

April 3, 2011

RE: World Congress on Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization 9 at Shizuoka, Japan, June 13-17, 2011

Dear ISSMO Members and WCSMO-9 Participants:

First of all, on behalf of the ISSMO, the Executive Committee (EC) wishes to convey our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the people of Japan who have been tremendously affected by this devastating disaster: earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis.

You may have seen or received a letter from Professor Hirosh Yamakawa, who is the General Chair of WCSMO-9. This letter is to inform you that ISSMO EC is firmly supporting the WCSMO-9 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in their decision to have WCSMO-9 as planned during June 13-17, 2011 at Shizuoka, Japan.

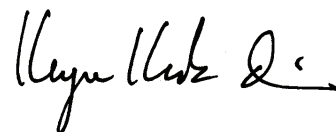
We are very well aware that there are a number of ISSMO members who are planning to participate in WCSMO-9; and asking questions whether they should register for WCSMO-9 or not. The problem is that many of you need to make travel arrangements soon, if not have done already. For that matter, ISSMO EC believes that pushing back the registration deadline would be a good idea as we are hearing from numerous folks that they are reluctant to book the trip right now. Understanding our concern, WCSMO-9 LOC has extended the early registration as much as they could until to May 6th, 2011.

The EC members believe the radiation and earthquake risk are really negligible for somebody going to Japan for one week to Shizuoka, which is far away from the reactors. In addition, the Japanese LOC is going to update and re-evaluate the situation of nuclear radiation leakage on their WCSMO-9 website as often as they receive information from the dependable authorities in Japan.

We owe our Japanese LOC our warmest thanks for their commitment to do this in spite of the terrible disasters that occurred in Japan and the extra work they will have to carry out within a narrow time frame prior to the Congress. ISSMO EC, International Papers Committee (IPC), and WCSMO-9 Advisory Committee (AC) will support their decision and assist them in any way we can to make WCSMO-9 as successful as we can make.

Hoping to see you all at Shizuoka, Japan for the very successful WCSMO-9, The ISSMO EC is

Sincerely yours,



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