

FROM THE HISTORY OF CONFERENCES ON THE MACHINE AND MECHANISM SCIENCE

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In the course of the past sixty years of the Polish Committee for the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms (PC TMM) 24 scientific and didactic conferences have been held. The subject matter of these conferences, generally organized every other year, comprised problems of the classification, analysis and synthesis of mechanisms, the dynamics of machine systems, investigations concerning self-excited vibrations, the stability of the systems, the control of machines and biomechanics. The numbers of submitted papers as well as the number of participants substantiate the need of organizing such conferences, their importance and the activity of the Polish Committee of TMM for the purpose of creating a platform for the presentation and discussion of new research methods in the domain of mechanisms, machines, biomechanics and mechatronics.

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1. Introduction

The 25th Conference on the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms falls on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Polish Committee for the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms (PC TMM), and also coincides with the 60th anniversary of the first conference on the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms. This double anniversary is a good opportunity to recall the history of held conferences closely related to promote research and development in the field of Theory of Machines and Mechanisms involving issues of structural analysis and synthesis, kinematics and dynamics of mechanisms and machines, and research in developing new methods for measuring the size of the dynamic of enlargement to automatic control issues.

Sixty years of the Polish Committee for the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms, a significant period of development of the science of mechanisms and machines, given that the Polish Committee for the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms co-sponsored the foundation of the International Federation for the Promotion of Mechanism and Machine Science (IFToMM) in Zakopane in 1969 and as an affiliated member of the IFToMM became a regular participant in the World Congress of the Federation in 2019 to organize 15 IFToMM World Congress in Cracow and Zakopane at the 50th anniversary of its founding. The 25th Conference on the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms is a good opportunity to remind the short history of previously held conferences, the development of the science of mechanisms and machines.

2. Scientific Conferences on Mechanism and Machine Science

The 1st Scientific and Didactic Conference was held on 15th - 23rd June, 1956. The meeting was organized in Rogów, sponsored by the Chair of the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms, and is considered to have been the 1st Scientific and Didactic Conference. It was devoted to didactic, programme and scientific problems concerning the Theory of Mechanisms and Machines.

Prof. Jan Oderfeld was elected President of the Polish Committee of TMM.

The 2nd Scientific Conference on TMM was organized by the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy in Cracow. It was held from 23rd to 27th November 1957. At this conference papers from 11 Polish academic technical schools were presented.

The 3rd Scientific Conference on TMM was organized by the Chair of the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms at the Technical University of Warsaw. It was held on 8th - 16th July 1961 and gathered 80 participants, 32 of whom presented their papers. Among the participants there were also the heads of Chairs of Machine Elements from Universities of Technology.

The 4th Scientific Conference on TMM was organized also at the Technical University of Warsaw, in Zegrzynek. It was held on September 26th - 28th, 1963 with the participation of 50 persons, including scientists from abroad dealing with the theory of machines and mechanisms. Twenty four papers were presented at this conference.

The 5th Scientific Conference on TMM was organized by the Chair of the Theory of Mechanisms and Machines at the Technical University of Łódź. The conference took place in Łódź on 28th June - 1st July 1965. The number of the participants amounted to 82, including 13 foreigners. 86 papers were presented on the research work carried out both in Poland and abroad.

At this conference Prof. Oderfeld wished its participants on behalf of the Rector of the Technical University of Warsaw successful proceedings. Prof. Parszewski delivered a lecture on "Trends of research in the domain of TMM in Poland in the years 1963-1965". Among the guests from abroad there were Prof. G. Boestad from Stockholm, M. Konstantinov from Sofia and R. Bogdan from Bucarest. The latter delivered a lecture on "The influence of changing the gear ratio on the characteristics of an articulated pentagon", presenting this topic clearly from the scientific point of view. Prof. **Zdzisław Parszewski** was the Chairman of the organizing committee.

The 6th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Świeradów Zdrój on 15th - 17th September 1975. It was organized by the Institute of Design and Machine Operation at the Technical University of Wrocław. 48 authors, including 10 foreigners, submitted their papers. The participants represented all technical universities in Poland. The conference material was published in the proceedings of the Institute of Design and Machine Operation in 1975. This conference was organized 10 years after the 5th conference organized in Łódź. Dr. **Stefan Miller** was the Chairman of the organizing committee.

The 7th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held on 15th - 18th December, 1977 and was organized by the Academy of Agriculture in Lublin together the Polish Committee of TMM in Kazimierz on the Vistula. The number of participants amounted to 125. Dr **Zdzisława Rotter** was the Chairman of the organizing committee.

The 8th Scientific Conference on TMM was held in May 1980 at Kozubnik, sponsored by the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy together with the Polish Committee of TMM. Six plenary and 56 session papers were presented. Prof. **Karol Tomaszewski** was the Chairman of the organizing committee.

The 9th All-Polish Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM took place in Cracow on the 2nd and 3rd December 1982. Prof. A. Morecki and Jan Oderfeld presented the "Actual State of Investigations and Teaching of the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms". This conference preceded the 6th International Congress on TMM in New Delhi, which was held on 15th-20th December 1983.

The 10th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Warsaw on 3rd to 5th December 1984. The conference materials comprised a set of 51 papers, published in the Scientific Fascicles of the Technical University of Warsaw (362 pages). The Chairman of the Organizing Committee was Prof. **Adam Morecki**.

The 11th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Zakopane in April 27th - 30th, 1987, organized by the Institute of Mechanics and Machine Design of the Silesian Technical University

together with the Polish Committee of TMM. Eighty eight papers were published in two issues of the Scientific Fascicle of the Technical University of Silesia, viz. Mechanics No. 85 and also in the fascicle of the Institute of Mechanics and Machine Design. Besides the conference materials a fascicle was issued containing abstracts in English. Prof. **Józef Wojnarowski** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 12th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Bielsko-Biała from 22nd to 24th November 1989, organized by the branch of the Institute of Mechanical Design at the Technical University of Łódź. 33 papers were published in the "Conference Proceedings" (463 pages). Prof. **Marek Trombski** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 13th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM took place in Koszalin and Mielno on 19th - 21st September, 1992. Fifty three papers were submitted, 36 of which were presented. The number of authors amounted to 82. There were also participants from Ukraine (Lvov, Kiev and Vinnica, 10 papers), Belarus (Monilev) and Egypt. 88 papers were submitted and published in the Scientific Fascicles of the Academy of Engineering in Koszalin (328 pages). Before the conference the abstracts had been published as one volume in English (136 pages). Dr **Jerzy Milanowski** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee. **At the time of the Conference Prof. Adam Morecki was elected President of the Polish Committee of TMM.**

The 14th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was organized by the Institute of Fluid-Flow Machines of the Polish Academy of Sciences on 23rd-26th November, 1994 in Gdynia - Gdańsk. Seventy five papers were published in the Scientific Fascicles of the Institute of Fluid-Flow Machines at the Polish Academy of Sciences (507 pages). Prof. **Wiesław Ostachowicz** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 15th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was organized by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University of Białystok on 17th -21st September, 1996 at Białowieża. Seventy five papers were submitted, published by the Wydawnictwo Politechniki Białostockiej (Publishers of the Technical University of Białystok). The number of participants amounted to 76, representing 26 Polish research centers and 4 from abroad (Belarus, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Ukraine). Dr. **Franciszek Siemieniako** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 16th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Rzeszów - Jaworze on 22nd - 25th September, 1998, organized by the Chair of Technical Mechanics at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Aviation, Technical University of Rzeszów. Eighty one papers had been submitted, 17 of which were presented as posters. The proceedings were published in two volumes: vol. 1: 344 pages, vol. 2 – 339 pages. Dr. **Wiesław Żylski** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 17th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held on 6th - 8th September, 2000 at Jachranka near Warsaw. It was organized by the Institute of Aviation and Applied Mechanics in cooperation with the Polish Committee of TMM. Seventy one papers were presented and published in the "Proceedings of the Scientific and Didactic Conference on the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms", edited by A. Morecki, K. Kędzior and C. Rzymkowski (510 pages), it ought to be mentioned that 68 pages contained a treatise on the "Theory of Machines and Mechanisms in Poland in the years 1938-2000", the authors of which are A. Morecki, K. Kędzior and C. Rzymkowski. Prof. **Krzysztof Kędzior** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 18th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held in Łądek Zdrój on 18th-20th September, 2002. The participants, whose number amounted to 96, presented their papers in five plenary sessions and two poster sessions - 63 papers, all of which were reviewed and published as Scientific Investigations of the Institute of Design and Machine Operation, Technical University of Wrocław, No, 85, series Conferences No. 25 (ISSN 0324-9646). The conference was organized by the Institute of Design and Machine Operation, Technical University of Wrocław, in cooperation with the Polish Committee of TMM.

Prof. **Antoni Gronowicz** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

At the time of the Conference Prof. Józef Wojnarowski was elected Chairman of the Polish Committee of TMM.

The 19th Didactic Conference on TMM was organized in Cracow on 12th -16th September, 2004. This conference was organized under the auspices of His Magnificence Rector, Prof. Ryszard Tadeusiewicz, Chair of Robotics and Dynamics of Machines, Academy of Mining and Metallurgy in Cracow with the Committee of TMM. The papers were published in two volumes, vol. 1 containing 43 papers (324 pages) and vol.2 38 papers (293 pages). The problem paper devoted to the design of machine and mechatronic systems, entitled "Human Scale Intelligent Systems" was delivered by Prof. **Delbert Tesar** from the University of Texas in Austin. Prof. **Tadeusz Uhl** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 20th Scientific and Didactic Conference on TMM was held on 18th - 19th 2006 in Zielona Góra, organized by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Zielona Góra in cooperation with the Polish Committee of TMM. Prof. **Mirosław Galicki** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 21st Conference on TMM was organized in Szczyrk by the University of Bielsko-Biała on 22nd -25th September, 2008. Ninety one papers were submitted but only 52 papers published in conference proceedings. Prof. **Iwona Adamiec-Wójcik** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 22nd Scientific Conference on TMM was organized by the Technical University of Białystok on 27 - 30 June, 2010 in Augustów in cooperation with the Polish Committee of TMM. Seventy five papers were submitted. Prof. **Franciszek Siemieniako** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 23rd International Scientific Conference on TMM&UM was organized in Kołobrzeg on 19th -22nd September, 2012. It was organized by the Mechanical Department of the Koszalin University of Technology. Sixty one papers were submitted, including 9 written by authors from abroad. The Conference articles were published in the quarterlies: *Acta Mechanica et Automatica* in Polish and the *Journal of Applied Mechanics and Engineering* in English. Prof. **Tadeusz Bill** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The 24th International Scientific Conference on TMM&UM was held in Szklarska Poręba on 21th-24th September, 2014. It was organized by the Institute of Design and Machine Operation, Wrocław University of Technology. Sixty nine papers were submitted.

Among the guests invited, who submitted plenary papers were: the former President of IFToMM, Marco Ceccarelli (Italy) and Member of the Executive Council of IFToMM, Prof. Burghard Corves (Germany), Prof. Erwin Lovasz from Romania and Prof. Z. Iskakow (Kazachstan). The following review articles were submitted:

- M. Ceccarelli (Italy) "What can be innovation in MMS: achievements and community developments"
- B. Corves (Aachen RFN)"A novel flexible and versatile robotic concept with optimized grasping process and reconfiguration"
- E. - C. Lovasz *et al.* (Romania): "Novel solution for leg motion with 5-link belt mechanism"
- J. Wojnarowski: "Influence of Copernicus idea on the development of mechanisms of machines"
- Z. Iskakow (Kazachstan): "The nonlinear vibration of orthogonal mechanism of shaking table"

Prof. **Antoni Gronowicz** was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

The Conference papers were published in the *International Journal Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, University Press Zielona Góra. Vol.19, No.3 in 2014 and Abstracts in Modern Trends in Theory of Machines and Mechatronic Systems, Wrocław Sept. 2014 pp.134.

The conference was a great success of the Polish Committee of TMM that was emphasized by M. Ceccarelli the former President of IFToMM at the Plenary Meeting of the PC TMM which took place at the 24th International Conference on the Theory of Machines and Mechatronic Systems (TMiUM).

3. Concluding remarks

The evolutive basis of science with constantly changing technical means determines the methodological criteria of progress in science and technology, involving the style of thinking in research and design of mechanisms and machines. Basing on investigations carried out so far, old theories are included in new ones, thanks to which idealized models and new paradigms become interchanged. Therefore, the National Committees, and thus also the Polish Committee of TMM develop an adequate feedback, leading to an evolution of the theory, the models of mechanisms, machines and processes, the design of prototypes, as well as modern means of investigations and new methods of calculation.

The establishment of the International Federation for the Promotion of Mechanism and Machine Science (IFTToMM) and active contribution of Polish scientists in its establishment and activities was of much importance and it permitted, in spite of numerous restrictions, to make an international cooperation in the domain of mechanisms and machines.

A significant landmark of IFTToMM is its World Congress on the theory of machines and mechanisms organized every four years. To date, fourteen IFTToMM World Congresses have taken place in the following cities all over the world: Varna, Bulgaria (1965); **Zakopane, Poland (1969)**; Kupari, Yugoslavia (1971); Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom (1975); Montreal, Canada (1979); New Delhi, India (1983); Seville, Spain (1987); Prague, Czech Republic (1991); Milano, Italy (1995); Oulu, Finland (1999); Tianjin, China (2004); Besancon, France (2007); Guanajuato, Mexico (2011); Taipei, Taiwan (2015). The 15th Congress of IFTToMM will take place at the end of June and beginning of July, 2019 in Cracow - Zakopane. Currently the 47 National Committees are affiliated to IFTToMM.

The Polish contribution to the world-wide development of the theory of mechanisms and machines has always been appreciated. At present, our representatives more and more frequently take part in the activities of the Commissions and Committees and also in the Congresses of IFTToMM.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the foundation of IFTToMM, Prof. Marco Ceccarelli in agreement with the Chair of IFTToMM, Poland, Prof. J. Wojnarowski, to commemorate this anniversary, installed a plaque. The plaque was unveiled during the 23th Conference on Problems Concerning the Development of Machines in Zakopane on 26th - 28th January, 2010.

In order to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the existence of the Polish Committee of TMM a book under the title "Fifty Years of the Polish Committee of TMM, 1956-2006", (188 pages), containing also biographies of the members of the Committee, has been published.

Moreover, the author of this historical outline prepared a paper to the first book of a series that is focused on Mechanism and Machine Science (MMS) entitled: **The Significance and Role of IFTToMM Poland in the Creative Development of Mechanism and Machine Science**, pp.367-382, [in M. Ceccarelli (ed.). *Technology Developments: the Role of Mechanism and Machine Science and IFTToMM, Mechanism and Machine Science 1, Springer Science 2011*].

Following the development and operation of the Polish Committee for the Theory of Machines and Mechanisms (PC TMM) it is easy to see that the very active participation of Polish scientists in the formation and activities of the IFTToMM Federation has been significant for the development of engineering machinery.

- Polish contribution to the world mechanism and machine science has been appreciated, which was manifested among other things in appointing our representatives to prominent positions, in particular - Prof. Adam Morecki who was for two terms the Secretary General and in the years 1992-1995 he was President of the Federation.
- Prof. Jan Oderfeld was an honorary member of IFTToMM, and Prof. Krzysztof Kędzior was for the past two terms a member of the Executive Committee IFTToMM, Prof. Teresa Zielinska on 13th Congress in Guanajuato, Mexico, was elected General Secretary for the terms 2012-15 and again in Taipei for the 2016-2019 term of the Executive Council. Many members of PC TMM work in the Technical Committees of the IFTToMM.

4. 15th World Congress in 2019 in Cracow - Zakopane

The application of 15th World Congress in 2019 was submitted by Prof. Józef Wojnarowski, chair of IFToMM Poland but the information about the form, the venue and the planned budget of the 15th World Congress in Cracow was presented by Prof. Tadeusz Uhl. On October 29, 2015 at the General Assembly of the 14th World Congress in Taipei which awarded the PC TMM organization of this Congress in Cracow - Zakopane.

Prof. M. Ceccarelli, president of IFToMM, presented me as a Founding Father of IFToMM and congratulated to Polish Committee (Fig.1). Turning to President Caccarelli, the General Assembly and all participants 14th World Congress, Prof. J. Wojnarowski said (Fig.2): *“On behalf of the Polish IFToMM Committee and myself, I cordially invite all Participants as well as all IFToMM COMMUNITIES to Poland and more specifically to Cracow and Zakopane to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of IFToMM in Zakopane in 1969. See you all in 2019 in Cracow, old nice City, City of Nicolaus Copernicus – creator of the heliocentric system of the World!”*.

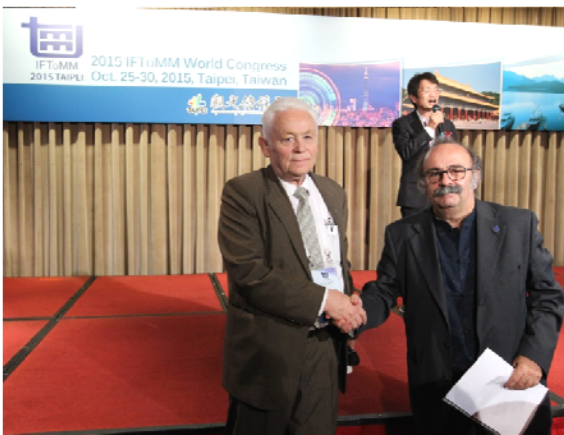


Fig 1. Congratulation to Prof. J. Wojnarowski from the President of IFToMM - Prof. M. Ceccarelli



Fig. 2. Prof.: J. Wojnarowski, T. Zielińska, Shuo Hung Chang - inviting for 15th World Congress in 2019 in Cracow



Fig. 3. Prof.: T. Zielińska, T. Uhl, Y. Nakamura, J. Wojnarowski, Shuo Hung Chang (General Chair)

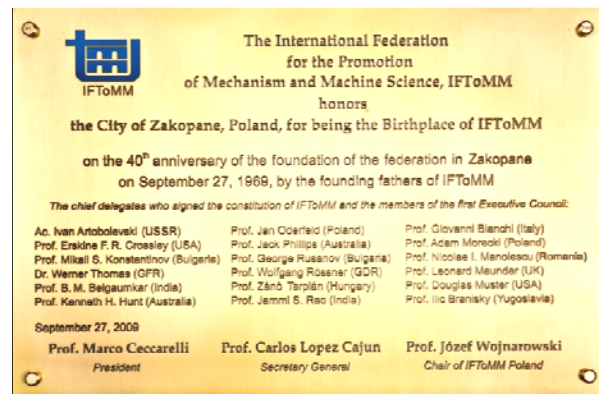


Fig. 4. Photo of the plaque unveiling from the occasion of the 40th anniversary of establishing IFToMM in Zakopane in 1969

Prof. Shuo Hung Chang (Fig.3), gave thanks for the received from Polish Committee copy of plaque (Fig.4). He said: “*I hereby take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to your kind support; without your attendance, this conference would not be such a great one! I would therefore like to reiterate my thanks to your significant contribution and truly hope to see you at the next quadrennial IFToMM World Congress to be held in Poland on 2019!*”.

The year 2012 for the Polish Committee was significant because from January 1, developing its activities it must act in the new formula in the term of 2012 - 2016. Now the Polish Committee is composed of members who were elected to the Committee in Mechanical Engineering at the Polish Academy of Sciences.

At the Internet site <http://www.tmm.ath.bielsko.pl> you can check the activities of the Polish Committee of TMM. While compact information about the authors can be found in the conference programme at: <http://it.pwz-ns.edu.pl/tmm2016/>.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Polish Committee for their creative development of the discipline of the theory mechanisms and machines and for their participation in the proceedings of the IFToMM and the Polish Committee of TMM.

5. Honourable and dear participants of the conference TMMiUM Rytro’2016

We owe the success of the conference to the number of Participants, the Honorary Patronage of Prof. Mariusz Cygnar the Rector of the University of Technology and fruitful cooperation of members of the Honorary, Scientific and Organizing Committees.

I am grateful to the Authors of articles for preparing their manuscripts on time and to PT Reviewers for their effort to review the articles presented at the 25th Conferences TMMiUM RYTRO’2016. I would like to express warm thanks to Prof. E. Walicki – Editor-in Chief for the professional assistance of the staff of the *International Journal of Applied Mechanics and Engineering*.

TI would like to thank all the Participants for their willingness to participate in the debates and work of the Polish Committee for the Theory Machines and Mechanisms. Last but not least, I wish to express my thanks to the Polish Academy of Sciences for supporting our endeavours.

On behalf of the Polish Committee for the Theory Machine and Mechanisms and myself I would like to express my warm wishes to all future participants. I hope they will have a successful pleasant stay and meeting, creative debates in the field of Mechanism and Machine Science, pleasant meetings in Rytro summer resort and mountain rambling centre, located in the Sącz Beskid Mountains on the Poprad river and at the foot of Prehyb peak of the mountain (1175 m) in the Radziejowa Range.

Welcome to Rytro, Poland, venue of the 25th Conferences TMMiUM September 18 - 21, 2016.

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