

Forthcoming events

11th International Conference on Experimental Mechanics (ICAEM),

University of Exeter, 5th - 7th September 2016

There is a lot to interest our members at this conference, which covers all manner of experimental work in mechanics.

It's a good event for meeting a range of people, including a good proportion from overseas. An added attraction is that it will be held in the delightful city of Exeter in Devon.

See <http://www.bssm.org/conf2016> for details. They might still accept an abstract!

Half Day Specialist Meetings

Following the successful piezoelectric thick-films meeting (see below), more similar events are planned. Topics include contact and wear, structural health monitoring and transformative manufacture. Watch out for details.

Modern Practice in Stress and Vibration Analysis (MPSVA) 2018

Planning is going ahead for the next MPSVA, to be held in Cambridge. This will be announced when the venue is finalised.

Reports on Recent events

MPSVA 2015 at 10th ICAEM: September 2015

MPSVA formed a theme at ICAEM, covering vibration analysis techniques. This worked well in attracting an audience not normally interested in dynamics.

MoSS 2015: September 2015

Mechanics of slender structures is a niche topic with a lively set of practitioners. The symposium attracted 27 of them from 9 countries. The papers will be published in the IoP proceedings special edition due out soon.

The next in the series is planned for 2017 in Spain.

Half day meeting: Piezoelectric thick-films

November 2015

This event featured five of the leading UK groups working on this specialist topic.

The invited speakers gave a good range of talks covering the range of work going on in the UK. It was particularly useful to the many postgraduate students in the audience.

Chairman's message

Is the Applied Mechanics Group doing the things you think it should? Are there things we don't do that you think would interest our members?

We are on the lookout for new committee members who can help us make more things happen. We meet three or four times a year, sometimes in person, increasingly by Skype these days, so it's not too time consuming.

If you would like to join us, or want to nominate a likely colleague, let me know on cristinel.mares@brunel.ac.uk.

I'd like to hear from you.

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