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WELCOME TO MECHATRONICS 2002

On behalf of the organisers I welcome you at the University of Twente for the 8th Mechatronics Forum International Conference "Mechatronics 2002". In this conference some 160 high quality papers on the latest developments in mechatronics research and design will be presented in lectures and multimedia and poster sessions. In the book of abstracts you will find the digests of all papers. The CD contains the full papers, many in full colour, as well as a complementary copy of the mechatronic modelling and simulation package 20-sim, developed at the University of Twente.

The organisation of such an event is the result of many efforts of many people around the world. Here I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the members of the IPC who reviewed all the papers. The members of the Local and National Organising Committees contributed in all other organisational matters, supported by useful advises from the UK Mechatronics Forum. Also the support of Jol Bolsius and Gerda van Amerongen, who took care for most of the administrative duties and the handling of the papers, is gratefully acknowledged. Mark Verwoerd and Hiddo Super took care for the compilation of the book of abstracts and the CD.

I hope you will enjoy the conference with respect to its technical contents as well as during the social events, allowing you to meet old friends and make new contacts.

On behalf of the National Organising Committee,

Job van Amerongen,
General Chairman