

Short Note

2009–2010 ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL MEASUREMENT CONFEDERATION
IMEKO

1. 2009 IMEKO World Congress in Lisbon

International Measurement Confederation IMEKO is currently a federation of national measurement-related organisations and institutions from 39 countries. With rare exceptions (such as the Millennium Congress 2000 in Vienna), the IMEKO world congresses are organised every three years. The recent one was held last year in Lisbon, Portugal (September 6–11, 2009) and has been generally assessed as a success both in terms of its scientific and technical level and in terms of its organizational quality. The Congress was attended by 580 participants from 47 countries. Its programme contained: 76 oral sessions, 44 with the duration of 2 hours and 32 of 1.5 hours (total: 136 hours); 4 poster sessions of two hours (total: 8 hours); 4 workshops and 4 round tables; 5 invited lectures; 20 TC meetings; 2 technical visits; 10 exhibitors; as well as two social events. The distribution of Congress participants by country is provided in Fig. 1.

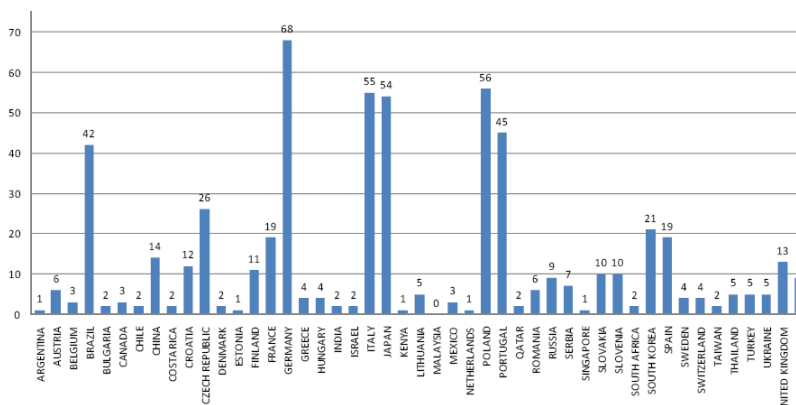


Fig. 1. Distribution of Congress participants by country (total: 580).

2. 2009 convention of IMEKO governing bodies

IMEKO is run by several governing bodies whose duties are defined in the *IMEKO Constitution and By-laws* (available in section *Downloads* at <http://www.imeko.org/>): the General Council, the Board of Officers, the Advisory Board, and the Technical Board. The 2009 convention of the IMEKO governing bodies took place in Lisbon, Portugal, on September 5–6, 2009. Its programme included the annual meetings of those bodies and of the Editorial Board of *Measurement – Journal of IMEKO*.

During its meeting in Lisbon, the IMEKO General Council, *i.a.*, elected the new Board of Officers for the term of office 2009–2012 (shown in Table 1), and approved the new contract with Elsevier, the publisher of *Measurement – Journal IMEKO*. In Section 2.6 of this contract, new rules for *Measurement* special issues are established: "The Confederation may propose *Special Issues* consisting of themed collections of selected papers for inclusion within the *Journal*. (...) In the event that the Publisher or the Editor shall decline to publish a work proposed by the Confederation they will have 30 days after receiving details of such work from the Confederation to inform the Confederation on that they do not wish to publish that proposed work. Following receipt of such notice from the Publisher or the Editor or if 30 days have elapsed the Confederation is entitled to

publish such work itself or with another publisher." The Elsevier's withdrawal from the exclusivity rights enabled the General Council to undertake the decision about launching a new electronic journal, most probably under the historical name *Acta IMEKO*. Leo van Biesen, IMEKO President in the period 2003–2006, has been appointed IMEKO Vice-President for Publications, responsible for this task.

Table 1. Board of IMEKO officers for the term of office 2009–2012.

President Dae-Im Kang (Republic of Korea)	Vice-President in Charge of XX World Congress Sam-Yon Woo (Republic of Korea)
Vice-President for External Relations Hidetaka Imai (Japan)	Vice-President for Publications Leo van Biesen (Belgium)
Chairman of the Advisory Board, Past President António da Cruz Serra (Portugal)	President-Elect, Chairman of the Technical Board Pasquale Daponte (Italy)
Secretary General Mladen Boršić (Croatia)	Treasurer P. Herbert Osanna (Austria)

3. 2010 IMEKO events

Substance-related activities of IMEKO are animated by its technical committees. The following activities of TCs are scheduled for 2010:

- TC1 (Education and Training in Measurement and Instrumentation) and TC7 (Measurement Science): Symposium "Without measurement no science, without science no measurement" (London, UK, September 1-3, 2010);
- TC2 (Photonics): Symposium on Photonic Measurements (Hangzhou, China, September 11–13, 2010);
- TC3 (Measurement of Force Mass and Torque): Conference on Measurement of Force, Mass and Torque (Pattaya, Thailand, November 21–25, 2010);
- TC4 (Measurement of Electrical Quantities): Symposium & Workshop on ADC Modelling and Testing "Instrumentation for the Information and Communication Technology Era" (Košice, Slovakia, September 8–10, 2010);
- TC5 (Hardness Measurement): Conference HARDMEKO 2010 (Pattaya, Thailand, November 21–25, 2010);
- TC9 (Flow Measurement): Conference on Flow Measurement FLOMEKO 2010 (Taipei, Taiwan, October 12–14, 2010);
- TC10 (Technical Diagnostics): Workshop on Smart Diagnostics of Structures (Kraków, Poland, October 18–20, 2010);
- TC12 (Temperature and Thermal Measurements): Symposium on Temperature, Humidity, Moisture and Thermal Measurements in Industry and Science TEMPMEKO & ISHM 2010 (Portorož, Slovenia, May 31 – June 4, 2010)
- TC14 (Measurement of Geometrical Quantities): Symposium on Measurement and Quality Control ISMQC2010 (Osaka, Japan, September 5–9, 2010);
- TC18 (Measurement of Human Functions): Symposium on Measurement, Analysis and Modelling of Human Functions ISHF2010 (Prague, Czech Republic, June 14–16, 2010);
- TC19 (Environmental Measurements): Symposium "Instrumentation for the Information and Communication Technology Era" (Košice, Slovakia, September 8–10, 2010);
- TC21 (Mathematical Tools for Measurements): Workshop on Measurement Systems and Process Improvement (Teddington, Middlesex, UK, April 19–21, 2010);
- TC22 (Vibration Measurement): Meeting on Vibration Measurement (Pattaya, Thailand, November 21–25, 2010).

The detailed information on those events may be found using *Event Finder* accessible on the IMEKO website (<http://www.imeko.org/>).

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