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CIMAC Congress 2004, Kyoto/Japan

The 24th CIMAC World Congress on combustion engine technology was held in Kyoto / Japan from June 7 to June 11. Managers and engineers from all over the world came together to discuss the challenges facing the industry and investigate new, innovative ways of improving the internal combustion engine.

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The 24th CIMAC Congress in Kyoto / Japan

The technical program of the 24th CIMAC World Congress included 185 papers from 23 countries, presented in 44 sessions, and two parallel one-day poster sessions. Prominent members of industry and the universities took part in three panel discussions on such topics as:

- *'Reliability and certification'*,
- *'Gas turbine future aspects'*,
- *'Environment and human friendly ICE'*

The traditional *'Collin Trust Lecture'*, which was given by Makoto Ikegami, professor emeritus at Kyoto University, Japan, focused on the *'Future Environment friendly Internal Combustion Engine'*.

ASME ICED joins CIMAC at 2004 Congress

As CIMAC and ASME-ICED have many shared interests – ASME is also an NMG of CIMAC – there have been several occasions in the past where CIMAC has organized sessions at ASME conferences. The CIMAC Congress 2004 in Kyoto marked the first collaboration between the two institutions, with ASME-ICED organizing four sessions focusing on Engine Upgrading, Emissions, Simulation and Gas Engines.



Congress Exhibition

For the third time an exhibition was organized alongside the Congress. More than 40 companies set up stands in the 3000 m² large exhibition area, where the session coffee breaks also took place to give conference participants an opportunity to see the exhibits.

Highlights of the 2004 Congress

As at previous CIMAC Congresses a fascinating daytime program with optional tours for accompanying persons was arranged. Organized by the Japanese branch of CIMAC, these tours introduced participants to different areas of Japanese culture.

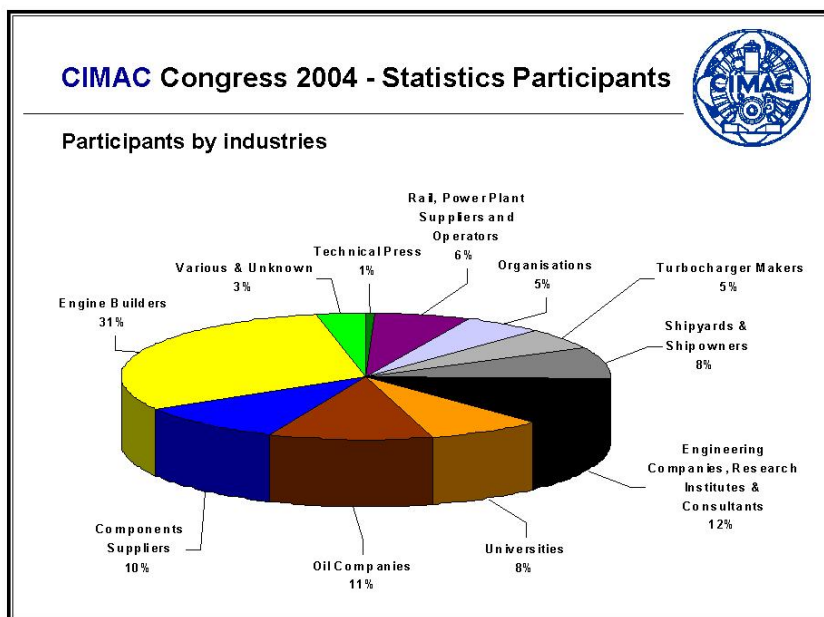
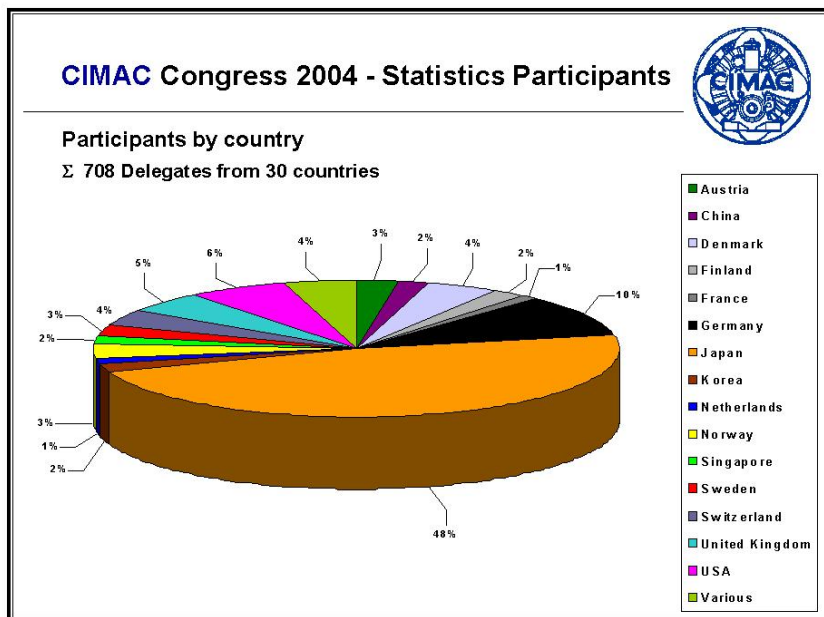
Accompanying the Congress, and very popular with the participants, was an attractive evening social program: A Welcome Party was held in the Kyoto International Conference Hall on Monday evening, followed by a magnificent fireworks display. On Tuesday the traditional 'ABB Evening' took place – as usual, all details were kept secret until the very last minute. Guests were picked up by coach from the various hotels – and found themselves in the special atmosphere of the Umekoji Steam Locomotive Museum in Kyoto, specially decorated for the occasion and rearranged to accommodate 600 guests. The guests enjoyed large buffets of Japanese and international food, various cultural performances, and a small 'crafts mall' where traditional Japanese handicrafts were demonstrated. On Thursday evening the Congress ended with a gala dinner in the Westin Miyako Hotel. During this evening the new CIMAC Board was presented, the Best Paper and the President's Awards were made, and the Congress flag was handed over to the Austrian CIMAC Committee, which has already started preparations for the next CIMAC Congress in Vienna in May 2007.

Optional post Congress tours with interesting visits and insights into Japanese industry were offered to participants staying over on Friday, June 11.



Congress Participation Statistics

More than 700 participants from all over the world attended the Congress in the culturally rich and famous city of Kyoto!





*For further details and to view images of various Congress events please
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