

CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE**Report for Triennium 1995 - 1998**

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The Congress Planning Committee (CPC) met and discussed relevant issues before each meeting of the Executive Council. The meetings were held jointly with the Congress Organizing Committee.

At ECM-77 in September 1996 the Organizing Committee of IVC-13/ICSS-9 in Yokohama gave their final report. The financial balance was positive by a narrow margin.

Preparations for the IVC-14/ICSS-10/NANO-5/QSA-10 in Birmingham are on course. The possibility of a reduction in the numbers of presenters and exhibitors has proved to be unlikely since the number of accepted abstracts is the largest in recent years at 1400, including 320 from Japan. Financial break-even should therefore be attained. This is an excellent situation.

The letters of invitation to host the triennial congress of IUVSTA in 2004 were sent out in April 1997 to the vacuum societies of the Union. By the end of December 1997, bids from the vacuum societies of Italy, Spain and Sweden had been received. A request for additional data on the proposals was sent to the bidding vacuum societies following their presentations at ECM-80 in Bratislava. A further evaluation will be made on Saturday 29th August and the hosting society will be finally determined at ECM-81 on Sunday 30th August 1998.

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