Prof Choo in Standing Committee of International Ship and Offshore Structures Congress

WITH SINGAPORE newly elected to the International Ship and Offshore Structures Congress (ISSC), Prof Choo Yoo Sang, Director (Research) of Centre for Offshore Research & Engineering (CORE) has been selected to represent the country in the Standing Committee of ISSC in Seoul on 16 August 2009. The Standing Committee comprises a body of international experts, all of whom are peer-selected. Prof Choo was selected to the 15-strong Committee in recognition of his extensive knowledge and expertise in marine and offshore structures.

The Congress provides the forum for the exchange of information by experts undertaking and applying marine and offshore structural research. Its aim is to promote further understanding in the various disciplines underpinning marine and offshore structural design, production and operation through internationally collaborative endeavours.

ISSC was initiated in 1958 and held its inaugural congress in Glasgow in September 1961. The chosen meeting interval was three years. Since then, congresses have been held in Delft (The Netherlands), Oslo (Norway), Tokyo (Japan), Hamburg (Germany), Boston (USA), Paris (France), Gdansk/Paris (Poland/France), Genova (Italy), Lyngby (Denmark), Wuxi (China), St John’s (Canada), Trondheim (Norway), Nagasaki (Japan), San Diego (USA), Southampton (UK) and Seoul (Korea).

Participation in the Congress is conditional upon invitation by the Standing Committee of the ISSC through the Chairman. Invitation is restricted to Committee Members, Observers, Correspondents and others qualified by reason of professional responsibility or published work to contribute usefully to the discussions at the Congress.

The Seoul Congress was attended by about 230 delegates from the around the world. Three other colleagues from the Centre for Offshore Research & Engineering have also been selected to serve as members of the ISSC Technical Committees due to their expertise and commitment in committee work:

Dr Bai Wei: Committee I.2 - Loads
Dr Qian Xudong: Committee III.2 – Fatigue and Fracture
Prof. Wang Chien Ming: Committee V.4 – Ocean Wave & Wind Energy Utilisation
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Prof YS Choo (extreme left) with ISSC 2009 Chairman Prof CD Jang (centre) and Secretary Prof SY Hong.