

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to inform you that within 11th Conference *Shell Structures: Theory and Applications* to be held in October 11-13, 2017 in Gdansk (<http://wilis.pg.edu.pl/ssta/welcome>) in Poland, we are planning to organise the Thematic Session on **“Biomechanical applications of shells, membranes and plates”**. Due to your interest in development of this area of biomechanics I cordially invite you to submit a paper to this Thematic Session, attend the Conference and take part in exchange of opinions about current developments, advantages, shortcomings, and prospects associated with applications of shell, membrane and plate structures in biomechanics. During this Thematic Session we would welcome any contribution to this topic, either theoretical or numerical or both.

Please inform us at your earliest convenience whether you can accept our invitation. When yes, please take the following steps:

- Register at the website <http://wilis.pg.edu.pl/ssta/registration> , if you have not done it yet, and inform me by email about provisional title of your contribution to the Session.
- Prepare the 4-page double-column text of your paper corresponding to the theme of the Session following <http://wilis.pg.edu.pl/ssta/author-guidelines>

Your manuscript will be sent to two referees for opinions and when accepted will be published in the volume 4 of the book *Shell Structures: Theory and Applications*, which will be printed just before the Conference by the leading publisher CRC Press/ Balkema (Taylor&Francis Group).

Let us remind that three previous volumes contained Proceedings of 8th SSTA 2005, 9th SSTA 2009 and 10th SSTA 2013 and all papers published there were referred individually in the leading world database Web of Science which is easily accessible through Internet.

Hoping to hear from you soon and then to meet with you in Gdańsk in October 2017,

With Warmest Regards,

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