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SNAME Arctic Section Hosts ICETECH Symposium Featured Presentations & Technical Papers on Arctic Maritime Technologies September 20-23 in Anchorage, Alaska

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) Arctic Section concluded its impressive semiannual International Conference and Exhibition on Performance of Ships and Structures in Ice (ICETECH 2010) Symposium on September 23. The symposium was hosted in conjunction with Alaska's Institute of the North (ION).

ICETECH 2010 was a resounding success, exceeding expectations in number of delegates, quality of papers, and enjoyable operation. Co-chairs for the symposium were Frank Bercha (SNAME), Nils Andreassen (ION), and Lawson Brigham (University of Fairbanks). It was possible only with the hard work of the Organizing Committee (pictured below).

Many hands shared in the success of the symposium. In a statement, the organizing committee acknowledged all those who contributed, including "the sponsors and exhibitors, SNAME and ION, the audiovisual team, the tour guides, the Hotel Captain Cook staff, and, most of all, the delegates and accompanying persons who ensured its success."

Symposium participants included 211 technical delegates, 28 accompanying persons, 19 sponsors, and 18 exhibitors. Seven plenary papers and over 50 technical papers from 14 different countries were presented. The event also featured an exciting social and accompanying persons program. The presentation program, the events, the setting, and the attendees and sponsors made the event very enjoyable as well as technically sound.

Each day's technical program began with plenary papers which covered ice risk management, offshore arctic developments, changing Arctic ice conditions, Arctic EER, shipping regulatory framework, Norwegian arctic history, and Russian arctic history. Two specialty panels were held, one on Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA) and one on Arctic Escape Evacuation and Rescue (EER). A pre-conference CD was issued to all delegates. A post conference proceedings CD is in preparation and will be mailed out to all registered delegates with additional copies available for purchase.

The social and tour programs included an icebreaker reception on Monday evening, a banquet on Tuesday featuring entertainment by Alaska's Pamyua, and, on Wednesday, the Alaska Quyuana at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Following the presentation of awards and closing ceremony on Thursday, events concluded with a tour of the Port of Anchorage. These and other social opportunities comprised a full and successful extracurricular menu.

For further details on ICETECH 2010 and the availability of proceedings, visit www.ICETECH10.org

The SNAME Arctic Section has already begun planning ICETECH 2012, scheduled for the Banff Centre (Banff, Alberta, Canada) for September 17 to 20, 2012. Further details will be announced on www.SNAME.org as they become available.

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ICETECH 2010 Organizing Committee
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Frank Bercha (Co-chair), Leo Blas (Treasurer),
John Cologgi (Liaison), Nils Andreassen (Co-chair),
Dick Prentki (Papers)
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