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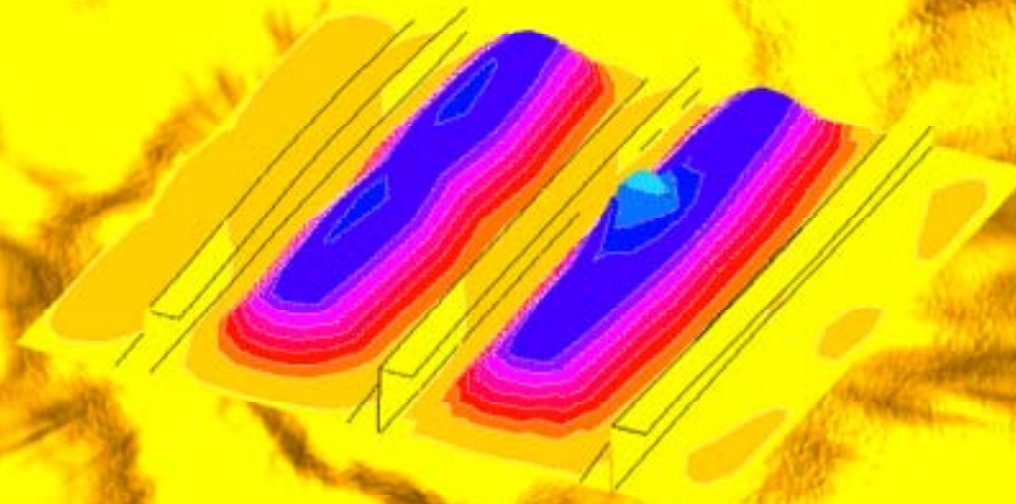
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PREFACE

This book is a collection of the edited papers presented at the fifth International Conference on Boundary Element Techniques, held in Lisbon, Portugal, during 21-23 July 2004. Previous meetings were held at Queen Mary, University of London, UK (1999), Rutgers University, USA (2001), Tsinghua University, China (2002) and University of Granada, Spain (2003).

The meeting which was attended by researchers from 18 countries served as a forum to promote new developments in the study of Boundary Element Method (BEM) also known as the Boundary Integral Equation Method (BIEM). The topics discussed included: Heat Transfer and Fluid Mechanics, Structures and Solid Mechanics, Fracture and Damage Mechanics, Dynamics and Vibrations, New formulations and Computational Algorithms, and Soil Mechanics.

The opening Keynote address was delivered by Professor E.R. de Arantes e Oliveira. The other Keynote addresses were given by J. Sladek and M. Tanaka. In addition several invited papers were presented by Y.Ochiai, B.Sarler, A.Nowak, R.Gallego, J.C.F.Telles, S.E.Mikhailov, R.Abascal, V.Mantic, M.Denda, C.L.Tan., A.Blazquez, P.Sollero, G.Davi, M.Bonnet, K.Davey, A.J.Davies, S.Amini, Z.Yao, N.Kamiya, T.Matsumoto, W.S.Venturini, S.A.Kinnas, Ch.Zhang and S.Atluri.

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