

Preface

This year Miskolc, Hungary is the venue of the International Congress on Precision Machining, organized for the 7th time. The history of the conference goes back to 2001, when the J.E. Purkyne University in Usti nad Labem (Czech Republic) organized the first one. ICPM is a biennial event supported continuously by the ICPM Board, with its commitment towards maintaining the respect of the profession.

The previous Congress hosts were:

1 st ICPM 2001	J.E. Purkyne University, Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic.
2 nd ICPM 2003	Technical University, Prague, Czech Republic.
3 rd ICPM 2005	Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria.
4 th ICPM 2007	Kielce University, Sandomierz, Poland.
5 th ICPM 2009	Technical University of Kosice, Vysoke Tatry, Slovakia.
6 th ICPM 2011	Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK.

The aim of the congress is to bring together professionals working in the same field to provide an opportunity to exchange views and the newest results in scientific research, thus enriching and possibly amplifying one another's achievements.

The issues of the ICPM cover a wide range of precision machining and processes as well as related topics such as tools, methods, quality assurance and logistics. The major goal of the congress is to search for methods for providing increased endurance and reliability of products at reduced production and assembly cost.

For the fulfillment of this goal, the congress has been generously supported by the University of Miskolc and its Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Informatics, and contributions have been made by many others as well. The outstanding professional supporters of the Congress are:

Mechanical Engineering Subcommittee of the Miskolc Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and Committee on Materials Science and Technology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

The sponsors of the Conference are the International Visegrad Fund and Sandvik Coromant.

The staff of the Department of Production Engineering at the University of Miskolc deserves our appreciation for their effort to organize this event to the satisfaction of all. Special thanks are due to the organizers of the congress and also the members of the Scientific Committee, and last but not least to the reviewers.

Let me express my gratitude to all of the supporters and to all of my colleagues, who have wholeheartedly worked towards the success of ICPM in Miskolc. I wish all the participants a pleasant time in Miskolc, new professional contacts and inspiration for the tasks ahead.

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