

Preface

The 2007 British Society for Strain Measurement Conference is the fifth in a series of successful conferences organised by the British Society for Strain Measurement, BSSM. The 2007 conference continues the theme of recent advances in all aspects of Experimental Mechanics. As with the previous two editions, the conference papers have been collated to form two volumes in the series Applied Mechanics and Materials. Covering nearly all areas of the diverse field of experimental mechanics, this volume has been compiled from contributions from all over the world. Thank you to all the authors for sharing their work and ideas with us and making this volume possible.

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