

## **PREFACE**

The present issue of the journal 'International Shipbuilding Progress' (ISP), Volume 41, September 1994, Number 427, has to be regarded as a milestone in the existence of ISP.

ISP, founded in 1954 by Mr. G. Zanen in Rotterdam, issued Number 1 of the journal in September 1954. In the course of 4 decades the ISP journal has contributed to the dissemination of knowledge in maritime science and technology. For many years the journal was issued as a monthly and only rather recently there was a need to adapt to present lines of developments. After some reorganisation and a complete face-lift the journal started to be issued as a quarterly in January 1988.

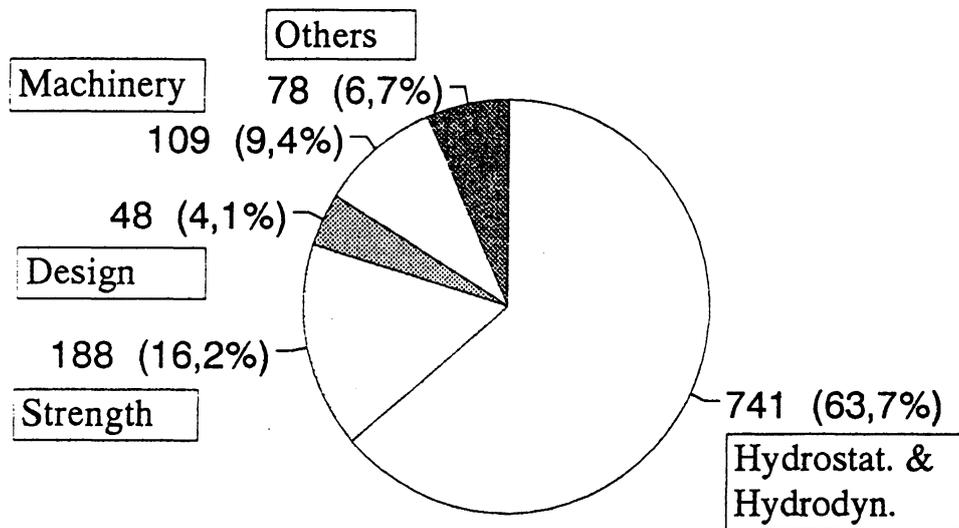
A very important but regrettable change was, in order to keep costs between reasonable limits, that we had to discontinue the service of offering a preprint for proofreading. However, the ISP Staff, the Council of the Foundation ISP, the Executive Editors and the Publisher respectively, are well aware of the loss of that facility which we deeply regret. In co-operation with the Authors, the Editors as well as the Publisher are taking painstaking care that the quality of the papers published will not be hampered. Eventually, if a possible mistake might occur, it can be redressed in the following issue of the journal.

In the course of 40 years 426 numbers of the ISP journal have been published and distributed to addresses all over the world. It might be of interest to make clear what all over the world means in this respect.

The following is an alphabetical listing of countries to which the ISP journals have been dispatched lately:

Australia	Germany	Portugal
Austria	Greece	Romania
Belgium	Hong Kong	Singapore
Brazil	India	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Israel	Spain
Canada	Italy	Taiwan
Croatia	Japan	Turkey
Denmark	Korea	USA
Egypt	Netherlands	Sweden
England	Norway	Switzerland
France	Poland	South Africa

The variety in maritime subjects dealt with in the ISP journals in the course of 40 years is shown in the following diagram:



The diagram clearly shows the dominating position in numbers of papers dealing with hydrostatics and hydrodynamics. In order to comply with the objectives of ISP a more balanced variety should be aimed for.

Taking the opportunity, the ISP Staff wants to encourage potential authors to offer papers regarding supplementary subjects in the maritime domain to be considered for publication.

Most welcome would be papers dealing with:

- conceptual design
- structural strength and dynamics
- hydromechanics and dynamics
- maritime engineering
- production of all types of ships
- production of other subjects for marine use
- shipping science and directly related subjects
- offshore engineering in relation to the marine environment
- ocean engineering subjects in relation to the marine environment

Existing 40 years can not be considered as an accomplishment in itself. But having been able to offer valuable contributions to the dissemination of knowledge of maritime science and technology for 40 years now, is worthwhile to be commemorated. For that accomplishment we are much indebted to the Authors and Readers of the ISP journal alike. Your confidence in the ISP staff for a time as long as 40 years is very highly appreciated.

In order to achieve a more lively relation between Authors and Readers, as from Volume 41, Number 427 of the ISP journal, also written contributions to a discussion of a paper published in ISP will be accepted for publication.

In the years to come, we want to encourage Authors all over the world to continue offering papers to be considered for publication, in a variety as requested. The ISP Staff considers it a duty to assist Authors wherever possible in order that valuable maritime science and technology papers can be published. The papers published, that are to contribute to the knowledge of maritime science and technology are also an obligation to the Readers of the ISP journal.

And finally it is the ISP Staff's sincere wish that the papers as published in the ISP journal will be beneficial to the maritime industry.

For the ISP Staff

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