EDITORIAL

IAME & WCTR 2001

Two important events took place successfully in July this year. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, under the able leadership of IAME Council member Professor Cullinane, organised the annual conference of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME). *IJME* was one of the main sponsors of this important event that managed to bring together more than 100 international participants to the thriving city of Hong Kong. Approximately 70 papers were presented, published in a quality volume of proceedings.

During the conference, the long awaited proceedings of the 2000 Naples conference were also distributed on CD ROM, beautifully edited and designed by Pietro Evangelista and Alfonso Morvillo of the Italian National Research Council who organised that conference for IAME.

The Association's biannual conference and general assembly will take place next year under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The following week, the 9th World Conference on Transport Research took place in Seoul, Korea. Fifteen hundred participants and over 1,000 papers on all modes of transport were tightly scheduled in the course of one week through the excellent organisational skills of the colleagues of the Korea Transport Institute (KOTI) and the Korean Society of Transportation. Proceedings were issued on a CD ROM.

The WCTR Special Interest Group on Maritime Transport and Ports (SIG2) was again successfully represented with 42 papers spread in nine sessions throughout the week. Many of these papers are already being considered by *IJME* while others have been solicited from the authors.

The 10th WCTR will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2004 and, according to past practice, a pre-WCTR Workshop will be held in the summer of 2003 in Izmir.

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