

**PROFESSOR DR R.W.B. STEPHENS****AWARDED THE GOLD MEDAL OF THE AMERICAN ACOUSTIC SOCIETY**

Prof. Raymond W. B. STEPHENS from Great Britain, a friend of Poland and of Polish acousticians, was the first foreigner to receive the highest scientific distinction of the Acoustical Society of America presented every two years for outstanding achievements in the field of acoustics.

He received this high honour for his merits as a physics teacher and experimentalist, as an author and editor; as a founder and leader of acoustical societies, but above all as a research supervisor who has taught and inspired a generation of acoustics students.

Prof. R. W. B. STEPHENS, who for many years had been in charge of an acoustic group at the Imperial College in London, always took care of Polish acousticians of whom a number worked in his group while many others visited it during their scientific stay in Great Britain. On many occasions he had paid visit to Poland and was guest of Polish acousticians. Little known is the fact that his contacts with Polish scientists date as far back as the World War II. At that time he was befriended with prof. Józef MAZUR, the late leader of the Institute of Low Temperatures in Wrocław.

Over a period of 45 years R. W. B. STEPHENS was associated with the Imperial College. Following his retirement in 1970 he retained a post as research fellow at Chelsea College. As the editor and author STEPHENS has contributed to scientific literature in several journal articles and a number of monographies on acoustics.

However, he is primarily known as a popular and valued teacher of the whole generation of acousticians now active in many countries throughout the world. He is also a co-editor of *Acoustica*, a European periodical enjoying a high recognition in the milieu of acousticians.

We are glad and congratulate Prof. Stephens in receiving this new award.

*Jerzy K. Zieniuk (Warszawa)*

**THE SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATION OF ACOUSTICAL SOCIETIES OF EUROPE FASE—78**

**Warszawa, 18—22. IX. 1978**

The Federation of Acoustical Societies of Europe has decided that the Second FASE-Congress will be held in Poland.

The Congress is to be organized by the Acoustical Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Acoustical Society in collaboration with the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research (IPPT—PAN).

The Congress will be held in the conference rooms of the Palace of Culture and Science located in the centre of Warsaw. It will start on Monday 18th September 1978.

The scientific programme will cover the following subjects:

**1. Acoustic waves and the structure of matter**

molecular acoustics of fluids  
 acoustical investigation of the physical properties of solids  
 acoustics of inhomogeneous media

**2. Ultrasonic methods of location and recognition**

nondestructive testing  
 medical diagnostics  
 geological prospecting  
 hydroacoustics

**3. Objective and subjective evaluation of sound in a limited space**

concert halls and auditoria  
 industrial halls  
 urban areas

There will be plenary sessions, round table discussions and three parallel technical sessions, with the following forms of paper presentation being foreseen: invited lectures, contribution papers, verbal presentation, poster form presentation.

Authors willing to present their papers in poster form will have 5 minutes to present their work during the session for contributed papers. Subsequently they will stay half-an-hour at their displays (booths of area about 4 m<sup>2</sup>) to present the paper and discuss details with any interested participants. The materials for presentation may include figures, diagrams, photographs, numerical data, fragments of text etc.

The manufacturers of research equipment will have good opportunities and facilities for presenting their products. Companies interested in exhibiting are kindly requested to write to the Organizing Committee.

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