

Preface

This book contains contributions presented at the 16th ESAFORM Conference on Material Forming, held at the University of Aveiro, Portugal, from 22nd to 24th of April, 2013. The European Scientific Association for Material Forming (ESAFORM) is a non-profit scientific association, founded in January 1997, with the aim to promote the interest for all types of materials and all topics connected to Material Forming.

This annual conference aims to be a forum for discussions between the young and senior scientist, academia and industry, generating contacts and bringing up new ideas. The 16th edition of the conference was organized into distinct and thematic Mini-Symposia, presented in a number of parallel sessions covering various aspects of material forming.

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