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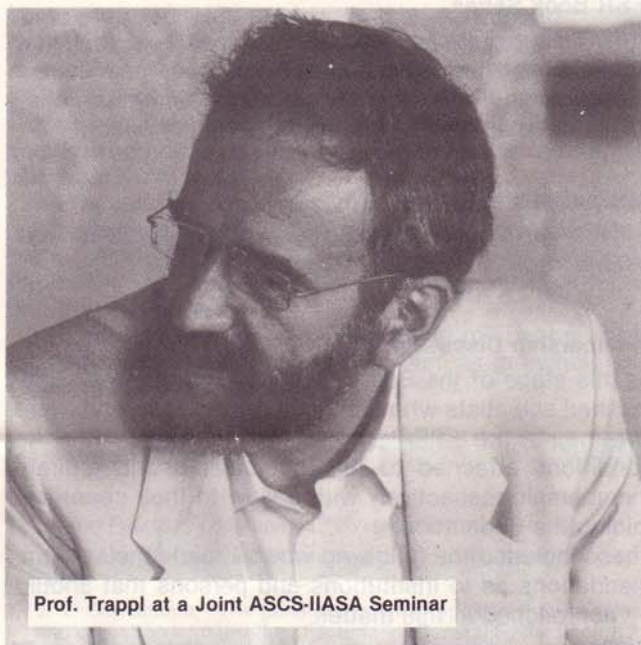
IFSR'S NEW PRESIDENT

Professor Dr. Robert Trappl

has been President of the Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies since its inception in 1970. A member of the Medical School of the Vienna University, he has been Director of the Department of Medical Cybernetics since its establishment in 1977. His present interests lie in the field of Artificial Intelligence and the title of the department now includes AI. A record of the conclusions arrived at by a group of scientists invited to a workshop on impacts of AI (organized jointly by the Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg) some months ago will be available shortly.

Prof. Trappl has also chaired the seven European Meetings on Cybernetics and Systems Research held in Vienna since 1972. He is author of some 80 scientific papers and coauthor/editor of 14 books.

We hope to publish a policy statement by the new President in our next issue.



Prof. Trappl at a Joint ASCS-IIASA Seminar

OUTGOING IFSR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was a unique and exciting opportunity for me to serve as the IFSR President during the initial period of four years. Now, at the end of my tenure, it is a proper time to reflect upon the IFSR state of affairs.

IFSR was legally established in April 10, 1980, when a treaty between the Austrian Government and IFSR was signed at an official ceremony in Vienna by Dr. Herta Firnberg, the Austrian then Federal Minister for Science and Research, and myself, as the IFSR President. According to the treaty, IFSR became committed to a domicile in Austria, while the Austrian Government committed itself to provide IFSR with office space and financial support. The IFSR aims are "to stimulate all activities at the international level."

The following is a list of major IFSR accomplishments during its initial period of four years (April 1980—April 1984), which coincides with my tenure as the IFSR President:

1. In fall 1981, IFSR started a publication of its *Newsletter*. Its primary purpose is to exchange relevant information among the IFSR member societies and report on IFSR activities. It is published three times a year under the experienced editorship of Paul Hanika.

2. In 1982, IFSR sponsored the *International Conference on Systems Methodology* (Washington, D.C., January 5—9, 1982). It is remembered as a successful conference with broad international representation.

3. IFSR initiated a prestigious lecture series to honor the memory of one of the pioneers of systems research and cybernetics, W. Ross Ashby (1903—1972); it is referred to as the *W. Ross Ashby Memorial Lecture Series*. The first lecture in this series was given by Heinz von Foerster at the mentioned conference in Washington¹; the second lecture was delivered by Robert Rosen at the Seventh European Meeting on Systems Research and Cybernetics in Vienna in April 1984².

4. In summer 1982, IFSR opened its *office* in Laxenburg, Austria, across the street from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. The address is: IFSR, Hofstrasse 1, A-2361 Laxenburg, Austria.

5. In April 1984, the first issue of an official IFSR journal was published. The journal, which has the name "*Systems Research*", is published quarterly by Pergamon Press in Oxford under the fine editorship of John War-