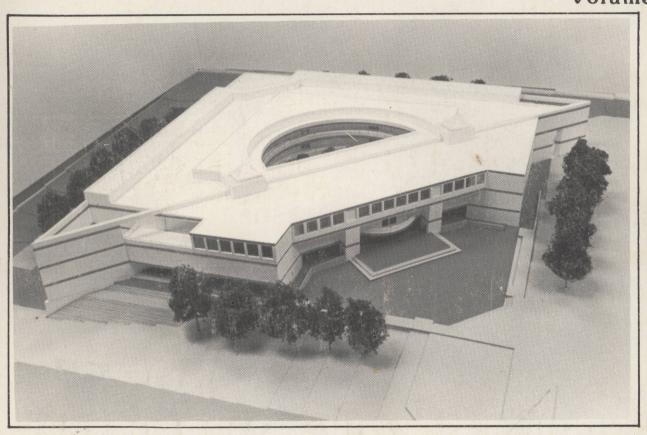


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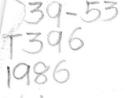
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The founding group intended that the conference not be provincial in participation and subject content. In this respect, this conference is no different from the first twelve conferences. What is different is the extent of the participation.

We are very pleased with the tremendous response to the Call for Papers, as well as, the positive replies from authors of invited papers. The papers being presented in this thirteenth conference are from all over the world. Research in mechancis is alive and well!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude, as well as, congratulations to all of those who have had a part in bringing this conference to a reality.



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WELCOME TO CAROLINA!

Can it really have been 20 years since I, as executive chairman, wrote the foreword for the proceedings volume of SECTAM III? I hope that those of you who know that it really has been that long will join me in proclaiming proof that SECTAM serves now, as then, a major role in theoretical and applied mechanics activity.

We are especially pleased to be the first repeat site in the history of this now distinguished conference. A very special welcome to the founders whose vision must now be supplemented with a feeling of great satisfaction.

We hope the time you spend on our campus will be pleasant and rewarding. More importantly, we hope the contributions made to the mechanics literature will take their place alongside the other 12 volumes which document the continuing influence of SECTAM.

Yours truly

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I extend welcome greetings to you for the thirteenth conference. SECTAM has a long history of successful meetings on all topics of interest to engineering mechanics. The breadth and scope of papers to be presented at the conference indicates the current relevant topics of mechanics to contemporary problems.

In the present world of rapidly advancing technology, Continuing Education is essential to the lifelong education of the engineer. Exchange of information such as SECTAM is certainly an important element of the educational process of the individual. The University of South Carolina is pleased to participate in the Continuing Education of the participants.

I extend an invitation to each of you to visit our campus. The College of Engineering is currently expanding the physical facilities to meet the demands of our expanding academic and research program.

Best wishes for a successful SECTAM XIII.

Sincerely,

W. F. Ranson

Executive Chairman, SECTAM XIII

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