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Introduction

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the 22nd International Conference on Optical Fiber Sensors (OFS-22), which will be held in Beijing from 15–19 October 2012. The OFS series is acknowledged as the world's leading conference on all topics related to fiber-optic, guided-wave, and optical sensing devices, systems, theories, and techniques for research and applications. The first OFS was held in London in 1983. Since then it is held approximately every eighteen months, rotating between the Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific. This is the first time that China hosts the OFS conference.

The programme for OFS-22 includes 34 invited talks: nine of these are for a special workshop to celebrate the 35th anniversary of fiber optic gyros; 14 will be presented at a workshop on Industrial Progress, Commercial Systems, and Field Tests; 11 others are dispersed throughout the technical sessions, all providing up-to-date description of key areas of OFS technology and applications by experts from around the world. Our plenary speaker is Tuan Vo-Dinh, who will speak on Optical Nanosensors and Nanoprobes: From Single-Cell Exploration to Medical Diagnostics.

The programme also includes 382 contributed papers from 30 countries. These papers will be presented in 12 oral sessions and three poster sessions. 331 contributed papers are included in poster sessions. In addition, a session for post-deadline papers and a table-top exhibition are also included.

We are indebted to the members of the International Steering Committee and the International Honorary Committee for their assistance in preparing for this conference. We would particularly like to thank the members of the Technical Programme Committee for rapidly and competently referring the large number of submissions and to the Local Organising Committee for their hard work to make this conference a success.

We hope you enjoy the conference as well as the City of Beijing at its 'golden' autumn season.

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All contributed papers in their entirety (i.e., not merely an abstract or extract) were peer-reviewed for their significance, innovation, and quality by independent members of the Technical Programme Committee, and then rated.