



## ADVANCE NOTICE

### On 22–25 September 2005, the 21st International Conference on the Theory of Shells and Plates will take place at Saratov State Technical University

The conference will cover the following areas:

- theoretical and experimental investigations in the field of the statics, dynamics, and stability of sheets and shells of traditional and composite materials;
- mathematical modelling of the stress–strain state, non-linear deformation, and fracture of shells and plates;
- mathematical modelling of technological problems in forming thin-walled structures (composite structures; problems of stamping and flanging; the action of aggressive media, etc.);
- mathematical modelling of biomechanical systems;
- problems of optimum design and control of vibrations;
- bifurcations and chaotic vibrations in distributed systems.

Those interested in taking part in the conference should send the following details before 15 February 2005:

1. A request to take part, with information on the authors (full name, workplace, post, scientific degree and title, address for correspondence, telephone number, e-mail address, fax, and the proposed form of presentation of the paper).
2. An abstract of the paper (1–2 sides). The abstracts of papers are not published. Abstracts are necessary for drawing up the conference programme and for obtaining financial support from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research for publication of the papers. It is proposed to publish all papers chosen for the conference before the conference begins.

The details should be sent by e-mail ([vm@sstu.ru](mailto:vm@sstu.ru)) in rtf format or by post to: 410054, Saratov, Saratov State Technical University, Department of Higher Mathematics, Professor V. A. Krys'ko.

Information on the conference will be posted on the website [www.sstu.ru](http://www.sstu.ru). Inquiries can be made by telephone (8-845-2) 52-73-64 or by fax (8-845-2) 50-68-37.

Information about the acceptance of papers, the specific times of the conference and also the organizational fees will be given personally to each participant in a second information notice in April 2005.

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