

Preface

Marking the entrance of ICTAC into the new millennium, we trust that the 12th ICTAC will be remembered for an inspiring scientific programme with about 300 presentations from all over the world as well as for a nice and extensive social programme. That this congress took place in the newly constructed and modern premises of the Danish Engineering Society situated near the harbour in central Copenhagen certainly also contributed to the success of this congress.

Entering the 21st century the electronic communication clearly played a major role in the planning stage of 12th ICTAC. First, the congress was announced at an early stage via a website, which was updated at regular intervals right up to the start of the congress. Secondly, almost all abstracts were received by email, which facilitated the internal transfer among the members of the local organizing committee for refereeing the incoming proposals and for the final printing of the accepted contributions. Some difficulties were, however, experienced due to the many different fonts used all over the world, which shows that electronic communication still has some limitations. Finally it was possible to distribute the final programme by email to all participants before the start of the congress, which also appeared very helpful.

Of the 310 listed presentations, 125 were oral and the rest were presented as posters. About 145 of these presentations are published in the Congress Proceedings. All manuscripts received for publication have been reviewed by two, sometimes three, referees and the Organizing Committee is indebted to the hard work of our referees. We also appreciate the hard and enthusiastic work of Judit Simon and her colleagues at Lexica Ltd. and Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest which made the distribution possible of these Proceedings less than one year after the congress.



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