

Biographical Notes

Michael T. Fisher
SMPTE Governor
New York Region
1985-1986

Michael T. Fisher, director, equipment planning, broadcast operations, and engineering, ABC Broadcasting Co., New York, is an SMPTE Governor, New York Region, serving the 1985-1986 term.

Fisher attended New York University, graduating in 1962 with the B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Following graduation, he joined the Du-



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mont Labs Div. of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Co. where he was responsible for the development of a high-resolution reconnaissance system employing fiber optics. He then joined Philips Broadcast Equipment Corp. In his present post with ABC, he is responsible for the evaluation and development of technical equipment used by ABC's TV and radio networks and its local stations. He received an Emmy Award in 1980 for his contributions to the telecast of the Lake Placid Olympics.

Fisher became a member of the SMPTE in 1964. Among other activities, he served as chairman of the Television Technology Committee.

Professional organizations of which he is a member include the Advanced Television Systems Committee and the IEEE. He is a member of the EIA BTS committee and has served on the CCIR joint interim working party 10-11/4 (digital television recording).

Murray Forrest
SMPTE Governor-at-
Large, 1985

Murray Forrest, group general manager, Colorfilm Group of Companies, Sydney, Australia, is an SMPTE Governor-at-Large, 1985. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and educated at the University of Edinburgh where he majored in economics and commerce. He was graduated in 1963 and moved to Australia in 1964.

During his 20-year career with Colorfilm, Forrest has engaged in a number of the firm's various activities. Among his achievements was the development of foreign markets, which has led to the Colorfilm Group's making its presence felt in southeast Asia through the provision of technical, management, and consulting services to several film laboratory organizations there.

In his present position as group general manager, Forrest is entirely responsible for all of the group's operations, including three film laboratories, videotape post-production facilities, and an engineering company

specializing in the manufacture of motion-picture film processing machines and ancillary equipment.

Among Forrest's contributions to the SMPTE have been his services as chairman and manager of the Australian Section, and as co-chairman of the SMPTE Australian Section's first International Conference, held in June 1984 in Sydney. (See the September 1984 *Journal*, p. 864, for a report of the conference.) He has also presented papers at SMPTE conferences.

Professional organizations of which he is a member, other than the SMPTE, include the Australian Cinematographers Society and the Australian Film Institute. He is a board member of both the Screen Production Association (formerly the Film & Television Production Society of Australia) and the Federation of Producers in Asia. He is also a member of the BKSTS and the ACVL.

Speaking of SMPTE membership, Forrest noted, "A most important benefit is the opportunity of exchanging information with one's peers, thus gaining a broad view of changes taking place in our industry. Also, access to the *SMPTE Journal*, with its comprehensive content, keeping its readers informed of technical advances, is very rewarding. Of personal impor-



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tance are the lasting friendships that have come from contact with people around the world who are concerned with the SMPTE goal of the technical advancement of the industry."

Forrest resides in Sydney with his wife Georgia, and children Lesley and Gary. Georgia shares her husband's interest in the SMPTE and has attended conferences in Los Angeles and New York. She was co-chairman of the Ladies Program at the International Conference in Sydney and will have the same post at the 1986 Conference.