AIAA **衛星通信フォーラム** (AIAA-JFSC) とは:設立と活動

1998 年 2 月 23 日~27 日に, AIAA 第 17 回通信衛星システム国際会議(17th International Communications Satellite Systems Conference and Exhibit,以下第 17 回 ICSSC)がパシフィコ横浜で開催されました.本会議は,32 年間の ICSSC の歴史の中で北米以外で初めて開催される地として我が国が選ばれたものでした。

本会議では,会議テーマを,世界に飛 躍するアジアという意味を込めて、"Asia and the World: Toward 21st Century Satellite Communications Systems"とし, 4つ の Plenary Session (パネルディスカッシ ョン)と 30 の技術セッションにおいて 194 件の論文発表が行われました .また , 初日のコロキウム,催し物としてバンケ ット,アワードランチェオン,展示レセ プション,横浜市海事広報艇"はまどり" による横浜ベイクルーズ, NTT 横須賀 研究開発センターへのテクニカルツアー などが行われました.展示については, 61 社のご協力を得ることができ, ICSSC の歴史の中で最大規模の展示を行うこと ができました.

参加登録者は予想をはるかに超えて 16か国から517名が、また、展示には2700 名を超える人々の来場がありました.特 に,外国からの参加者からは,非常によ く組織され,素晴らしい会議であるとの 評価を頂きました.本会議開催のために 財政的に横浜市,財団法人電気通信普及 財団,国内関連会社・機関のご援助・ご 支援を頂きました.また,開催準備のた めに,産学官の密接な協力が行われ,特 に,産の方々が中心になって自発的に準 備が行われました.

AIAA 第 17 回 ICSSC が成功裏に終わったことを受け、このようなアクティビティーを継続するとともに、AIAA の日本およびアジアでの会員を増やし、また、特に若い会員を獲得することにより、

What is the AIAA Japan Forum on Satellite Communications: A Short History

AIAA's 17th International Communications Satellite Systems Conference and Exhibit (ICSSC) was held in Yokohama, Japan on February 23-27, 1998. Japan was selected as the site for this conference, a testament to the growing importance that Asia is playing in the development and implementation of Satellite Communications Systems. It was the first time in the ICSSC's 32-year history that the conference was held outside of the North America.

The conference, "Asia and the World: Toward 21st Century Satellite Communications Systems" was comprised of four plenary sessions which included panel discussions and 30 technical sessions in which approximately 194 papers were presented. Other features included: satellite communications colloquium; exhibit; banquet; awards luncheon; exhibitor's reception; Yokohama Bay cruise aboard the "Hamadori" (Yokohama's marine activity ship) and a technical tour of the NTT Yokosuka Research Labo-The exhibit was the largest in the history of the ICSSC, and included the participation of 61 companies and organizations from around the world.

In short, the 17th ICSSC was very successful. The number of registrants far exceeded expectations totaling 517 from 16 countries. Over 2,700 people toured the exhibit. Particularly noteworthy were the number of participants from outside Japan who remarked on how well the conference was organized. The conference was supported by the City of Yokohama, Telecommunications Advancement Foundation and a number of space communications companies and organizations.

Following the success of the 17th ICSSC, a proposal was put forth to the 17th ICSSC Organizing Committee to establish an AIAA Section in Japan. The primary objective in establishing a Section was to continue focused and sustained activities

AIAA の活動のより一層の活性化を目的として、AIAA 日本支部を設立してはどうかという提案を第 17 回 ICSSC 組織委員会に行い賛同を得、AIAA 日本支部設立準備委員会を組織して検討を行いました・日本支部の活動は当面、衛星通信分野の活動に焦点を当てることとし、他分野との連携を図っていくこととしましたAIAA 本部からもこのような日本支部の設立提案を支持する旨のコメントを得ました・

そこで, AIAA 日本支部設立の提案を AIAA の日本人会員の方,約 650 名にお 送りし,ご意見を伺いました.その結果, 40 名を越える方々からご意見を頂き, そのうちの約 70%の方々からは賛成と ともに是非やるべしという励ましを頂い たのですが,約30%の方々からは反対 のご意見を頂きました.特に日本航空宇 宙学会の方々を中心に反対意見が寄せら れました.反対の理由は、AIAA 日本支 部設立の必要性と妥当性に議論の余地が ある,設立の動機および参加者が衛星通 信分野に偏り航空宇宙分野の普遍性がな いというものでした.また、分野によっ ては日本支部ができると今までやってき た枠組みが崩れるという問題もあること が判明致しました.なお,電子情報通信 学会通信ソサイエティには了解して頂き ました.

これらのご意見を基に、AIAA 日本支部設立準備委員会において議論した結果当初計画した活動を一刻も早く開始するため、日本支部ということではなく、衛星通信部門のみでとりあえず活動を開始することがよいとの結論に至りました。そして AIAA 本部と打ち合わせを行った結果、具体的には、AIAA の通信システム技術委員会(TCCS)のサブコミティーとしての活動を行うことになりました。名称としては"AIAA Japan Forum on Satellite Communications -A Subcommittee of the TCCS-"(日本名:AIAA 衛星通信フォーラム、略称 AIAA-JFSC)とするこ

initiated by the 17th ICSSC. It was evident that in doing so, the establishment of a Section could harness the imagination and drive of the large number of AIAA members in Japan to generate, on an ongoing basis, activities beneficial to a number of aerospace disciplines. Through organized interaction, AIAA members in Japan could coordinate activities locally and with the AIAA Headquarters in the United States of America. The proposal was accepted in principal by the Organizing Committee, but required more detailed discussions with the AIAA Although the immediate Headquarters. activities of AIAA members in Japan would be focused on Satellite Communications, it was envisioned that those activities would eventually be broadened to include other aerospace disciplines. AIAA Headquarters was supportive of the proposal, contingent upon two major points. The first was that AIAA be allowed to perform its due diligence in discussing the issue with the Japan Society for Aeronautical and Space Sciences (JSASS). The second was that a plan be developed to expand Section activities and governance to include participation by AIAA members from other aerospace disciplines.

As a next step, the proposal to establish an AIAA Section was circulated to a number of AIAA members in Japan (approximately 650) for their comments. Input was received from roughly 40 AIAA Approximately 70% of the members. comments strongly favored such a proposal, while 30% expressed some form of reservation toward the idea. The opposition's most oft cited reasons toward the proposal came from members who believed that there had been insufficient discussion on the merits and benefits of establishing an AIAA Section in Japan. The second most prevalent reason was the apparent lack of representation of other aerospace disciplines in its governing body, noting the strong bias toward the Satellite Communications industry in the Section's creation. The proposal was approved by the Communication Society, Institute of Electronics, Information and

とと致しました.そして,1998年11月20日に TCCS が開催され,満場一致でこの方針が承認されました.なお,AIAA本部としては是非 AIAA 日本支部を立ち上げたいという希望を持っております.

AIAA 衛星通信フォーラムの活動としては、毎年、単独または共催で通信衛星関連展示会と研究発表ワークショップを開催するとともに、機関誌(隔月刊和文英文誌 Space Japan Review)の発行、各種会員支援活動、を行っております・

さらに 2003 年 4 月 15~19 日に AIAA 第 21 回 ICSSC がパシフィコ横浜で開催 されることになり準備が進んでおります 引き続き, AIAA 衛星通信フォーラムに ご理解・ご支援をよろしくお願い致しま す. Communication Engineers (IEICE), Japan.

Based upon comments received by survey respondents, members of the Exploratory Committee for the Establishment of an AIAA Japan Section concluded that the Committee would focus its activities exclusively upon the satellite communications industry in Japan. As a result of in-depth discussions with the AIAA Headquarters, it was determined that these, more focused activities could be performed under the rubric of a subcommittee of AIAA's Technical Committee on Communication Systems (TCCS) without going through the process of establishing a Section. The organization -in its current form- is named the AIAA Japan Forum on Satellite Communications: A Subcommittee of the TCCS (AIAA-JFSC). The plan was approved unanimously at the November 20, 1998 meeting of the AIAA TCCS in Washington, DC.

Currently, proposed activities of the AIAA-JFSC include exhibits, workshops for research paper presentations sponsored or co-sponsored with other organizations on an annual basis. In addition to these activities, the magazine "Space Japan Review" will be issued bi-monthly both in Japanese and English.

Furthermore, AIAA 21st ICSSC will be held on April 15-19, 2003 at the Pacifico Yokohama, Yokohama, Japan and much work is now doing for its preparation.

We are looking forward to your understanding and support of the AIAA-JFSC's Activities.