



Welcome to ICCM-17

Dear Delegate

It is a pleasure to have you as a delegate to the Seventeenth International Conference on Composite Materials. Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city and a superb location for sightseeing in its own right and as a base for touring other parts of the country. We trust you will take the opportunity while here of moving around and seeing some of the outstanding attractions on offer.

The conference is the largest ever in the series so far and will cover every aspect of the research being conducted in composite materials. Leading researchers at the forefront of technological advancement in their field from around the globe are attending and contributing their expertise to the development of the area. The contributions which composites are making to assist in the quest for "leanness and greenness" are addressed.

We are committed to making your stay a memorable experience and determined to do anything we can as the organisers of the conference to enhance your visit. Please feel free to be in touch with us if you think there is anything we can do to help.

We are extremely grateful to our Sponsors and to the many dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard to make this conference a resounding success. Particular thanks go to our Executive Committee and Session Organisers who willingly gave so much of their time and effort to ensure all the detailed arrangements were in order.

The facilities available are excellent and we are sure that you will find the venue an outstanding location in every respect.

You will appreciate that with a total of 1536 abstracts submitted from the initial call and a limit on the total number we could accommodate in the conference venue and by way of parallel sessions; some difficult decisions had to be made in relation to the overall presentation of the papers. One of these was to have "interactive sessions" fully integrated in the programme and with equal status to the "oral sessions". We hope that these sessions will allow plenty of discussion between researchers with common interests (as is done in conferences in other fields) and may well be a forerunner for use in future composites conferences with large numbers of delegates.

Once again a warm and sincere welcome to Scotland - the home of the pipes and drums – let's hope the weather is kind and the sun shines!

Ceud mìle fàilte

Professor William M Banks
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