

The 19th International Workshop on Water Waves and Floating Bodies was organized by INSEAN (Italian Ship Model Basin, Rome) in Cortona, Italy, from March 28th to March 31st 2004.

The IWWWFB is an annual meeting of engineers and scientists with special interests in water waves, and the effects of waves on floating or submerged vessels. The Workshop was initially organized by Prof. D.V. Evans (University of Bristol) and Prof. J.N. Newman (MIT). Particular emphasis is given in the organization and conduct of the Workshop to participation of young researchers including post-graduates, inter-disciplinary discussion amongst engineers and scientists, and presentation of preliminary work before it is published elsewhere. Attendance is restricted to the authors of submitted abstracts (whether or not they are accepted), which are judged for acceptance by a small committee. The International Committee of the IWWWFB is particularly keen to encourage participation by PhD students. The Proceedings for each Workshop includes an extended abstract of each presentation, and recorded discussions. Starting with the 2001 Workshop, these Proceedings are available online through the cooperation of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (www.rina.org.uk).

The organizers of the 19th IWWWFB wishes to thank delegates for all 54 abstract submissions. Our sincerest apologies for not being able to include them all. A printed volume of selected abstract was distributed to the participants. The final proceedings are available only through the present CD-Rom distribution and will not be printed. The discussions have been attached at the end of each abstract.

This Workshop edition was dedicated to the memory of our colleague Maurizio Landrini who died on June 26th, 2003 in a tragic accident. He was the original organizer of the Workshop.



Besides the usual technical sessions, on Tuesday afternoon a special session was held in honour of Touvia Miloh's 60th birthday, because of his contributions on a wide variety of subjects in Hydrodynamics. The session was entitled: "Reflections on Theory and its Applications in Hydrodynamics". As it was a Maurizio's wish to host such celebration we decided to keep it also after his death.

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