President's Corner (Cont.)

(Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab), President-Elect and me. Although there was no set agenda save cuisine enjoyment, the conversation was exuberantly jubilant, replete with toasts to cooperation and harmony. The most important outcome of the event, I believe, was eyeball-to-eyeball dialogue among the participants, most of whom had not previously met. 'Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success'. We have begun. Progress will be made when the second *President's Dinner* is held at the Singapore IJCNN.

All of the regional neural network organizations and other professional organizations devoted to intelligent systems, will be invited to participate in the *World Congress on Intelligent Systems* to be first held in July 1994 in Washington D.C. In the spirit of self organization, the major meetings of the *IEEE Neural Networks Council* will here be clustered in the same location at the same time, including *The International Conference on Neural Networks* and *FUZZ-IEEE*. Although initiating the Congress sooner would be best for all, the 1994 date is necessitated by the lead time requirements for conference facilities.

The world of intelligent systems is becoming more involved. Like qualifying for paying windfall profits tax, this is a good problem to have. Indeed, when the going gets easier, chances are we're going downhill.