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PACAM VIII

Eighth Pan-American Congress of Applied Mechanics

Havana, Cuba

January 5–9, 2004

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The Eighth Pan-American Congress of Applied Mechanics (PACAM VIII), jointly sponsored by the University of Havana, the Institute of Cybernetics, Mathematics, and Physics of Cuba, and the American Academy of Mechanics, will be held on January 5–9, 2004, at the Convention Center, Havana, Cuba. The Honorary Chairman of the Organizing Committee is Prof. Alina Ruiz Jhones of the University of Havana. The Co-Chairmen are Prof. Martin Ostoja-Starzewski of McGill University and Prof. Reinaldo Rodríguez-Ramos of the University of Havana. The Chairman of the Editorial Committee is Prof. Julián Bravo-Castillero of the University of Havana, and the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee is Prof. Raúl Guinovart-Díaz of the University of Havana, Cuba.

The aim of sponsors is to promote progress in the broad field of mechanics by (1) exposing engineers and scientists, including graduate students, to new research findings, techniques, and problems, and (2) providing opportunities for personal interactions between mechanicians of North and South America, as well as other continents. It is the only conference sponsored by the American Academy of Mechanics (AAM).

The Pan-American Congresses of Applied Mechanics are held every two years early in January, always in a Latin American venue, at a time when few other conferences are scheduled. The previous Congresses were held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1989; Valparaiso, Chile, in 1991; São Paulo, Brazil, in 1993; Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1995; San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1997; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1999; and Temuco, Chile, in 2002. Participants come from the Americas as well as Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe.

Persons willing to organize special sessions in any area of mechanics are welcome to contact the organizers listed below. All the future announcements will be made at the website listed above, and through the AAM (<http://www.AAMech.org/>). Four-page papers for the conference proceedings will be due June 30, 2003, at either address:

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