

IPC History

The 1st PC was held from November 16 to 19, 1981 in Honolulu. The conference was sponsored by SAE of Australasia, SAE of Indonesia (IATO), SAE of Japan and SAE of the United States. SAE of the United States took the responsibility for preparation as the host society. SAE of the People's Republic of China and SAE of Korea participated in the event as observers. Thus, all existing SAEs in countries surrounding the Pacific met together at the 1st IPC. With 67 papers presented and 440 participants attending from 15 nations, the conference was a great success. It was therefore agreed that this event would be held every two years.

In Honolulu, SAE of Japan was elected to host the 2nd IPC in Tokyo, Japan.

In Detroit, in February, 1982, SAE of China and SAE-Korea were invited to join the IPC as co-sponsor, and as a result the 2nd IPC was participated by six SAEs.

On November 9, 1982 a General Committee meeting for the 2nd IPC was held at the Wentworth Hotel, Melbourne, during the 19th International FISITA Congress was being held. The representatives of the six co-sponsors joined the meeting. Active discussions were held on the basis of planning reports submitted by the JSAE representatives, and agreement was reached on the principle problems.

Since then, IPCs have been held as a biennial event by the member societies.

In 1990s SAE-Thailand, SAE-Vietnam and SAE-Sri Lanka join IPC making the total nine members until now.

The conference themes and organizers of the first 12 IPCs are :

Year	Conference Theme	Organizer
1981	Motor Vehicle Technology in the 80's Need Resources	SAE-International
1983	Motor Vehicle Technology-Progress & Harmony	SAE-Japan
1985	Motor Vehicle Technology-Mobility for Prosperity	IATO-Indonesia
1987	Mobility The Technical Challenge	SAE-Australasia
1989	Cooperation for Automotive Prosperity	SAE-China
1991	Automotive Challenge in the 90's	SAE-Korea
1993	Global Automotive Integration	SAE-International
1995	Harmony & Efficiency – The Technical Challenge	SAE-Japan
1997	Motor Vehicle & Environment	IATO-Indonesia
1999	Manufacturing – Future Mobility	SAE-Australasia
2001	Motor Vehicles for the 21 st Century	SAE-China
2003	Motor Vehicles Toward Globalization	SAE-Thailand
2005	Harmony of Humans and Motor Vehicles	SAE-Korea

On June 7th 2002 while the FISITA congress being held in Helsinki, an IPC Members meeting was held to discuss the progress of organizing IPC-12 in Bangkok on April 2003 by SAE-Thailand, to decide the host of IPC-13 in 2005 and to discuss the future of IPC. The meeting was attended by six members. They are SAE-AUSTRALASIA, SAE-CHINA, IATO SAE-INDONESIA, SAE-JAPAN, SAE-KOREA and SAE-THAILAND. SAE-SRI LANKA, SAE INT, and SAE-VIETNAM were absent from the meeting. The meeting was also attended by President of FISITA Mr.Philippe Ventre, FISITA Past President Mr.Motoo Suzuki and additional FISITA Executive Board members as observers.

After the IPC-12 progress report, IPC-13 host candidates were discussed; the meeting concluded that SAE-KOREA would host IPC-13. It was proposed that SAE-VIETNAM should host IPC-14; this proposal to be reviewed and confirmed at the next IPC Members meeting in Bangkok during IPC-12.

The future of IPC was discussed; it was considered that in order to encourage more members from ASIA to join IPC in future it was necessary to change the name of IPC. The meeting concluded that further discussion would be made in Bangkok during IPC-12 to give opportunity to all IPC members to participate in making final decision.

IPC Members Meeting on April 2nd, 2003 in Bangkok was attended by six members. They are SAE-AUSTRALASIA, SAE-CHINA, IATO SAE-INDONESIA, SAE JAPAN, SAE-KOREA, and SAE-THAILAND. SAE-SRI LANKA, SAE-INT and SAE-VIETNAM were absent from the meeting. The meeting concluded:

- The name of IPC, International Pacific Conference on Automotive Engineering changed to APAC, Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference.
- IPC-13 on April 2005, in Seoul, hosted by SAE-Korea will keep the name IPC-13
- APAC Members, will invite 5 Non FISITA Members Countries: India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore to attend APAC Members Meeting at IPC-13 in Seoul
- APAC-14 in 2007 will be offered to SAE International. Confirmation at APAC Members Meeting on 23 – 27 May at FISITA 2004, Barcelona.

Since the proposal for SAE-Vietnam to be the host for 14th APAC the society has been unable to attend APAC meetings. In view of this and the large amount of time and effort involved in preparing an international conference it was proposed that SAE International be invited to be the host of 14th APAC, during coming FISITA meeting at Barcelona/Spain in May 2004.