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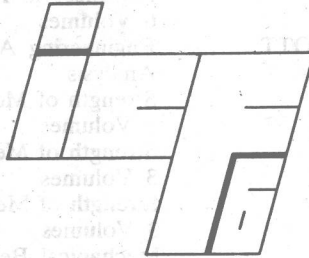
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FOREWORD

Ever since I worked at Banaras Hindu University 17 years ago, India has been a central part of my personal scientific and spiritual landscape. Already ICF6 can be judged to be an outstanding human and scientific success with some 40 countries participating and over 400 research papers of all types in the major archival set of Proceedings published here in six volumes. These volumes are an enduring tribute to the dedication of India to Science and Technology of the highest standards and indeed, to the stability and technological progress of the country over the past 20 years. We salute the scientists and engineers of India, especially the organisers of this magnificent and splendid sixth Quadrennium Conference of ICF.

The Late Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, held a profound and sustained belief in the vital importance of excellence in scientific research in India and in international co-operation for technological development. Mrs Gandhi's quest for world-level indigenous High Technology was a central part of her task in Government. The tragic loss last year is a loss for India, for Indian Science and for us all.

Accordingly, I am charged on behalf of the Executive of the International Congress on Fracture and on behalf of the Sixth International Conference on Fracture to DEDICATE our PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS and this Conference to the inspiring memory of a Great Stateswoman, World Leader and friend of Science, INDIRA GANDHI.

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