

Foreword

The present issue of Finnish Journal of Tribology is the first one published in 2016. The year is particularly important for tribologists because the discipline of tribology has reached the milestone of 50 years. On the 9th March 1966, the publication “Lubrication (Tribology) Education and Research”, commonly referred to as the Jost Report, described the findings of a committee, chaired by Professor H Peter Jost and organised on behalf of the UK government. The ground-breaking report introduced the word *tribology* for the first time. It also outlined dramatic financial savings that could be gained through the correct application of tribological principles, leading to global development and integration of interdisciplinary studies in friction, wear and lubrication to form the subject of tribology as it is known and understood in 2016. 50th anniversary of the publication of the report sees many celebratory seminars and events where it is possible to listen to the world renowned experts about the development of tribology from its foundation to the current state of the art and get acquainted with a range of approaches to managing wear and controlling friction.

In Finland, one of the key events among tribologists is the 17th Nordic symposium on tribology, NORDTRIB2016. It will be held on 14th to 17th June in Aulanko, Hämeenlinna, and hosted by the Finnish Society for Tribology and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. We look forward to seeing you there!

The wind of change also blows in Finnish Journal of Tribology. We expect to shift into open-access online publishing during the present year, although you can still enjoy the hard copy of the paper as well. To keep the tribology community aware of the timely trends in research, summary of the recent PhD theses in the area will be provided for the readers. In addition to these, an update of the journal layout is in progress.

By these words I want to wish an enjoyable 50th anniversary of tribology for the readers of Finnish Journal of Tribology!

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