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On behalf of conference chairs of conference 7294, I wanted to thank you with my whole heart for all your support and enthusiasm by submitting your high quality papers and serving as session chairs to make our conference shine at the SPIE Smart Structures/Nandestructive Evaluation for Health Monitoring + Diagnostics 2009. Indeed, we had a very successful conference this year. In addition, we had a full-house for our invited paper (given by Prof. Jerry Lynch, University of Michigan) and the Special Panel session (moderated by Prof. Emin Aktan, Drexel University). I hope you all enjoyed the conference that we put together. Thank you for all your hard work and excellent contributions. I cannot express anything more, but sincerely wish all of you will continue to support our next year's conference.

Professor Peter Shull of Penn State University will be the conference chair for 2010. Dr. Aaron Diaz and I will serve as conference co-chairs to support him. I encourage all of you to continue offering your support to Peter. I sincerely look forward to having another successful SPIE conference in 2010.

H. Felix Wu