

SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

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It is now time to draw a close to our proceedings. I am sure that we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in the organisation of this Symposium, not only during this week, but also during the long period of preparation. Our thanks also go to the Session Chairmen and our speakers and supporting authors. On behalf of the FRC, I would like to thank all of you for your participation and contribution to the Symposium.

Before we leave, I would like to clarify the present position and future role of the Fundamental Research Committee.

The FRC will remain unchanged. It will comprise the same individuals and have the same objectives as previously. Subtle changes will obviously take place in the future as they have in the past all aimed at providing the most relevant Symposium to the needs of the day.

What has changed is the legal framework within which the FRC operates. Instead of being part of the British Paper and Board Industry Federation, it was decided that the formation of the Pulp and Paper Fundamental Research Society as a separate autonomous Society would best achieve the long term aims and objectives of the FRC.

The Society, as from 14th August 1985, became the parent body of the FRC.

Old relationships with PITA, TAPPI and TS - CPPA, whose support we greatly value, will be maintained and hopefully new international links established, all with a view to continuing the reputation of the FRC and building on it for the future.

The next Symposium, the Ninth in this series, will take place in Cambridge in September, 1989 and will be entitled "The Fundamentals of Papermaking".

I look forward to seeing you all there and wish you all good fortune and a safe journey home.