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# **Introduction**

This volume features contributions from scientists and engineers in the general area of nanoengineering. Over the past couple of years, mature technologies such as logic, memory, and data storage have been rapidly thrust into the sub-100nm regime. Existing processes of record have been extended well beyond the ranges deemed feasible or reliable. New technologies such as biotechnology, medical nanosystems, 3D sensors, 3D displays, systems on a chip, optofluidics, nanophotonics, and molecular electronics and optics are emerging. The upcoming synthesized nanomaterials, nanotubes, and nanowires, offer extremely attractive physical features and great opportunities. Continuing improvements in the design and fabrication of micro/nano/quantum-scale optical elements have driven the development of passive and active miniature optical components with applications in ever more diverse areas of photonics. These areas include optical communication, neural systems, optical information processing, optical computing, optical storage, optical scanning, smart pixel arrays, information display, imaging, printing, medical diagnosis, and chemical and biological sensing. Emerging nanotechnologies present new opportunities and challenges in materials processing, device design, and integration. Drivers for commercial deployment include function, performance, reliability, space, and cost.

Papers in these proceedings include discussions of materials nanoengineering, properties of nanostructures, innovative patterning and processing techniques, micro/nano/quantum optics, and fabrication and packaging of miniature devices. Some papers describe the refinement of existing schemes and processes, while others introduce novel concepts and new designs. Papers from academic and research institutions push the state of the art in miniaturization, level of integration, and performance figures of merit, and papers from the industry emphasize design criteria and manufacturing methods that result in practical components and systems that can be deployed commercially.

Although this volume cannot include all the recent important work in the vast field of nanoengineering, it does cover a significant cross-section of the advances happening globally in areas where nanoengineering is making an impact. We hope these papers by world-renown experts serve the purpose of bringing the readers up to date on the state of the art in this fast-growing and exciting field.

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