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Introduction

The inaugural conference on Sensors for Extreme Harsh Environments showcased recent results from members of this unique and emerging community. During this conference, insights on the performance and design considerations of sensor materials, devices and systems within harsh radiation, temperature and chemical environments were presented. In addition, the requirements for implementing these new technologies on actual commercial (automotive and geothermal power) and space/defense platforms (space rovers and hypersonic structures) were highlighted. A roadmap for addressing the challenges of integrating and manufacturing reliable micro- and nano-scale devices for harsh environment sensing applications was discussed. Representation from academia, industry and government agencies provided a comprehensive audience. Also, participants from overseas—Belgium, Austria, Germany and Taiwan—aided in obtaining a global view of the challenges of this field.

We would like to thank our esteemed colleagues for making it an insightful and productive conference. We are thrilled to share your hard work and exciting results through this proceedings volume. We look forward to building upon our initial success at DSS 2015!

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