided that the ICA 2022 Congress will be hosted by the Acoustical Society of Korea. This congress will be held in the city of Gyeongju, Korea, 24-28 October 2022. Jeong-Guon Ih will be the General Chair and Chan Hoon Haan will be the Technical Chair.

The 2017 Board Meeting will be held in Boston in June, during the time of the ASA/EAA joint congress. If any Member Society has anything to be discussed at this meeting we ask that you contact the General Secretary well in advance of the Board Meeting.

ICA General Assembly

The ICA General Assembly was also held at the time of the ICA in Buenos Aires. 31 member societies and 6 international affiliates were represented. During the General Assembly the President of ICA reported on all the activities of ICA during the previous period and the efforts of the ICA Board towards the challenges of the future. The budget of ICA was also presented and approved by the General Assembly. Minor revisions to the ICA Statutes and By-laws were also discussed and approved. The elections for the new Board followed the general discussions. The minutes of both the ICA Board Meeting and the ICA General Assembly held in Buenos Aires can be found in the ICA web-page related to governance

<http://www.icacommission.org/minutes.html>

ICA 2016 Buenos Aires



The ICA congress was held in Buenos Aires, 5-9 September. This is the first time the ICA has been held in South America. Over 600 papers were presented and over 800 participated during the congress. It was particularly noted that around 40% of the participants were students. While smaller than recent ICA congresses, the benefit of bringing such an event to South America was reflected in the enthusiasm of the participants. All the sessions had good attendances, the morning and afternoon tea areas were crowded every day and the closing ceremony had a full theatre with almost as many as attended the opening.

During the opening ceremony of the Conference, the Early Career Award of ICA was presented to **Frank Russo** (Ryerson University, Canada).

From its resources, the ICA awarded 34 Young Scientist congress attendance grants from 66 applications. These were distributed: USA 6, UK 5, Brazil 5, France 4, Australia 2, Canada 2, Korea 2, 1 (Chile, Finland, Russia, Israel, Argentine, Denmark, Sweden, and Poland).

The organisers were particularly grateful for the opportunity the IUPAP grant provided to support more Young Scientist congress attendance grants and these were limited to applications from Latin America. A total of 51

such attendance grants were awarded; of which 12 were for those just finished studying and the remainder for those still Students. The distribution was 19 from Argentina, 2 from Bolivia, 11 from Brazil, 12 from Chile, 1 Spain, 3 from Peru, 2 from Uruguay and 1 from Venezuela.

ICA 2019 Aachen



The major event for the ICA is the congress held every three years. The ICA 2019 will be held 8-13 September 2019 in Aachen, Germany. Planning is in progress for this important congress that is being hosted by German Acoustical Society (DEGA). The website will be the primary means of communication on this conference

<http://www.ica2019.org/>

International Year of Sound



The ICA board is committed to work towards an **International Year of Sound in 2019** (IYS 2019), This will be a global initiative to highlight the importance of sound and related technologies as well as the need for quietness and peace in the lives for all in society.

We have been delighted to receive such enthusiastic support from such a wide range of organisations involved with various aspects of acoustics. We are following the guidance from the organisers for the 2015 International Year of Light which is considered to be one of the most successful International Years. The committee is in contact with UNESCO and expects the important decisions to be made in 2017.

Symposium sponsorship

The ICA allocates up to 5,000 EUROS annually for sponsorship of specialty symposia in acoustics (max of 1500 EUROS per symposium). In conjunction with the Acoustical Society of America (ASA), the ICA accepts the applications for allocation of up to 2,000 USD for specialty symposia that comply with the conditions for the special ASA support.

The applications for 2017 have been assessed and the following sponsorship provided:

Funding provided by ASA :

- The 27th Joint meeting of the Acoustical Society of Brazil (SOBRAC), Brasilia, Brazil

Funding provided by ICA :

- Symposium on "Advanced research in timber construction: acoustics quality, environment and safety", Bolzano, Italy,
- 12th ICBEN Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem, Zurich, Switzerland.
- European Symposium on Underwater Acoustics Applications and European Symposium of Sustainable Building Acoustics, Marin and Coruna, Spain.

The reports from the 2016 symposia which received support are available from the ICA website at the link to Past Symposia.

ICA Membership

The following list comprises the national acoustical societies which are members of the ICA.

Country	Country
Argentina	Japan
Australia	Korea (South)
Austria	Lithuania
Belgium	Mexico
Brazil	Netherlands
Canada	New Zealand
Chile	Nigeria
China	Norway
Croatia	Peru
Czech Republic	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
Egypt	Russia
Finland	Serbia
France	Singapore
Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hong Kong	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
India	Turkey
Iran	USA (ASA)
Israel	USA (INCE)
Italy	United Kingdom

These are also represented graphically on the figure below. If you know of any grouping that you think should be included, please let us know the contact details and we will follow up.

In addition, the following are the International Affiliates to ICA: AES, EAA, FIA, I-INCE, ICBEN, ICU, IIAV, WESPAC.

