

Message



The ties which link IPSJ with the rest of the international computer community have been strengthened by the inauguration of this new Journal. The members, officers and supporters of IPSJ, and the editors and advisory committee, are to be congratulated and commended for their contributions to the international libraries of our profession.

And if the first issue is an example, it is clear that high standards have been set.

The level of activity in the Japanese information processing field is very high, and focused on the future. And yet, for reasons of language and geographical distance, the flow of information to other parts of the world has not always been as effective as one might wish.

But the Journal will help to lower some of the barriers inhibiting full communication, and a greater symmetry of exchange will be the happy consequence.

In his President's Message in the first issue, Professor Hosaka made reference to international conferences and the involvement in these by IPSJ. His comments provide the perfect excuse to mention two conferences which are being organized by IPSJ with two other organizations which are near and dear to me.

Most immediate is the Third USA-Japan Computer Conference, scheduled for San Francisco in October. Jointly sponsored with AFIPS, this Conference follows in the tradition of the previous two in this series—a tradition of cooperation and mutual understanding between the Japanese and U.S. computer communities.

Yet to come is IFIP Congress '80, a major international event which will help in focusing the attention of the world on local activities in Japan and in Australia.

In spite of the awareness that this is, indeed, a small world which we must share together, regional or other factors tend to create levels of isolation. But journals with international objectives, activities sponsored jointly by national organizations, and international, bodies in which all can work together—these provide complementary avenues for assistance and mutual understanding.

Ending on a personal note, I wanted to express my appreciation for the invitation to contribute this message. Our ties with IPSJ extend through many years of personal contact, and working on AFIPS and IFIP activities with Japan. We look forward to the continuing success of IPSJ in representing an important segment of the world-wide computer profession.

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