

Preface

This year 45 participants from Japan, China, Indonesia, Australia, America, Russia, South Korea, Denmark, Malaysia and India met on the UTS campus in Sydney to share ideas and concepts in the broad area of composite materials. For me this was a special meeting because it brought me back to the UTS campus where I completed both my BSc and PhD degrees many years ago!

The quality of the science and presentations is improving every year, and the breadth of topics now sees nanocomposites, functional composites and renewable composites embedded as major themes at this meeting.

I particularly enjoyed the keynotes from my good friends Prof Xungai Wang on biomimetic silk composites and Prof Ramesh K. Agarwal on metamaterial composite modelling and I learnt a lot from both of these talks.

In 2019 I will have the pleasure of welcoming delegates to my home institution at The University of Queensland in Brisbane. We will ensure gender equity in both the keynotes and the technical sessions – a first for this meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Martin', written in a cursive style.

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