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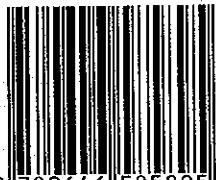
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Dear ACUN-6 Delegates,

To us – the organizers of ACUN-6, it has been an absorbing thrill and exhilarating experience that made all the associated work enjoyable and worthwhile – particularly to learn that a large portion of the world's best and Australia's foremost composites experts are coming to grace the event.

We do extend a very hearty welcome to all our Keynote, Plenary, Invited, Distinguished Contributory, Contributory and Student participants. An event like ACUN-6 cannot happen without active input of many people and that is what the entire proceedings is about.

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Sincerely,

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