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Preface

The International Symposium on Ice is sponsored by the International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research, and these volumes contain the proceedings of the 16th meeting in this series. Symposia have been held biennially since 1970.

The objective of this meeting is to bring together international experts in the field of science and engineering in ice-infested waters, with the primary aims of

1. developing cooperative international research programs;
2. developing our understanding of the factors involved in forecasting and managing the formation and decay of an ice cover;
3. sharing recent research in the understanding of the behaviour of broken ice;
4. discussion of the interaction between ice-covered waters and climate processes;
5. identifying areas where a research effort would assist navigation, and the hydraulic and environmental management of ice-infested waters.

The symposium is unique in that it brings together scientists and engineers with expertise in river ice, sea ice and terrestrial ice for cross-fertilization of ideas.

The papers presented here have each been peer-reviewed by one expert. The organizers are indebted to the scientific committee and to an international group of reviewers for the prompt and professional manner in which they dealt with the many papers in these volumes.

The local organizing committee would like to acknowledge the infrastructural and financial support of the University of Otago, the seeding money contributed by the Royal Society of New Zealand, and the generous financial contribution of US Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research International Field Office (Grant Number N00014-02-1-1125).

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