

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO AAS VICTORIA DIVISION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011
HELD AT SKM OFFICES, 452 FLINDERS STREET
MELBOURNE

Looking back over the 2010 - 2011 Victoria Division calendar revealed a quieter year in terms of Technical Meetings and Site Visits. There has been however, significant Committee activity which has also included Committee members heavily involved in the preparation and presentation of Victoria Division's formal bid on behalf of AAS to host the 2014 InterNoise Congress.

Thank you to our Committee on behalf of the Victoria Division for your involvement on Committee over the past year which has included attendance at five meetings. Members serving on the Committee were Norm Broner, Simon De Lisle, Charles Don, Dianne Williams, Louis Fouvy and Andrew Rogers.

In terms of Technical Meetings Victoria Division arranged an interesting evening to coincide with our AGM last year at the SKM Theatre – Magic Lantern and Music Show presented by David Demant, Senior Curator Information and Communication, Museum Victoria.

Our End of Year Function, which also included the Federal AGM was held at the Malvern Golf Club in December. The social part of the evening featured a talk by Dr. Carl Howard from the University of Adelaide on the use of ultrasound for the control of Cyanobacteria (blue algae). The application of ultrasound in addressing what is becoming a serious water-borne issue was of great interest to both members and their guests.

Several promising technical site visits for the early part of 2011 were postponed due to unavailability of the venues and speakers at the times proposed. A very wet afternoon visit was made to the Autex Plant in West Heidelberg where our hosts provided a most informative overview of their insulation manufacturing processes concluding with sumptuous refreshments and a brief technical presentation.

On behalf of Victoria Division, your Chairman had the privilege in March to present an H. Vivian Taylor Award at the RMIT University Awards Night to Mr. Danushka Pranita Kulatilleke a final year student completing a double degree in Physics and Engineering (Electronic and Communication Engineering) RMIT University.

An update from Charles Don who presented the formal AAS bid to the IINC Congress Selection Committee in Osaka in early September to host InterNoise 2014 indicated that, subject to some additional information, a positive response will be forthcoming.

As our incoming Committee looks at our forthcoming activity program, I remind all members that many other Victoria Division members would be interested in one or more of your acoustic projects. A forum to discuss your unique project would be one way of presenting your work; a site visit or technical talk may be another way. Think about it.

Thank you members who have participated in our activities during the past year. I look forward to sharing Victoria Division events next year with those of us who were unable to be involved this year. We need some additional Committee members as well.

How about putting into your diary now our end of year social function, hopefully a nautical theme, hopefully on Friday 18th November and hopefully subsidised!

And finally, once again thank you Committee for your involvement in the administration of the Victoria Division during the past year, and especially Louis Fouvy for your many years of service to AAS and Victoria Division as you retire from the Committee.

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