

SMPTE at the 1990 International Broadcasting Convention, Brighton, England

The Society, as a sponsoring member of the IBC, had a booth in the exhibit area of the Brighton Centre, one of the several exhibit areas of this convention, held September 21-25, 1990. As usual, the SMPTE booth was a busy place, with members from all over the world stopping by to look at and purchase the Society's publications, to renew their dues, or just to say hello. In addition, 40 new members joined the SMPTE during this show.

SMPTE President Maurice French was in attendance at IBC, as was Past President M. Carlos Kennedy, and Engineering Vice-President Stanley N. Baron, Governors Gordon M. Ballantyne, Canadian Region; Charles H. Jablonski, New York Region; and John H. Streets, Western Region. Governors-at-Large Joseph A. Flaherty and Peter A. Dare; and International Governors Paolo Zaccarian and Bengt O. Orhall were also present. SMPTE staff attending the IBC were Lynette Robinson, Executive Director, and Si Becker, Director of Engineering.

On the evening of the opening day of IBC, September 21, the Society hosted a reception for international members at the Grand Hotel. Over 300 members responded to the invitation, and from the looks of the crowded room, 300 people were on hand to meet old friends and to make new ones. The holding of receptions for international members attending major conferences outside the U.S and Canada was recommended by the International Relations Advisory Committee, chaired by Joseph A. Flaherty. The Board of Governors of the Society wholeheartedly endorses the concept of giving international members the opportunity to meet the officers and members of the Board.

Arrangements for the reception at the Grand Hotel were made by International Governor Robert Van der Leeden, Ampex International, who was the Society's representative on the IBC 1990 Organizing Committee.



Engineering Vice-President Stan Baron, President Maurice French, and Director of Engineering Si Becker at reception.



Visitors to the SMPTE booth. At right, International Governor-elect John Barry.



(L-R) Sir James Redmond, Lady Redmond, and Robert Van der Leeden enjoying the international reception at IBC.