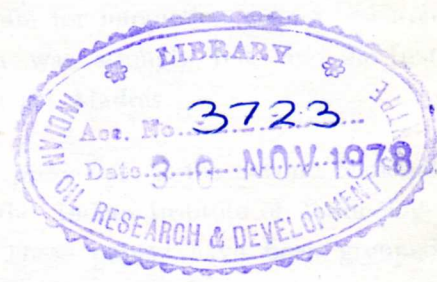


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PREFACE

The word Tribology, though having ancient greek origin, was introduced in our vocabulary not very long ago. It made its forceful appearance on the Indian Scene when the World Conference in Industrial Tribology was organised at IIT Delhi in 1972. The impact gave birth to the Indian Society for Industrial Tribology and under its influence Industrial Tribology has become an accepted discipline at many institutions. A number of short term programmes have been organised by the society for the people in the industry and a few postgraduate programmes have also been initiated. With widespread acceptance of this multidisciplinary area the need for a forum for interaction among research workers and practising engineers in this area was strongly felt, and the first national conference was organised in 1974 at IIT Madras.

This volume incorporates the papers presented at the Second National Industrial Tribology Conference held at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay from December 6th – 8th, 1976. These papers have been grouped under 5 main sections viz.

1. Gears and I.C. Engines.
2. Friction and wear of surfaces.
3. Metal Working.
4. Bearings (Design, Stability and Performance).
5. Lubrication Practice and Maintenance Management.

The address of the Chairman and the Keynote address delivered by Dr. J. S. Ahluwalia has been included in the prelims. The Invited talk by Dr. H. Dalal was without a prepared text and we have been able to incorporate only a summary. We have however been able to record a large part of the discussions after the talk and that is also incorporated.

Dr. M. G. Krishna delivered an invited talk on Quest for conservation – the role of R and D Institutions. We are sorry that it could not be incorporated in the proceedings as the written text is not available.

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The proportion of practising engineers from the Industry was almost 75 percent of the total participation and they contributed vigourously in the session on Case Studies and Panel Discussion. Unfortunately it has not been possible for us to record the deliberations of that session, and the proceeding have certainly missed quite some valuable experience.

Discussions on the papers presented were also generally vigorous, and we have incorporated whatever we could record at the end of the proceedings. We sincerely regret the omissions on our part and request the contributors to forgive us.

Organising a conference of this magnitude is an experience by itself. There were many shortcomings which were gracefully overlooked by the participants. However even this could have hardly been possible but for the support we got from the members of the reception and organising committees, student volunteers and a large number of technical and other staff particularly Mr. Patil, and Miss Ravikala, and we are indeed grateful to all of them. We wish to record our gratitude to all the Cosponsors, and Advertisers, who contributed the finance for the conference. We are also grateful to, the members of the National Organising Committee, Reviewing Committee, and the Chairmen of the various technical sessions.

Finally we must thank the sponsors of the delegates, the delegates themselves and the authors of the papers, who only constitute the conference.

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