

Charting the future

Tomorrow Begins Today, the three-part EXPO 86 Symposium Series, is expected to establish some guidelines for the world to follow in the development of transportation and communications into the next century.

The first symposium, held in January 1984, and the second symposium, held in March 1985, have been widely acclaimed, both for the over-all objective and the quality of experts involved.

"We wanted to make a serious contribution to the development of the world's knowledge," said EXPO 86 commissioner general Patrick Reid. "Response to the first two symposia makes it clear that we have been working in the right direction."

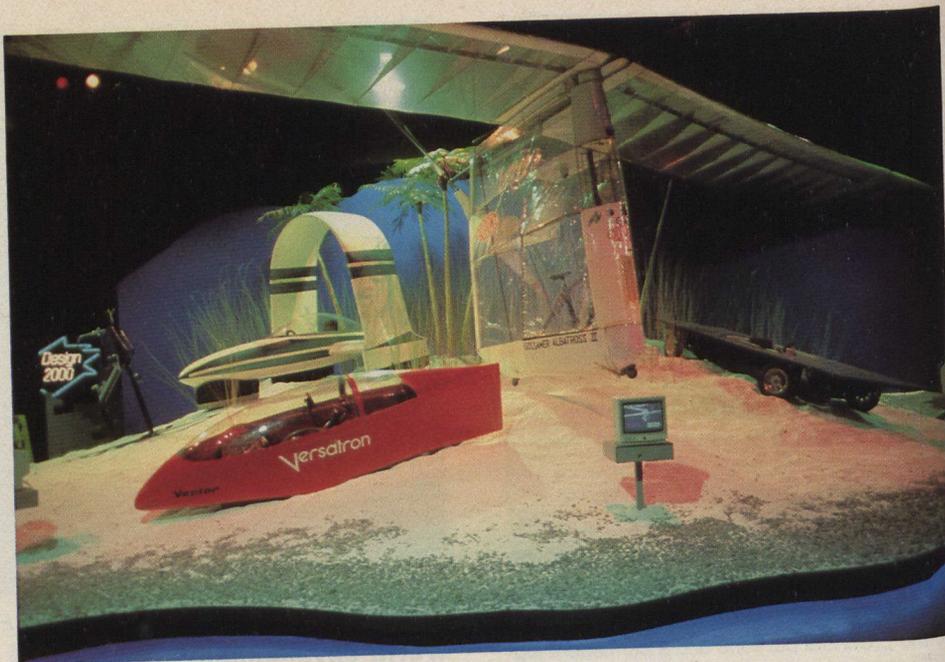
At the first symposium, a small group from all continents considered the major problems, issues and opportunities that the series as a whole would address. At the second symposium, experts in transportation and communications from some 27 nations addressed questions associated with planning techniques, the introduction of new technologies, the need for greater international co-operation, problems of urban transportation, the movement of goods and resources, and the worldwide problem of maintaining both vehicles and transportation infrastructure.

The third and final symposium, scheduled for May 8-9, is expected to be one of the highlights of the opening week of EXPO 86. The keynote speaker will be Thor Heyerdahl, Norway's leading anthropologist and explorer.

Experts seek consensus

The participants whose expertise covers a diversity of technical, scientific, regulatory, financial and social concerns, are attending from all regions of the world. They will address four major issues: the international arrangements that govern the worldwide movement of people, goods and messages; reducing or eliminating outdated barriers to movement, and simplifying and harmonizing necessary regulations such as safety regulations; the development and dissemination of new knowledge; and finding better approaches to building or renewing infrastructures, including the ways of financing them. The objective is to end the symposium with a statement of principles on these issues that will be a consensus of the participants.

"This meeting will be the culmination of three years of work," said Expo commissioner general Patrick Reid. "It is the third and final event in our Symposium Series, and I expect that its results will influence the way world transportation and communications systems develop for years to come."



The Design 2000 exhibit shows transportation vehicles of the future.

Special events

RCMP Musical Ride	May 2	—	October 13
Aircraft construction	May 2	—	October 13
Ship construction	May 2	—	October 13
Kaifeng motorcycle thrill team	May 2	—	September 3
SteamExpo	May 23	—	June 1
DC-3 Airmada	June 7	—	
Vintage International Antique Auto Show	July 7	—	July 9
Innovative vehicle design competition	July 11	—	July 18
Ships of the World	July 18	—	July 21
Abbotsford International Air Show	August 8	—	August 10



The RCMP Musical Ride is a popular daily event.