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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.

Dear Member Society,

I am writing to update you on some of the activities of the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) during 2009.

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

The Board was appointed at the 2007 General Assembly and held the 2008 Board meeting at the time of the Acoustics 08 conference in Paris and the 2009 Board Meeting at the time of the Internoise conference in Ottawa. The minutes from this meeting are available from the ICA website.

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The Board has been considering the governance and opportunities for changes to the structure of the board so that the ICA can grow into the future. Following the 2009 Board meeting a proposal has been distributed to the member societies for comment. These comments will be incorporated in the version presented to the ICA General Assembly in Sydney in 2010.

The membership of the ICA has not been increasing while it is clear that the interest in acoustics is expanding. Contact has been made with two potential new members. We request the membership to forward any suggestions on societies or groups which should be invited to consider membership of ICA.

The Board has been active in pursuing the links of ICA to the international unions. ICA is an Affiliated Commission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) and the International Union of Applied and Theoretical Mechanics (IUTAM). ICA President attended the IUPAP meetings in 2009. ICA is a Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science ICSU. Following the meeting held with ICSU senior management in 2008 the board is reviewing the requirements and the actions that would be necessary to achieve full Union status within ICSU. Achievement of this status would be a great international recognition of the discipline of acoustics and the impact it has on all aspects of life.

Over the year the ICA Secretary General has been busy with a range of duties and in particular the updating of the records for the member societies. I urge you to advise the ICA any time there are changes in the contact details for your society.

The Treasurer has been busy managing the income and balancing with the expenditure. Your society will have received the request for payment of the annual subscription to the ICA. As always, we would be extremely grateful for the timely payment of these subscriptions plus any additional voluntary contributions to particular activities of the ICA. We are grateful to those who paid for both 2009 and 2010 at the one time. This reduces both the administration and bank fees involved with your annual subscription. At the General Assembly in 2010 there will be a proposal for a modest increase in the cost per share of 5 Euro per year. As well there will be a proposal for an incentive reduction in the total for payment of three years at one time.

The Board has approved financial support for the following meetings under the specialist symposium program: Musical Acoustics, ISMA; Room Acoustics ISRA; Sustainability in Acoustics; Conference on noise, vibration and comfort (NVC) 2010; EAA EUROREGIO 2010; and 23 meeting Brazilian Acoustical Society.

The major activity for the ICA is the congress held every 3 years and it will be in Sydney, Australia, 23-27 August, 2010 www.ica2010sydney.org/. This is the opportunity for those working in all areas of acoustics to meet together, learn more and exchange ideas. We ask that you support and assist with the promotion of this event as much as possible. The registration and abstract submission is open from the web page. If there are any suggestions you may have for special speakers, special sessions etc please pass them onto the conference chair m.burgess@adfa.edu.au

The ICA Young Scientist Conference Attendance Grant Scheme offers support for those particularly from developing countries to participate in the ICA 2010. The information about this scheme is available from the webpage.

The year of 2010 will be a very busy year for the ICA with the ICA congress and the ICA General Assembly. The Board members who will be making the decisions for the ICA for the following 3 years are elected at the time of the General Assembly. I take this opportunity to ask each member society to consider nominations for the available positions on the Board. The enthusiasm and commitment to acoustics is essential for a strong future for the ICA.

We thank your society for its continued support of the activities of the ICA and wish you all the very best for a prosperous and successful 2010

With very best wishes,

Samir Gerges
President ICA 2008-2010.