

# Preface

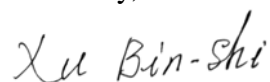
The 5th International Conference on Surface Engineering (ICSE 2007) was held at Dalian University of Technology in Dalian, a beautiful coastal Chinese city, from July 7 to 10, 2007. Since 1997, its 1st to 4th meeting has been held periodically every 2-3 years, in Shanghai (1997), Wuhan (1999), Chengdu (2002) and Shenzhen (2004), respectively. The theme of ICSE 2007 is “Innovation and Development of Surface Engineering toward A Conservation-minded Society”, timely reflecting the obligation of advanced technologies to energy & resource saving and environment protection for the world.

This conference is a grand gathering of the surface engineering community, which provided an active forum for specialists, scholars and engineers coming from the forefront of scientific research, teaching and industries worldwide to exchange their new ideas and discuss the latest developments in the commonly interested fields. Around 260 abstracts have been selected from more than 800 abstracts submitted, for presentation in the conference. Finally, nearly 300 delegates attended the conference, which include over 40 foreign delegates from UK, US, France, Japan, Korea, Germany, Sweden, and Netherlands etc. 100 oral presentations, including 2 plenary lectures and 13 invited talks, have been given on 7 special topics, namely thermal spraying technology, vapor deposition technology, electrodeposition and electroless deposition, energetic beams and plasma surface treatments, wear and corrosion behaviors of engineering surfaces, functional films and coatings, surface machining and mechanical processing technologies. From the submitted 260 manuscripts, 201 papers have been chosen for publication in this proceeding by peer reviewing process.

I believe that surface engineering must play a more and more important role in energy-saving, materials-saving and environment-protection in the coming years, to realize 4R (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, Remanufacture) and contribute to world economy development.

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