PREFACE

The peaks and troughs of wave energy, the dreams and the reality

A residential Discussion Meeting on ‘The peaks and troughs of wave energy: the dreams and the reality’, organized by R. C. T. Rainey, J. R. Chaplin and myself, was held at the Kavli Royal Society International Centre on 13–15 October 2010. The programme and a verbatim record of the meeting and discussions are available on the Royal Society’s website (talks can be downloaded from http://royalsociety.org/2010-wave-energy-audio-files/).

We were fortunate that most of the world’s leading exponents of wave power were there and the talks covered a wide field, theory, practical problems and some of the most promising devices. This issue of Philosophical Transactions A includes papers by nearly all the speakers, together with one or two others on the same theme.

Most of the participants were present for the photograph in figure 1.

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