

## PREFACE

The 2008 Annual British Society for Strain Measurement Conference is the sixth in the series on Advances in Experimental Mechanics. This is the fourth time the papers have been collected as a volume of Applied Mechanics and Materials. The papers in this volume represent the diverse nature of Experimental Mechanics. The papers cover topics such as small scale experimentation to assessment of full scale structures. Novel sensing and sensor technology is a major feature as well as analysis of composite materials. The papers come from both academia and industry with over half of the contributions coming from outside the UK reflecting the international flavour of this event. We thank the authors and the referees for the hard work and dedication in the preparation and review of the papers.

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