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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

ASIAN COMMITTEE ON EXPERIMENTAL MECHANICS (ACEM) AND SPIE

This Letter of Agreement is proposed in recognition of our interest to formalize mutual cooperation between ACEM and SPIE for the support of a series of Experimental Mechanics conferences throughout Asia. SPIE acknowledges that ACEM and SPIE have common interests in the development and application of experimental mechanics technologies, and that our organizations should work together to raise awareness of ACEM events for the mutual benefit and interest of all researchers and scientists working in the relevant fields.

The Asian Committee on Experimental Mechanics and SPIE agree to the following:

- Each year, the Chairman of ACEM or the Chairman of the ACEM local committee shall contact SPIE to alert SPIE staff of the proposed dates and venues of upcoming ACEM events in order to determine feasibility of cooperation, identify potential regional conflicts, discuss other competing conferences with similar subject matter, and resolve timing overlaps.
- If the ACEM local committee decides to choose SPIE to publish the proceedings of the conference, they shall submit to SPIE a sponsorship application for publication of proceedings, at the beginning of the planning cycle for each event.
- If necessary, the ACEM local committee shall work with SPIE Publications Department to conclude a proceedings publishing contract, which includes publishing to the SPIE Digital Library, and can include printed proceedings.
- SPIE shall review proposals for upcoming events in a timely manner.
- SPIE shall add approved events to our web conference calendar.
- SPIE shall be listed as a cooperating organization or co-sponsor of the approved event.

SPIE looks forward to working with ACEM and to partnering with the volunteers and organizers who provide researchers and scientists the opportunity to advance the field of experimental mechanics.

Marilyn Gorsuch

SPIE, Director, Technical Programs

Dr. Anand Asundi **ACEM Chairman**

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