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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.

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Report from ICA to IUPAP - 2008

The ICA board elected at the ICA General Assembly in 2007 continues with the executive comprising Samir Gerges as President, Sonoko Kuwano as Vice President, Hugo Fastl as the Treasurer and Marion Burgess as Secretary General. The 2008 board meeting was well attended and the day long meeting allowed for good discussion on many matters important to ICA at this time. In particular there was consideration of the governance and options for changes to the structure of the board. The Board will continue to work on this for voting by the ICA membership at the next 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. So the Board is seeking suggestions for encouraging more members for ICA. We request the membership to forward any suggestions on societies groups which should be invited to consider membership of ICA

The Board continues with its task of obtaining greater acknowledgement of the role of acoustics with a view to seeking full membership of ICSU. The inclusion of of the following international affiliates has increased the strength of the board: European Acoustics Association (EAA), IberoAmerican Federation Acoustics (FIA), International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE), International Institute Acoustics and Vibration (IIAV), Western Pacific Acoustics Commission (WESPAC) and International Congress on Ultrasonics (ICU). Board has set up an International Conference Coordination Committee with a view to encouraging improved coordination of these international activities.

The major activity for the ICA is the congress held every 3 years. In 2010 this will be held in Sydney Australia and we look forward to the assistance of IUTAM in promoting this important activity. In the current international economic environment it will be a challenge to ensure that this event is both scientifically and financially viable.

The ICA has also provided support to the following specialist symposia in 2008 and has offered support to a number of meetings in 2009 and a commitment for 2010:

2008		Euro
Wave and Quantum Acoustics	Wisla, Poland	1000
Acousto-Optics	Sopot, Poland	1000
Acoustic Communication by Animals	Oregon, USA	1000
2009		
ICU 2009 - Ultrasonics	Chile	1000
34 Int Conference Acoustics High Tatras 2009.	Slovakia	500
Pacific Rim Underwater	China	1000
Speech and Computer, SPECOM 2009	Russia	500
Acoustics & Biomed Eng	Poland	1000
Environmental Acoustics and Acoustical Sustainable Buildings	Spain	1000
2010		
Musical Acoustics, ISMA	Australia	

The ICA acknowledges the ongoing collaboration with IUPAP and the valued contribution from the IUPAP representative at Board Meetings. We look forward to strengthening this link in the future.

Samir Gerges President 2008- 2010. Marion Burgess Secretary General 2008-2010