

Meetings

Acoustical Society

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the Acoustical Society of America, held June 23-26 at the Hotel Statler in New York City, was the 47th meeting held by the Society since its initial gathering in 1929. The attendance (527 were registered) was larger than any previous ASA meeting. The technical program consisted of 123 contributed papers distributed among a dozen sessions and of an additional 28 invited papers in review of a quarter-century of progress in such fields as speech and hearing, ultrasonics, electroacoustics, musical acoustics, sound reproduction, communication, architectural acoustics, acoustical materials, and noise control. Of the two sessions of invited papers not held at the Statler, one (on musical acoustics) took place in Columbia University's McMillin Theatre as part of Columbia's Bicentennial Anniversary. The second (on large auditorium acoustics) was a Saturday morning session at Radio City Music Hall which was followed, in the way of a practical demonstration, by the regular Music Hall performance: the Rockettes, stage show, and "The Student Prince" in Cinema Scope.

The Anniversary Dinner and subsequent entertainment on Friday evening brought a large and appreciative audience to the Statler's Grand Ballroom where the festivities were duly filmed, recorded, and stored in a "time capsule" for the benefit of future Acoustical Society members 75 years hence, on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration in 2029.

The Society's Biennial Award (\$100) to a member or fellow under 35 who has made outstanding contributions to acoustics was presented to Uno Ingard of the Chalmers University of Technology Acoustics Laboratory in Sweden. The election to honorary membership in the Society of Vern O. Knudsen, Paul E. Sabine, Frederick A. Saunders, and Floyd R. Watson, all former presidents of the Society, was also announced during the after-dinner ceremonies.

Wallace Waterfall, one of those instrumental in forming the Acoustical Society and who has served as its secretary since its inception, was specially honored by being named recipient of the first Gold Medal ever to be awarded by the Society. He was also presented with a Silver Certificate in recognition of his 25 years of active membership, a portrait in oils (of himself), and a silver table centerpiece (to be shared jointly with Mrs. Waterfall).

IUPAP Assembly

The London Triennial Assembly of International Union of Pure and Applied Physics took place in the rooms of the Royal Society July 7-10 under the presidency of N. F. Mott. The meetings accomplished their three main purposes: to raise the total contributions from member countries from \$4000 to \$9400 per year; to allocate this money and another \$12 000 received from Unesco via ICSU to international physics conferences; and to select officers and working committees for the next three year period. Delegates came from twenty countries, including Brazil, Australia, Japan, and India. Germany was represented for the first time. Its eight-man delegation includes W. Heisenberg. Poland sent names of its five-man delegation but they arrived only in the middle of the following week, part way through the conference then being held at Glasgow on nuclear physics. No communication has been received from China over the past six years in answer to information and inquiries sent to the Academy of Sciences in Peking from IUPAP headquarters, 3 Boulevard Pasteur, Paris XV. Heyrovsky of Czechoslovakia, one of the eight odd vice presidents of IUPAP, wrote that he regretted not to be able to come.

International conferences approved for support in 1955 are:

January 20-22	Rochester	High energy physics
April	Pisa	Elementary particles
June	Bern	50th anniversary of relativity
—	Brussels	Transport phenomena (with simultaneous meeting at same time of IUPAP commission on thermodynamics and statistical mechanics)
—	Marseilles	Ultrasonics
—	Delft	Gas discharge physics
—	Paris	Meeting of the IUPAP commission on very low temperatures, concurrently with Congress of the International Institute of Refrigeration, and with special attention to the subject of phase changes



Wallace Waterfall, secretary of the Acoustical Society of America and recipient of the Society's first Gold Medal Award, which was presented on June 25th at the ASA Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration in New York City. He is also executive secretary of the American Institute of Physics.