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Preface

Welcome to the Australia-China Materials Science Symposium (ACMSS), held in Brisbane, Australia from 22nd -25th October, 2004.

This is the first bilateral symposium between Australia and China in the Materials field. The idea was originated from a visit by Dr Hao Wang and Xiangdong Yao to National Natural Sciences Foundation of China (NSFC) in late 2003. NSFC expressed an interest to organise a bilateral symposium on materials science research. The symposium has received enthusiastic support from materials scientists in both countries. With the research collaboration between Australian and Chinese materials scientists increases, it is recognised that such a symposium is timely and highly beneficial in providing a forum for the materials scientists and engineers to meet and exchange ideas. It will no doubt strengthen existing ties and foster new collaborations among the participants. To maximise the opportunities for interaction and discussion, the organising committee decided to limit the number of speakers to about 50. Invitations were extended to materials researchers in Australia and China, as well as to a few in Singapore and New Zealand. The symposium topics cover Functional Materials, Structural Materials, Nanomaterials, Polymers, Composites, and Materials characterization and properties. All invited speakers are established experts in their own areas of research in materials. With the high quality presentations and enthusiastic support of all participants, an intellectually stimulating and fruitful, and socially enjoyable meeting is expected.

The organising committee has worked tirelessly in the process of preparing for this symposium, and is grateful to all invited speakers for their contribution and cooperation. We would also like to thank the members of the advisory committee for their support and advice. We also gratefully appreciate and knowledge the generous financial support of our sponsors: National Natural Sciences Foundation of China; Future Materials; Victorian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing; ARC Centre for Functional Nanomaterials.

On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all symposium delegates to the bright Queensland, and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable and fruitful meeting.

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