Workshop Meeting–Seismic Waves in Laterally Inhomogeneous Media II

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An Unofficial Report (the first two days)

They came from far, they came from near,
They came to argue and to hear
The latest methodology
For what concerns seismology.
Czech organizers did things right,
Carefully chose the meeting site
In rural setting, far from town,
A castle, no less, with renown.
Since two to four slept in a room,
This did away with lonely gloom.
At night one heard some knocks and creaks
And also strangely sounding squeaks,
Which made one feel that our host
Might be a friendly castle ghost.
But it turned out, we need not fret.
Someone just went a la toilette.

The sessions went from morn' till late.
We heard a lot. There was debate.
All are spurred on by common quest.
Each seeks a method that works best
For analyzing transient squiggle
In media that are mean and fickle.
But nothing's "best", all have their quirk,
Though, hopefully, *sometimes* they work.
Yet progress did indeed take place.
Ray programs having caustic trace
Where, in the close vicinity,
The fields tend to infinity,
Were treated, patched up, smoothed, and smeared
Until the trouble disappeared.
Its phase space, spectra, Gaussian beams,
Nightmare for one, another's dreams.

Throughout, there was a keen endeavor
To bring out models showing clever
Attempts to get at propagation
Where there is lateral variation.
Computer time should be reduced,
As long as numbers are produced,
Apart from practicality,
Describe what is reality.

We learned a lot. We saw new trends.
We met old, and made new friends.
We ate well, drank, went for a stroll.
We must applaud, we must extol
The splendid hospitality
Sincere, without banality,
The old traditions, culture, pride,
Which our Czech hosts did provide.

This meeting we shall all recall.
I speak a toast: Thanks one and all!

L. Felsen

The Stanford Exploration Project bibliography of published papers arranged by subject

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Introduction

This is a list of papers published and in press as a result of research at the Stanford Exploration Project. The papers going to press by 1984 will probably be collected into a book to be published by the IHRDC tentatively titled *The Stanford Exploration Project: The First Decade 1973-1983.* Please tell us of any omissions and errors.

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