報告

FT & T '92 報告†

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First International Conference on Fuzzy Theory and Technology--Control and Decision 1992 (FT & T '92) が 1992 年 10 月 14~18 日、ノースカロライナ州、Durham (ダーラム) にあるデューク大学の Sheraton University Center で開催された。Honorary Chair は Prof. L.A.Zadeh, General Chair はデューク大学の Prof. Paul P. Wang, Co-Chairs として Profs. M. Togai and J. Zhang で、また、この日本ファジィ学会で活躍されている多くの日本人 (英文のままで、K.Hirota, M.Onoe, T.Terano, M.Mizumoto, M.Mukaidono, H.Tanaka, S.Yasunobu, T.Yamagawa) を含む Advisory Board および Program Committee で組織された。筆者は Prof. Wang から何故か (多分「ファジィ数学」の分野からとしてか?) 参加を要請され、出席したので以下簡単にその報告をする。

会議は Mini-Courses (Oct.14, 8:30 am-9:30 pm) と Conference (Oct.15-16) および Filming

the Movie Documentary (Oct.17-18) の 3 部から成り立っていた。筆者は Conference だけ出席したのでその報告のみをする。出席者数は約 160 名、その中 日本から約 12 名 (Registration Desk の名簿から日本人とわかる者を数えたので、見落としがあるかも知れない。) で我が国のこの分野での活躍が目についた。

参考までに、Registration Fees はつぎのようであった。

Registration desk の前で。左から秘書、筆者、Prof.Wang

	8 月 1 日 以前	9 月 15 日 まで	9 月 15 日 以後
Full Registration	\$175	\$250	\$350
Student Registration	\$45	\$60	\$85
One-Mini-course/3 hours	\$100	\$120	\$150
Two-Mini courses/6 hours	\$180	\$220	\$280
Three-Mini ciurses/9 hours	\$260	\$320	\$410
Exhibit Booth	\$300	\$400	\$500
One Day fee (no pre-registration discount)	Full \$150	Student \$40	

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また、宿泊はこの Center で、\$68(シングルもダブルも)の特別料金であった。

予定されたプログラムでは Plenary Session が 4、Special Address が 1、Panel Discussion が 1、普通の Session が 18、それに Banquet のとき Prof. Zadeh が The Evolution of Fuzzy Logic &

Soft Computing というタイトルで特別講演をした。普通の Session は三に分かれパラレルに進められたが、取消しが非常に多かった。配布された予稿集からその目次を紹介すれば(これらの presentation は確実になされた)、以下のようである。

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Fuzzy Topology and Fuzzy Algebra と Fuzzy Group Theory の分科会が筆者には特に興味があった。我が国ではその重要性にもかかわらずこの分野での研究は殆ど無いからある。また廣田先生の講演 "Research Activities & Industrial Applications of Fuzzy Technology in Japan" では、スライドも使い「日本ファジィ学会」の歴史と活動などを含め我が国の状況が手際よく紹介され、この会議のハイライトの一つであった。Banquet の Zadeh の話は相変わらず面白かった。「ファジィ」の先駆者としてまたリーダーとして人々を惑きつけるものがあった。

(付記) 筆者が 1966 年から 1968 年まで客員助教授として滞在したノースカロライナ大学(チャペルヒル)は、この会議の開催地ダーラムの隣町にある。昔の様子を思いだそうと 2 日目の午後ダウンタウンに出てみたが、面影はなにも無いほど変わっていた。90 年代のコンピュータサイエンスが 60 年代のそれから大きな変貌をとげた様に……。そのなかでデューク大学のメモリアルガーデンだけは昔どおり美しく、筆者に昔を偲ばせてくれた。

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