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This volume contains extended summaries of the papers presented at the Conference, including some from two special workshops held on the Sunday preceding the official opening of the conference. The first workshop was dedicated to the history of optical fiber sensors in pioneering institutions from around the world, with presentations by three of the most senior members of our community; the second was devoted to one of the most active current applications: structural sensing, with papers by prominent researchers in companies active in the field.

As for the regular conference papers, notable trends this year include many works dealing with special fibers and coating materials to add functionality and multi-dimensional sensing modalities, sensors devices that rely on micro- and nano-structured fibers for compactness and higher sensitivities, and fiber sensors for biomedical applications, including imaging with fiber probes and fiber interferometers. Also of note is that fiber gratings remain at the heart of many optical sensor interrogation schemes and are constantly being improved by new fabrication techniques and integration with new fibers and coatings. Finally, distributed sensors are continuing to push the limits of distance and resolution, using both time and frequency domain interrogation, and to add more functionality (parameters), especially in the area of dynamic measurements.

We hope you will enjoy reading these papers as much as we had pleasure in putting them together for you all.

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