

INTRODUCTION

Water Pollution Research in Canada has been presented as a refereed publication for the fourth consecutive year. The published papers represent the Proceedings from the Tenth Canadian Symposium on Water Pollution Research held in February, 1975. Because research in water pollution does not have a major scientific journal in Canada, papers published in the Annual Proceedings may at times contain other papers submitted for publication only. This policy will continue.

Historically the symposium has been held each year at one of four universities: McMaster, Toronto, Waterloo and Western. Papers are chosen by a committee of four representing each university. As the quality and scope of research continued to grow, it was decided in 1972, to increase the publications credibility, and a refereed system was introduced. All papers submitted were examined in a dual role: first, to determine which would be presented at the Annual Symposium and, secondly, by a referee system to choose those papers acceptable for publication. The referee system developed consisted of qualified research people from across Canada. This pattern of separating the Symposium from the Proceedings is now satisfactorily established.

In 1975, papers representing universities, government and industry were presented from across Canada.

For three years, reprints have been made available to authors for their distribution and copies of the Proceedings have been sent to major abstracting agencies and these innovations seem to have increased the publications exposure. A nominal page charge was instituted last year but this practice will be examined on a year to year basis.

The publication is now handled through the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto.

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