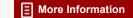


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### INTRODUCTION

The U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics (USNC/RM), a part of the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, was formed within the National Research Council in 1967 to represent U.S. interests in the science and engineering of rock mechanics. Its purposes are the following:

- To serve the national interests of the United States by recommending actions for advancing the science and engineering of rock mechanics to government, industry, and the universities.
- To provide coordination and promote cooperation among the technical and professional societies and organizations involved in rock mechanics.
- To effect appropriate participation in all activities of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) through the National Academy of Sciences—National Academy of Engineering—National Research Council (NAS-NAE-NRC), which adhere to the ISRM on behalf of U.S. scientists, engineers, and technologists interested in rock mechanics.

The Committee conducts advisory studies; distributes reports of findings and recommendations; assists host universities in organizing annual, national rock-mechanics symposia; presents awards annually for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the science and engineering of rock mechanics; and participates in activities of the ISRM. These activities include international congresses at four- to five-year intervals, Commission studies of rock-mechanics problems of international importance, and regional symposia on timely rock-mechanics themes.

This annual report describes the work of the Committee and its Panels in calendar year 1980. The Committee is grateful to the federal agencies that sponsor its activities and to the professional societies and organizations that both furnish support and nominate representatives to serve on the Committee.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

#### NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Five members completed terms on the Parent Committee on June 30, 1980, and were succeeded by new members appointed for terms ending in 1983, as indicated below:

MEMBERSHIP SOURCE	RETIRING MEMBERS	NEW MEMBERS
At Large	Don C. Banks Waterways Experiment Station	John D. Bredehoeft U.S. Geological Survey
At Large	Madan M. Singh Engineers Inter- national Inc.	Bruce R. Clark Leighton and Associates
Geological Society of America	Fitzhugh T. Lee U.S. Geological Survey	George A. Kiersch Consultant
American Society of Civil Engineers	Charles Fairhurst University of Minnesota	Fred H. Kulhawy Cornell University
American Society for Testing and Materials	Egons R. Podnieks U.S. Bureau of Mines	Howard J. Pincus University of Wis- consin, Milwaukee

In addition, C. William Lovell was appointed as the representative of the Transportation Research Board, for a term expiring in 1983, to replace William F. Brumund, who resigned because of the press of other work.

Don C. Banks completed his term as Committee Chairman on June 30 and became Immediate Past Chairman and an ex-officio member. He was succeeded by Neville G. W. Cook for the year July 1, 1980, to June 30,

1981. Kate H. Hadley was nominated by the Committee members and appointed by the National Research Council to serve as Chairman-Elect for the same period and to succeed as Chairman on July 1, 1981.

A roster of the Committee and its Panels is included as Appendix A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The Parent Committee and representatives of the Panels met in Rolla, Missouri, on May 27, just prior to the 21st Annual U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics. The record of the meeting is included as Appendix B.

Major decisions by the Committee were as follows:

- Chapters 1 and 2 of the draft report on rock-mechanics research requirements will be revised, with the Committee Chairman, Dr. Banks, drafting the executive summary (Chapter 1) and the Steering Group drafting the bridging chapter (Chapter 2) between the executive summary and the technical chapters (Chapters 3 through 9).
- Plans for the 22nd Symposium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as presented by Herbert H. Einstein, were approved (Appendix B, Enclosure 2).
- The bid of the University of California at Berkeley to host the 23rd Symposium was accepted.
- Keynote lectures will be instituted in connection with the annual symposia, possibly starting in 1982.
- Sponsorship of symposia will be reviewed, with the possibility of adding sponsorship by professional societies represented on the Committee.
- A new procedure for eliciting nominations for the annual research awards was approved (Appendix B, Enclosure 3).
  - The plan to publish a rock-mechanics periodical was dropped.
- The U.S. Delegation to the meeting of the ISRM Council will discuss reduction of U.S. dues with the General Secretary, ISRM.

Activities of the Constituent Societies

Ten professional societies and organizations are represented on the Committee. A summary report of their activities is given in Appendix B.

The Committee discussed ways to develop stronger and more effective ties between the societies and the Committee, including sponsorship of

symposia by the societies and strengthened roles for society representatives. Further consideration of the matter and appropriate action was planned during the year.

CHANGES IN THE COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, AND PROCEDURES

The Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences (AMPS), at its meeting on September 26 and 27, 1980, approved changes in the constitution recommended by the Committee in August 1976 and June 1979. Although the earlier changes had not been formally approved, the Committee had been operating within the provisions of the proposed revisions since 1976. The series of amendments makes the constitution consistent with the terminology, procedures, and policies of the National Research Council. Specifically, they clarify the purposes and functions of the Committee and ensure that the provisions relating to membership, terms of service, duties of officers, and voting procedures conform to NRC policies. The Governing Board received and approved the Assembly's recommendation of the amendments on October 25, 1980. A copy of the revised constitution is included as Appendix C.

The Committee Chairman, Dr. Cook, believing that additional changes in organization and procedures would strengthen the Committee, corresponded with the Chairman of the Assembly late in 1980 concerning his thoughts. As a consequence of the exchange of correspondence, an ad hoc group consisting of three former Committee Chairman and two members of the National Academy of Sciences was appointed to assist Dr. Cook in reviewing the Committee's activities and recommending appropriate changes. The group was scheduled to meet early in 1981. The results of their review, and subsequent Committee action, will appear in the annual report for 1981.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PANELS

#### PANEL ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sponsorship of Annual Rock-Mechanics Symposia

Each year the Panel is responsible for assisting with the planning for and conduct of the symposium. To accomplish this, three members of the Panel serve as members of the Organizing Committee established by the host institution.

The 21st U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics, hosted by the University of Missouri at Rolla, was held May 28-30, 1980. The theme of the symposium was "State of the Art in Rock Mechanics." Technical sessions were held on the following topics: finite-element case studies and radioactive-waste disposal; aspects of mechanical breakage of rock; effects of temperature; laboratory testing of rock; longwall mining and subsidence; rock fracture by explosives; rock mechanics; mathematical modeling; dynamic, acoustic, and seismic studies; and ground support and strata control. The proceedings include a total of 103 papers, as well as discussion of the papers presented during the sessions.

With respect to future symposia, the Panel took the following actions:

- Reviewed plans prepared by the Organizing Committee for the 22nd Symposium (to be hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 29-July 2, 1981) and recommended approval by the Committee.
- Reviewed bids received from potential sponsors of the 23rd Symposium and recommended acceptance of the offer tendered by the University of California at Berkeley.
- Discussed and proposed to the Committee the initiation of keynote lectures, beginning with the 23rd Symposium.
- Discussed the feasibility of sponsorship of symposia by the professional societies and reported the considerations involved to the Committee.

Awards for Outstanding Research Papers in Rock Mechanics

The Subpanel on Awards reviewed papers submitted in response to the solicitation for nominations and selected the following authors as recipients:

• Applied Research Award

Frank O. Jones and William W. Owens for "A Laboratory Study of Low Permeability Gas Sands" (Preprint 7551, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Dallas, Texas)

Basic Research Award

Barry H.G. Brady and John W. Bray for

"The Boundary Element Method for Determining Stresses and Displacements Around Long Openings in a Triaxial Stress Field" and "The Boundary Element Method for Elastic Analysis of Tabular Ore Body Extraction, Assuming Complete Plane Strain" (Int. J. Rock Mech. Min. Sci. & Geomech. Abstr. 15, 21-28 and 29-37)

No student research award was granted because too few papers were received to enable appropriate competition. The papers nominated for the 1980 award will be held for consideration the following year.

The Subpanel, concerned about the sharp decline in the number of nominations for the awards, drafted a brief statement proposing a new procedure for nominating and evaluating papers. The "Annual Research Awards" statement (Appendix B, Enclosure 3) was approved by the Panel and then by the Committee.

#### PANEL ON ROCK-MECHANICS RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

The Panel continued its study of rock-mechanics research requirements for resource recovery, construction, and earthquake-hazard reduction. The study is being funded separately from other Committee activities by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Department of Energy, and the National Science Foundation.

The study progress in 1980 included the following:

- Completion in January of initial draft reports by the seven technical subpanels.
- Conduct of a workshop in February, at which the draft chapters were reviewed and revisions recommended.

- Completion of a draft report including the seven technical chapters, an executive summary, and a technical summary and conclusions.
- $\bullet$  Review by members of the Committee and discussion at the annual meeting.
  - Completion of the final draft report.
- Review and approval by the NRC's Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

At the end of the year the report was being edited and prepared for publication early in 1981. The Committee plans to distribute copies of the report to all federal agencies that provide funds for its activities.

## REPRESENTATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ROCK MECHANICS (ISRM)

In fulfillment of its responsibility to effect appropriate participation in all activities of the ISRM, the Committee

- Represents the United States in meetings of the ISRM Council.
- Participates in ISRM congresses and symposia and encourages participation by U.S. members of the ISRM.
- Arranges for U.S. participation in activities of the study Commissions of the ISRM.
- Provides for membership of U.S. scientists, engineers, and technologists in the ISRM.

#### ISRM COUNCIL MEETING

The 1980 meeting of the Council was held on June 22, in Stockholm, Sweden. Representatives of 19 member countries participated; the United States was represented by a delegation of three, headed by the Committee Chairman, Don C. Banks.

The ISRM accomplishes its substantive activities through Commissions that are established to study scientific and technical matters of concern to the Society. These Commissions meet in conjunction with the ISRM Council, to which they report the progress of their activities. Of the seven Commissions currently active, two are chaired by individuals from the United States. These are the Commission on Case Histories and the Commission on Education. A summary report of the Council and Commission meetings appears as Appendix D.

The Council meeting was held in conjunction with the international symposium "Rockstore '80," which the ISRM—together with several other organizations—sponsored. The symposium was attended by delegations from the U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics and the U.S. National Committee on Tunneling Technology. A summary report of the symposium is included as Appendix E.

#### SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

#### Membership

The Committee Secretariat provides for affiliate membership in the ISRM for individuals in the United States. This includes maintaining membership records, arranging for subscriptions to the journals, and distributing the quarterly ISRM News and other pertinent material.

Each year the Secretariat prepares and distributes a "Directory of U.S. Members of the ISRM." At the end of 1980, there were 293 members. They are listed in Appendix F.

#### Symposia and Congresses

At the 1980 meeting of the ISRM Council, it was proposed and approved that the ISRM sanction the 23rd U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics as an official international symposium of the Society. The Committee and Secretariat will assist the host institution, the University of California at Berkeley, in fulfilling the requirements that ISRM sponsorship imposes.

During 1980 the Secretariat continued distribution of Advances in Rock Mechanics: Volume III, Events and Discussions, published in 1979. This document is the final volume of the proceedings of the 3rd Congress of the ISRM, which the Committee hosted in September 1974.

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#### 1980 ANNUAL MEETING

#### U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ROCK MECHANICS

May 27, 1980 HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE ROLLA, MISSOURI

#### Record of the Meeting

#### **ATTENDEES**

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Herbert H. Einstein, Organizing Chairman, 22nd U.S.

Symposium on Rock Mechanics and Member, Panel on Domestic

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William R. Judd, Cochairman, Panel on Rock Mechanics

Research Requirements

Howard J. Pincus, Study Director, Panel on Rock Mechanics

Research Requirements

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Susan V. Heisler, Assistant Executive Secretary

Barbara S. Adams, Administrative Assistant

The agenda for the meeting is attached as Enclosure 1.

The Chairman, Don C. Banks, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He reported on several activities that had occurred since the last annual meeting:

- Coordination with other national groups: He had written to five persons in Mexico to establish coordination. Unfortunately, there was no response. The 13th Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium is being held at the same time as the U.S. Symposium and therefore there will be no official Canadian participation. Steps have been taken to improve coordination.
- Meetings of Executive Committee: He briefly reported the results of meetings held in Washington in December 1979 and in Indianapolis in April.

ISRM Membership: Efforts to increase U.S. membership include prior mailing of ISRM information sheets with Symposium announcements, participation of Mrs. B. S. Adams at Symposium registration, and information sheets on display at registration.

• Symposia on mining research: Correspondence with George Clark concerning future conduct of symposia on mining research by five universities was reviewed. At this point, Dr. Gray noted some of the topics of the symposia:

Pennsylvania State University: mine safety
University of Minnesota: mine design
University of Texas at Austin: in situ extraction
University of Missouri at Rolla: mine mechanization

#### STATUS REPORT — ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES

Mr. Bangert reported that the amendments to the constitution voted by the Committee in 1976 and 1979, which had not been forwarded to the Governing Board because of an NRC-wide study of constitutions of USNC's, would now be sent forward. The NRC study has been completed, and accordingly the USNC/RM changes can now be proposed first to the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and then to the Governing Board. The Committee will operate in accordance with the proposed amendments.

The Committee's financial status was briefly reported. Sufficient funds are expected to be available through the contract period (until September 30, 1980) with a modest carryover expected. A proposal for a one-year extension of the Bureau of Mines contract will be requested.

#### POTENTIAL SOURCES OF BIAS

Mr. Bangert informed the members that every committee within the NAS-NAE-NRC is required to review annually the status of members with regard to potential sources of bias. He then read the letter from Dr. Handler, President of the NAS, which is printed on the reverse of each bias form, and asked the members to notify the Secretariat if there were any changes to the form at the time of appointment to membership.

#### REPORTS OF THE PANEL CHAIRMEN

Panel on Rock Mechanics Research Requirements

Dr. Pincus, Study Director, reported on study progress since the last annual meeting and the schedule for completion of the study. Progress included the series of subpanel meetings, drafts of the seven technical chapters, visits by the Study Director and executive secretary to federal agencies in December 1979, the workshop in Denver in February 1980, and revised drafts of the report including chapters one and two and review of the revised draft, which was sent out on May 9. Remaining work includes revision of the draft report, review and approval by the Panel and the Committee, NRC review (now scheduled for June 16), editing, and publication.

He reported that there would be a breakfast meeting on May 28 for all Panel members in Rolla. The purpose is to report on the study progress. Dr. Pincus emphasized the need to get comments from subpanels, particularly with regard to what they want to see in chapter two. The Steering Group will confer by phone on changes before the draft report is submitted for review.

Costs and level of effort have been omitted from the present draft because there are so many variables that accurate estimates are virtually impossible, and inaccurate estimates might do a disservice to the federal agencies that are or might be interested in funding research. "Piggybacking" will also affect the amount of research funds required. The Executive Committee approved the omission of detailed estimates, although some level of effort must be included. If the Committee wants to include estimated costs, an attempt could be made.

Following this report, Mr. Bangert reviewed the financial status of the study:

Total anticipated funding: \$172,150
Expended through April 1980: 99,390
Outstanding Commitments: 10,415
Remainder available to complete the study: \$62,345

It appears that adequate funds are available to complete the study as planned.

Following these reports there was considerable discussion. The following were the major items:

- Draft chapters 1 and 2. At the suggestion of Dr. Cook and Dr. Banks, these draft chapters are to be rewritten. Dr. Banks accepted the task of drafting chapter 1, Executive Summary, with a goal for distributing the draft on June 6. The Steering Group will draft Chapter 2, a "bridging" chapter of discussion and findings between the Executive Summary and the seven technical chapters.
- Names of persons to be recommended by the Committee to the Assembly to be considered as NRC reviewers were discussed. The final list includes: Stan Wilson, Don Deere, Evert Hoek, Barry Raleigh (USGS), Cole McClure, (Bechtell), and Paul Witherspoon.

• Level of effort was discussed. Using Mr. Green's estimated figures (as reported to ISRM in 1979), the federal government spent \$80-100 million in 1978 for rock mechanics activities, and private industry spent an estimated \$25-50 million. Only about 5% of these monies was spent on fundamental research. As an exercise, the Committee considered what additional amounts might be appropriate for research. Although it is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate with accuracy what is required, it appeared to be the consensus from this exercise that an increase of sevenfold to tenfold in the next five years in the amount spent for fundamental research would be appropriate to address the research needs described in the reports technical chapters. Even so, the anticipated accomplishments from such an increase cannot be forecast with specificity, in part because there may not be sufficient numbers of trained personnel to use the funds with greatest efficiency.

Panel on Domestic and International Activities

Plans for 21st Symposium

Dr. Summers reported that the Symposium was all set and gave details of the program. About two hundred registrants are expected. Approximately eighty-five papers will be presented

Plans for 22nd Symposium

Dr. Einstein reported the plans for the 22nd Symposium as follows:

- The Symposium will be organized as described in the attached announcement (Enclosure 2).
- Preprints (softbound) will be distributed to registrants. Hard-bound copies will be available on order.
- Registration fee will be similar to this year (with increase dictated by inflation).
- Nontechnical functions will include an ice breaker party Sunday evening, a harbor tour and clambake Monday evening, the luncheon for USNC/RM activities Tuesday noon, and a Boston Pops concert on Wednesday evening. There may be a program for accompanying persons.
  - Accommodations will include dormitories and hotels.
- Field trips will be offered on July 2 to various tunnel jobs and quarries in the Boston area.

The Committee approved the plans as described.

### Review of Bids-23rd U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics

Dr. Banks reported on the result of evaluation of bids for the 23rd Symposium by the appointed ad hoc group. Two bids were received, one from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI and SU) and the other from the University of California, Berkeley (UC/B). Both presented well-planned and described bids, but the UC/B bid was preferred for two reasons. First, it was felt that UC/B's proposed program was a better response to the needs of the U.S. rock-mechanics community. Second, the group believed that the technical interests represented by the UC/B organizing committee were broader than those represented by the VPI and SU committee.

A vote was then held on sponsorship of the 23rd Symposium. The result was nine to three in favor of UC/B. However, VPI and SU would be encouraged to resubmit when bidding was opened for the 24th Symposium.

Discussion ensued on several matters related to rock-mechanics symposia. The following points were made:

- Mr. Green suggested that symposia sponsorship be broadened to include professional societies.
- Dr. Cook suggested that the symposia be held in conjunction with professional society rock-mechanics meetings, perhaps every two or three years.
- Mr. Weakly stated that most society meetings are user oriented (i.e., composite case histories) rather than theory oriented (as are university-sponsored symposia).

As a result of the discussion, the society representatives were requested to discuss the possibility of society sponsorship of symposia and be prepared to report their societies' views later.

Keynote Lectures for Future Symposia.

Dr. Banks reported on proposal that keynote lectures be instituted, perhaps in 1982, in conjunction with annual symposia. Subject for the first lecture could be the history of rock mechanics in the U.S. over the past twenty-four years, with emphasis on symposia. An alternate could be on classic papers. The Committee decided that the first lecture should take place at Berkeley in 1982, but further decisions were reserved for later action.

Annual Research Awards.

Professor Judd discussed the sharply declining number of awards nominations and proposed a new procedure for nominations: (Enclosure 3).

The Committee approved the proposed procedure.

Rock-Mechanics Periodical.

Dr. Cook reported that the society representatives had shown no enthusiasm for a periodical and recommended that the idea be dropped. There was no objection.

Panel on Fundamental Problems in Rock Mechanics and Educational Requirements

Mrs. Heisler reported that work on the preparation and distribution of the questionnaire to be used in developing a directory of personnel in rockmechanics education, research, and application is going forward.

International Society for Rock Mechanics

Delegation to Council Meeting, Stockholm.

Mr. Bangert reported that the U.S. delegation would consist of Dr. Banks, Mr. Atchison, and himself. Additionally, part of the expenses of Dr. Edward J. Cording, Chairman of the ISRM Commission on Education, would be defrayed by the USNC/Tunneling Technology, because he would be a delegate to Rockstore 80.

#### U.S. Annual Dues to the ISRM

Mr. Bangert reported that the U.S. paid an annual fee of \$1200 to the ISRM in addition to a portion of the fee for individual members, whereas all other nations pay only a \$60 fee plus a portion of members' fees. The basis for the higher fee is stated as "National Groups not open to individual membership." Consequently, the U.S. pays considerably more than other member nations with similar-sized membership. He sought the Committee's approval to discuss the matter in Stockholm with the Secretary General with a view to proposing a more equitable sharing of ISRM costs. There was no objection.

(This was discussed in Stockholm on June 22 with Dr. Silverio. As a result of the discussion, U.S. dues will be the same as those of other countries starting in 1982.)

Commission on Case Histories.

Dr. Banks reported that Dr. Wittke, President of ISRM, had approved the names of the proposed members of the Commission, and he (Dr. Banks) is in the process of contacting them.

#### REPORTS OF SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES\*

ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS (AEG): Mr. Arnold reported that he has been trying to increase interest in USNC/RM activities by putting articles in the quarterly news. The AEG annual meeting will be held in Dallas in October

<sup>\*</sup> No report was given for the TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD (TRB) because the representative has resigned due to pressing business activities and a new representative had not yet been nominated.

1980. He will be looking into the AEG's interest in joint sponsorship of meetings.

AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (AGU): Dr. Engelder suggested that the USNC/RM develop a clearinghouse for information on what research projects agencies and industry are funding, what projects are being undertaken, and who is doing the research. He noted that solid-earth geophysicists need this information and that it is difficult and time consuming to obtain.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE): Professor Judd (reporting for Dr. Fairhurst) informed the Committee that the spring 1981 Convention in New York will have a session on rock mechanics in large hydro projects. Also some time in the next year and a half there may be a conference on limits of application of rock mechanics. This has been proposed as an Engineering Foundation Conference, and Z.T. Bieniawski is the proposed chairman.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME): Mr. Green (reporting for Dr. Jones) stated that the rock-mechanics committee of the Petroleum Division is very active and has good attendance at its meetings. He feels that ASME would be interested in joint meetings. Mr. Green also noted that the Journal of Energy Technology, edited by Dr. John Cheatham, is publishing a number of rock-mechanics papers.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM): Dr. Pincus (reporting for Dr. Podnieks) reported that he will succeed Dr. Podnieks as ASTM representative on July 1, 1980. He announced that an ASTM symposium on fracture mechanics, ceramics, concrete, and rock will be held in Chicago on June 23 and 24, 1980. A symposium is planned for Detroit in June 1981, the subject of which will be acoustic emissions. Committee D-18 (rock mechanics) will be planning symposia on rock mechanics in 1982 - possibly January and June. Suggestions for topics would be welcome. Dr. Pincus also stated that USNC/RM help could be used in revising existing and developing new ASTM standards. He received an affirmative response from Committee members.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (GSA): Mr. Lee reported that news of USNC/RM annual meetings, symposia, and awards are published in the GSA News. He stated that "Geology Beneath Cities" would be published soon. Dr. George Kiersch will be the new GSA representative on the Committee; he will discuss the possibility of joint meetings with Dr. Kiersch later this week.

SOCIETY OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICISTS (SEG): Dr. Kenyon observed that there is not much subject matter in current rock-mechanics symposia to attract geophysicists. He has proposed some rock-mechanics subjects for SEG meetings and will follow up on this suggestion.

SOCIETY OF MINING ENGINEERS (SME): Mr. Weakly reported that the request for publication of information on ISRM membership in the SME journal was turned down, but it is probably a misunderstanding that he can clear up. SME does not favor a rock-mechanics periodical because it is felt that it would be too technical. He will raise the possibility of sharing a fall meeting with a rock-mechanics symposium, and also the idea of holding rock-mechanics sessions at annual meetings.

SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS (SPE): Dr. Gray announced a forum on earth stresses in relationship to petroleum products to be held August 3-8, 1980. This will have a limited attendance of about one hundred. No proceedings will be published. He reviewed the SPE concern over whether affiliation with USNC/RM should continue. Dr. Gray favors continuation. The question will be discussed by the SPE Executive Committee when it meets in June. He feels that all societies may be unsure of the role they are to play in USNC/RM affairs and recommends that this question be addressed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Bangert announced results of the election of officers and members as follows

- Kate H. Hadley to be Chairman-Elect from July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1981.
- John D. Bredehoeft, member from Government for three-year term starting July 1, 1980.
- Bruce R. Clark, member from Industry for three-year term starting July 1, 1980.

#### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Dr. Banks presented certificates of appreciation to Kenneth E. Gray, Madan M. Singh, and Fitzhugh T. Lee, outgoing Committee members, Sidney J. Green at the completion of his term as Immediate Past Chairman, and Neville G.W. Cook at the completion of his term as Chairman-Elect, and Chairman of the Panel on Domestic and International Activities. In turn, Dr. Cook presented Don C. Banks a certificate of appreciation for his distinguished service as Chairman. Certificates of other outgoing members who were not present are to be mailed.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 1980-1981

Dr. Banks, on relinquishing duties as Chairman, thanked the members of the Committee for their support. He predicted that Dr. Cook will be an enthusiastic Chairman who will help the Committee probe into what can be done to further rock mechanics in the U.S. He then passed the gavel to Dr. Cook.

On accepting the gavel, Dr. Cook thanked Dr. Banks on behalf of the Committee for his distinguished service as Chairman and said he would look forward to working with Dr. Banks as Immediate Past Chairman in the coming year.

#### FUTURE OUTLOOK-STATUS OF ROCK MECHANICS IN THE U.S.

Dr. Cook stated that, in general, the U.S. leads the rest of the world in the field of rock mechanics but there is a body of accumulated experience elsewhere that we can use. He hopes, with help of all members of the Committee, to insure that the science of rock mechanics continues to prosper as well in the future as it has in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

## U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ROCK MECHANICS

## 1980 Annual Meeting May 27

9:00 a.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
Rolla, Missouri

#### **AGENDA**

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Don C. Banks

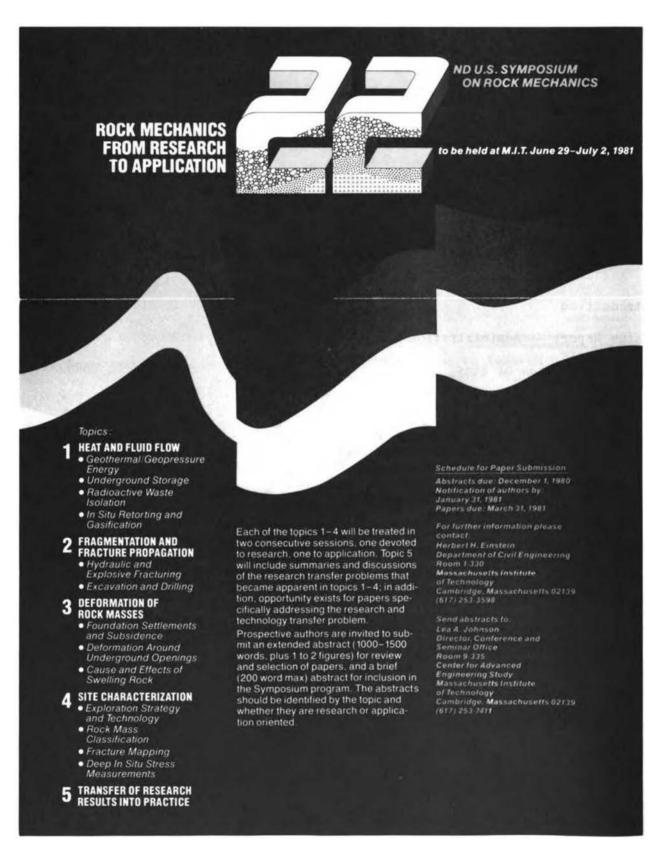
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5. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ROCK MECHANICS

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#### ANNUAL RESEARCH AWARDS

Because of the sharply declining number of award nominations, the Subpanel on Awards and the Executive Committee propose the awards be abandoned or the following changes made in award procedures:

- 1. The Subpanel on Awards shall consist of persons with a wide knowledge of applied and research activities in rock mechanics in each of their specific professions. Therefore, the Subpanel on Awards shall have six members as follows: a chairman and one person each from civil, mining, and petroleum engineering, tectonophysics or geophysics, and engineering geology.
- 2. Each member is responsible for evaluating current publications in his profession. From this survey each member shall nominate at least one and no more than three papers for the applied and the basic research awards.
- 3. Each Subpanel on Awards member is responsible for contacting those universities and colleges that have graduate programs in the member's specialty. The purpose is to urge such institutions to nominate masters' thesis for the student award and PhD thesis for the basic research award.
- 4. The professional society representatives on the Parent Committee are to nominate one person from their respective societies for the Subpanel on Awards membership. The chairman of the Parent Committee and the Subpanel on Awards chairman then shall select the five Subpanel on Awards members from these nominations and from any other nominations made by members of the Parent Committee.
- 5. In addition to the above, award nominations can be made by any other members of the rock-mechanics community.
- 6. The Subpanel on Awards shall be appointed no later than June 15 of each year.

May 20, 1980

## CONSTITUTION OF THE

## U.S. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ROCK MECHANICS

Approved by the Governing Board National Research Council February 5, 1967

> Amendments Approved February 4, 1968 December 6, 1970 October 15, 1972 October 25, 1980

## I. Purposes

The purposes of the U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics (USNC/RM), hereinafter referred to as the Committee, shall be:

- A. To serve the national interests of the United States by recommending to government, industry, and the universities actions for advancing the science and engineering of rock mechanics.
- B. To provide coordination and promote cooperation among the technical and professional societies and organizations involved in rock mechanics.
- C. To effect appropriate participation in all activities of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) through the National Academy of Sciences National Academy of Engineering National Research Council (NAS-NAE-NRC), which adheres to the ISRM on behalf of United States scientists, engineers, and technologists interested in rock mechanics.

## II. COGNIZANCE

The Committee shall be responsible to the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences of the National Research Council (NRC).

## III. FUNCTIONS

- A. To initiate and encourage programs and actions directed toward advancing the science and technology of rock mechanics and their effective application.
- B. To nominate a U.S. representative and alternative representative to the Council of the ISRM and to provide information and guidance for such representatives.

- C. To collect and disseminate technical information related to rock mechanics, including current research, interdisciplinary developments, and innovative programs.
- D. To promote and sponsor national and international conferences on rock mechanics.
- E. To inform rock-mechanics specialists in the United States about domestic and international activities in rock mechanics.
- F. To perform additional duties, as considered appropriate by the Committee, that may be requested by other organizations.

## IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. MEMBERS. The Committee shall consist of eighteen (18) voting members, as follows:
  - 1. Ten (10) members nominated as formal representatives of the following professional societies and organizations which, in accordance with the provisions in section IV E, are eligible for such representation on the Committee:

American Geophysical Union (AGU)
American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG)
Geological Society of America (GSA)
Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)
Society of Mining Engineers (SME) of AIME
Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) of AIME
Transportation Research Board (TRB)

- 2. Eight (8) members-at-large nominated to maintain an approximate balance of representation from the following separate areas of activity, each of which shall be represented by at least two (2) members: federal, state, and/or local government; industry; and academic and research institutions or organizations.
- B. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. Non-voting ex-officio members shall include the following:
  - 1. The Chairman of the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Research Council.
  - 2. The Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences.
  - 3. The Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Engineering.
  - 4. Any U.S. resident who is an officer of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM).
  - 5. An Immediate Past Chairman of the Committee whose term as a member expires simultaneously with his term as Chairman, for a period of one (1) year following expiration of these terms.
  - 6. The Executive Secretary of the Committee.

- C. TERM OF OFFICE. Committee members shall be appointed to serve terms of not more than three (3) years and in such manner that approximately one third of the terms expire on June 30 of each year. Committee members may be reappointed, but continuous membership on the Committee shall be limited to a total of six (6) consecutive years, except for members who are appointed officers. The term of a member appointed as an officer of the Committee shall be extended, if necessary, to permit the member to serve in succession as Chairman-Elect, and Chairman, as provided for in Section VI, below. If a member's employment or his affiliation with his professional society or organization changes in a manner that effects the composition of the Committee, as specified in Section IV A, above, the member's term on the Committee may be terminated at the discretion of the Committee and a successor nominated, as provided for in Section IV D, below. These provisions do not apply to ex-officio members.
- D. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS. Each year, prior to the expiration date of terms of at-large members, the Chairman of the Committee shall appoint a nominating subcommittee with representation from government, industry, and academia, collectively representing the scope of the Committee's interests. The nominating subcommittee shall request suggestions for nominations from the Committee and may request suggestions for nominations from United States industrial, professional, and governmental organizations actively participating in the field of rock mechanics. The nominating subcommittee shall consider these suggestions in selecting a group of nominees required to maintain the overall composition of the Committee, as provided for in Section IV A, above. The nominating subcommittee shall then recommend nominees for appointment to fill each at-large vacancy occasioned by expiration of terms of members. The list of nominees recommended by the nominating subcommittee shall be submitted to the Committee for selection of one nominee for each vacancy.

The societies and organizations listed in Section IV A shall be requested to nominate individuals to be considered for appointment as their formal representatives on the Committee.

The list of nominees shall then, upon approval of the Chairman of the National Research Council, be submitted for appointment in accordance with the procedures of the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

The officers of the Committee shall nominate successors for completion of unexpired terms of members, but in the case of formal representatives, this responsibility shall rest with the concerned professional society or organization. These nominations shall be submitted for approval and appointment as provided for herein.

E. ELIGIBLE SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. United States professional societies and organizations may be considered eligible for formal representation on the Committee on the basis of their active involvement in the field of rock mechanics. For the purpose of determining eligibility, "active involvement" shall be construed to mean sponsorship of meetings and publication of papers pertaining to rock mechanics, and it shall be the responsibility

of the applying society or organization to provide evidence to satisfy this criterion. Approval of an application for formal representation shall be granted by two-thirds vote of the full Committee and shall become effective upon written notice of ratification of this constitution by the concerned society or organization. The continuing eligibility for representation of any society or organization is subject to periodic review by the Committee.

F. NONMEMBER PARTICIPATION. The Committee may invite interested non-members to attend its meetings as advisors or observers and to serve as members of panels.

## V. PANELS

Whenever the need arises, and within budgetary limitations and resources, the Committee may form ad hoc panels to assist the Committee in fulfilling its purposes and carrying out its functions. The panel members shall be appointed with the approval of the Chairman of the National Research Council and in accordance with the procedures of the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

### VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Chairman-Elect, and an Immediate Past Chairman, who shall be appointed to these offices with the approval of the Chairman of the National Research Council and in accordance with the procedures of the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences from nominations made by the Committee from its membership. The terms of office of the Chairman, the Chairman-Elect, and the Immediate Past Chairman shall be one (1) year. At the end of the terms of office, the Chairman shall become Immediate Past Chairman and the position of Chairman shall be filled by the Chairman-Elect. A new Chairman-Elect shall then be nominated and appointed as provided for herein.

#### A. Duties of the Chairman

The Chairman of the Committee shall perform the usual duties of a committee chairman, including specifically the following:

- 1. Calling the meetings of the Committee.
- 2. Presiding over meetings of the Committee.
- 3. Requesting the Assembly of Mathematical and Physical Sciences to appoint members to panels of the Committee.
- 4. Serving as a member ex-officio of all panels of the Committee.
- 5. Acting for the Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, in any emergency requiring the rapid transaction of urgent business; such actions are to be referred to the full membership of the Committee for information and comment as soon as possible.

#### B. Duties of the Chairman-Elect

The Chairman-Elect shall act for the Chairman in his absence and assist the Chairman in discharging his duties.

#### C. Duties of the Immediate Past Chairman

The Immediate Past Chairman shall provide guidance to the Chairman and Chairman-Elect and shall assist them in performing their duties.

## VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Chairman Elect, the Immediate Past Chairman (ex-officio, nonvoting), panel chairmen, and one representative elected each year by Committee vote at the annual meeting.
- B. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Committee between annual meetings. However, policy matters shall be reserved for decision by the full Committee except when emergency action is required, in which case the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Committee, provided the full Committee is notified within 30 days of the action taken. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the Chairman not less than once each year and more frequently if required to accomplish the purposes of the Committee.

## VIII. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Chairman of the Committee at times and places designated by him. At least one such meeting shall be held each year.

## IX. VOTING PROCEDURES

A quorum for the Committee shall consist of half of the voting members of the Committee plus one. Unless otherwise specified in the constitution, actions presented to the Committee shall be resolved by simple majority of the votes cast.

## X. FINANCES

All funds (e.g., contributions, registration fees, contracts, and grants) shall be solicited, received, and disbursed in accordance with prevailing policies and practices of the NAS-NRC.

It is the NAS-NRC's responsibility to assure payment of the annual dues, and the USNC shall abide by guidelines with respect to the fulfillment of dues obligations, in particular the Committee shall seek NAS-NRC agreement on increase of dues.

### XI. AMENDMENTS

Subject to approval by the Governing Board of the National Research Council, this constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the full voting membership of the Committee.

# MEETING OF THE COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ROCK MECHANICS

Stockholm, Sweden
June 22, 1980

### **ATTENDANCE**

U.S. Delegation (NRC-USNC/RM)

Don C. Banks, Representative and Chairman, USNC/RM

Thomas C. Atchison, Alternate Representative and ISRM Vice President for North America

Robert L. Bangert, Secretary to U.S. Delegation and Executive Secretary, USNC/RM

Number of Countries Represented 19 of 35 member countries

Changes in ISRM Member
Countries

Poland is no longer a member country because of nonpayment of dues.

ISRM Membership
(as of March, 1980)

Countries Individual Members Supporting Members 36<sup>1</sup> 4,633 143<sup>2</sup>

International Organizations Represented

International Tunnelling Association (ITA)
International Bureau of Rock Mechanics (IBRM)
International Society for Soil Mechanics
and Foundation Engineering (ISSMFE)

Budget and Finances

The budgets approved for 1981 can be summarized as follows:

Office of the Secretariat:

Receipts:

\$41,800 (U.S.)

Expenditures:

\$31,800

Credit balance

for 1982:

\$10,000

<sup>1</sup> See remarks above concerning Poland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Japan has recently added 62 supporting members to this total.

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Sales carryover from 1980, and

contributions \$22,200
Publication costs: \$14,800
Credit balance for 1982: \$7,400

Summary of expenditures and receipts in 1979 was:

	Escudos	\$(at 50 Esc. \$1)	
Receipts	3,571,024	71,420.48	
Expenditures Credit balance	1,781,609	35,632.18	
for 1980	1,789,415	35,788.30	

Future Meetings

1981 Board and Council meetings will be held in Tokyo, Japan, in September in conjunction with the International Symposium on Weak Rocks.

1982 Board and Council meetings are tentatively planned for Aachen, Germany, in May in connection with Symposium on Rock Mechanics Related to Caverns and Pressure Shafts.

Fifth Congress, ISRM, and Board and Council Meetings will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from April 10-15, 1983.

# ISRM COMMISSION REPORTS

Commission reports were presented orally by Commission Chairmen, if present, and by the Secretary General, if not. Only the report of the newly established Commission on Case Histories (Chairman: Don C. Banks, U.S.) is presented in detail; the others are briefly summarized.

Commission on Case Histories

See attachment 1.

Commission on Computer Programs

The Commission will emphasize application of computer programs to underground openings.

Commission on Research

New Commission, just getting organized.

Commission on Falling Rocks

France will make a proposal in 1981 for reactivation of this Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This budget represents the capacity to publish. Actual receipts and expenditures will be determined by demand for reports.

# Commission on Swelling Rocks

Five areas of activity are under study:

- characteristics of swelling rock
- classification of swelling rock
- identification of problem areas
- analysis and design of engineering structures
- laboratory and field testing

A draft report will be available in Tokyo in 1981.

Commission on Teaching

A report compiled from the Commission's questionnaire is scheduled for completion by the time of the Tokyo meeting. Preliminary data were given: Teaching of rock mechanics and employment of rock mechanists are divided equally (40% each) between civil engineering and mining with the remaining 20% in engineering geology and other fields. 104 universities responded to the questionnaire; 52 have a PhD program, and 26 have an extension program. (Chairman is E.J. Cording, U.S.)

Commission on Testing Methods

A book on testing techniques will be published by Pergamon Press. (Cochairman is Z.T. Bieniawski, U.S.)

#### New Commissions announced were:

- Excavation of Rock
- Design of High Rock Slopes
- Dilation of Rock
- Erodibility of Rock
- Geothermal Energy
- Tunneling Failure and Remedial Measures

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Oral reports of the international organizations listed as being represented were presented. The ITA President suggested close coordination of work of similar ITA working groups and ISRM Commissions. Certain ISSMFE activities are also parallel to those of ISRM.

ISRM SPONSORSHIP

ISRM will sponsor the following technical meetings:

International Symposium on Weak Rocks, Tokyo, September 1981

Symposium on Rock Mechanics Related to Caverns and Pressure Shafts, Aachen, Germany, May 1982

23rd U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics, Berkeley, Californis, 1982

### ISRM CONGRESS

The Fifth International Congress on Rock Mechanics will be held in Melbourne, Australia, April 10-15, 1983. Basic principles of rock mechanics, and application of rock-mechanics principles to mining projects will be emphasized.

## CONCLUSIONS

As noted in the report of the Fourth International Congress held in Montreux, Switzerland, in September 1979, the International Society for Rock Mechanics is a healthy, growing organization with a broad base of support on all continents. The ISRM's effort to broaden its activities to include mining as well as civil construction should open new prospects for international cooperation of U.S. rock mechanists in the field of mining.

U.S. representation in the ISRM by the USNC/RM continues to be of value to the U.S.

**Enclosure** 

# REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CASE HISTORIES

Don C. Banks, USA Stockholm, Sweden June 22, 1980

At the last Council meeting of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (Montreux, September 1979) a proposal to establish a Commission on Case Histories was made by the National Group of the United States. The proposal was accepted by the Council. The purpose of the Commission is to assemble case histories to gain insight into justification and procedures for various site investigation, design, and construction approaches involving rock media. It is anticipated that lessons learned from case histories can clearly lead to more economical and safer rock-mechanics design practice — whether it be from an educational or information standpoint.

On December 3, 1979, the President of ISRM invited Dr. Don C. Banks to become Chairman of the Commission and, if accepted, to submit a list of potential members. After discussion with the National Group of the U.S., acceptance, and a submittal of the names of potential members was made by letter to the President, ISRM, on February 21, 1980. On April 28, 1980, the President sent letters to the eight people asking for their agreement to serve on the Commission.

Name	Country	Interest	Accepted
Horace Wagner	South Africa (Africa)	Mining	
Shunzo Okamoto	Japan (Asia)	Civil	Х
Lance Endersbee	Australia (Australasia)	Civil	
Alberto Motto	Italy (Europe)	Civil	χ
Pierre Londe	France (Europe)	Civil	
Don Coates	Canada (North America)	Mining*	
Z.T. Bieniawski	USA (North America)	Mining	X
Dinnis da Gama	Brazil (South America)	Mining	Х

Thus a quorum has accepted the invitation to serve on the Commission. Our next step will be to complete the Commission membership concurrent with inviting selected individuals to work with the Commission in establishing model case histories to be used as a guide for individuals who propose future case histories.

The Commission is still in the formative stages but it is hoped that at least two case histories will be prepared within the next 12 months.

<sup>\*</sup>Personally declined but suggested D.G.F. Hedley, Canada (North America), Mining, who accepted.

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM "ROCKSTORE 80"

Stockholm, Sweden June 23-27, 1980

### **ATTENDANCE**

U.S. Delegation (NRC-USNC/TT)

(Department of Energy)

Other U.S. Participants (NRC-USNC/RM)\*

Total U.S. Participation

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Number of Countries Represented

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More than 800

African Development Bank

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United Nations

Inter-American Development Bank

International Energy Agency

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United Nations Division for Energy and

Natural Resources

United Nations Environment Programme

Lists of participants and official delegations are on file in the Secretariat, U.S. National Committee on Tunneling Technology.

PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND ORGANIZATION

Rockstore 80 is the second international symposium on use of subsurface space conducted in Stockholm in recent years, the first having been in 1977. Briefly, the purpose of the symposium was to bring together policy makers and technical experts from many countries and international organizations to discuss the use of subsurface space for three purposes: environmental protection, low-cost storage, and energy saving.

The organization of the symposium, under the patronage of King Carl XVI Gustaf, was a function of several agencies of the Swedish government and Swedish commercial interests. However, several international agencies sponsored the meeting. These were:

<sup>\*</sup>Participants in Council Meeting of the International Society for Rock Mechanics on June 22 and then stayed for Symposium.

United Nations Centre for Natural Resources, Energy and Tranport
International Tunnelling Association
International Society for Rock Mechanics
International Association of Engineering Geology

# CONDUCT OF THE SYMPOSIUM\*

The symposium included six separate activities:

- Round Table Sessions were conducted by official panels and with representatives of invited national government, international governmental agencies, and international organizations.
- General Sessions were conducted by panels of international experts and directed at all participants. Invited speakers presented prepared papers.
- Special Sessions were conducted by professionals in particular specialities and were open to speakers with and without prepared papers.
- Exhibition, at which planners, contractors, equipment manufacturers, and consultants (primarily European) displayed their capabilities.
- Field Excursions were conducted in the Stockholm area during two days of the symposium to demonstrate subsurface facilities.
- Technical Tours were conducted after the symposium sessions were completed during which participants were afforded the opportunity to visit subsurface installations in operation and under construction in Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

The subject content of the symposium covered a wide range of issues and considerations in subsurface applications including:

- environmental protection (general session and round table session)
- low-cost storage (general and round table session)
- energy savings (general session)
- nuclear waste disposal
- energy production, distribution, and conservation underground
- subsurface construction in less-developed regions
- subsurface in metropolitan areas

(The last four were all special sessions.)

<sup>\*</sup>Programs, abstracts, and proceedings are on file in the Secretariat, USNC/TT.

### U.S. PARTICIPATION

Participation from the United States included:

- co-chairmanship of sessions on low-cost storage; subsurface use in metropolitan areas; energy production, distribution, and conservation underground.
- participation in round-table session by official representatives (Department of Energy and USNC/TT).
- presentation of numerous papers at general and special sessions.
- attendance by U.S. participants at all sessions and numerous technical tours.

U.S. participants also took advantage of the opportunity for informal discussions with colleagues from other nations.

Official U.S. representation was somewhat less than that of other major nations. The only U.S. government official present was Mr. John Millhone, Director, Buildings and Community Systems, Department of Energy. Several other U.S. government agencies had been invited to send official representatives, but did not do so, primarily—we understand—because of limitations on travel.

### CONCLUSIONS

Several themes were apparent in the discussions. Cases were cited, particularly by the Scandinavian participants, in which the underground facilities were more economical than the above-ground alternative. Others noted that in many other cases ground conditions are severe and the cost of tunneling is high. Increasingly, the underground is being utilized in these more difficult ground conditions because there are few other alternatives. In such projects, costs may not be balanced by conventional short-term estimates of benefits. Several speakers emphasized the need to develop a longer perspective regarding the potential benefits of major underground projects, such as subway systems. The substantial impact upon the community and the ability of underground facilities to shape the community was noted. Such influences are not easily quantified.

The U.S. should continue to work with other nations in development of appropriate uses of subsurface space. In this connection, Mr. Milhone of DOE, who departed prior to the closing session, asked Mr. Barker to say that the U.S. would be willing to join with other nations in providing financial support to carry on the activities discussed at Rockstore 80.

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