Announcement

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BRITTLE MATRIX COMPOSITES, 19–22 SEPTEMBER 1988

Following the highly successful Euromech Colloquium on Brittle Matrix Composites held in November 1985 in Poland, a further international symposium is organised for September 1988 to be held near Warsaw, Poland. The symposium will follow essentially the same format and will consider a wide range of problems associated with three main groups of composites, namely, high strength composites, ceramics and cement based materials. In each case the common theme is the relative brittleness of the matrix material.

Papers are requested on all aspects of brittle matrix composites—design studies, manufacturing processes, fracture analysis, experimental studies, applications, environmental influences, etc. Papers submitted in English must be original, previously unpublished and should advance technical knowledge of the subject. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Symposium Organising Committee in conjunction with its International Advisory Panel. Intending authors should prepare an abstract of 500 words outlining in sufficient detail the content of the proposed paper.

Those interested in participation are requested to send their preliminary applications as soon as possible but before 31st December 1987. Abstracts of papers must be received by either of the symposium Co-chairmen also before 31st December 1988. Notification of acceptance will be given by 1st March 1988, and the final draft of the complete paper will be required by 31st July 1988.

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