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Preface

The 14th International Workshop on Water Waves and Floating Bodies (IWWWFB) was held at the Thomas Edison Inn on the St. Clair River in Port Huron, Michigan from the 11th to the 15th of April, 1999. The Workshop was organized by the Departments of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics at the University of Michigan. It is the first IWWWFB held in the United States since the 6th in 1991.

Additional financial support for the workshop was provided by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, and the Departments of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics at the University of Michigan. We are most grateful for their support, without which this workshop would not have been possible.

As usual, the papers were selected on the basis of extended abstracts. A total of 47 abstracts were selected to be presented at the workshop. The selection committee consisted of Professors Robert Beck and William Schultz from the University of Michigan and the two previous organizers, Professor Aad Hermans of the Delft University of Technology and Professor Bernard Molin of Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Marseille.

The following pages contain the extended abstracts. They are listed in alphabetical order of the first author's name. Written discussions to the presentations and the author's replies will be published after the workshop in a companion volume. Also to be included in that volume will be a schedule of the presentations and a final list of the names and addresses of all participants.

There were several firsts for the 14th Workshop. For the first time, the annual Georg Weinblum Memorial lecture will be presented as part of the workshop. The Weinblum Memorial lecture is presented each year by an internationally recognized authority in marine hydrodynamics. This year the lecture is to be given by Professor Aad Hermans of the Delft University of Technology. His lecture is entitled, "The Role of Applied Mathematics in Hydrodynamics for Ships and Floating Offshore Structures."

For the first time, the Internet was used to post the announcement of the Workshop, all the selected abstracts, and the registration form. From our point of view, using the Internet for all postings saved postage and improved access for everyone. There were some problems transferring abstracts because of incompatibility of different computer systems, particularly word processor attachments. Postscript files nearly always worked; two pdf files failed because of font differences. Electronic registration worked well and we do not know of anyone having trouble. We feel that use of the Internet should be encouraged for future workshops. Eventually, the workshop could become paperless with the entire proceedings posted on the web. To accomplish this a permanent web site will have to be set up where all proceedings are archived.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, a special thanks to Cora Bills Wheatley and Luella Miller of the NAME Department, and Marsha Quinn of the Thomas Edison Inn. We are thankful for the wisdom passed on to us by previous IWWWFB sponsors; especially to Aad Hermans and Bernard Molin for help with abstract selection. Finally, we thank our wives: Barbara Beck and Inger Schultz for helping us out where they could and putting up with us when they couldn't.

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