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Professor Nicola Pugno University of Trento

Dear Nicola,

On behalf of the Congress Committee of IUTAM, I have the pleasure of inviting you to give the Opening Lecture at the 25th International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, ICTAM2020, to be held in Milan, Italy, August 23-28, 2020.

The Opening Lecture is one of only 4 plenary presentations given at the International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (ICTAM), the others being the Closing Lecture, the Batchelor Prize Lecture and the Hill Prize Lecture. All other technical presentations that take place at ICTAM are given in parallel sessions. To give the Opening Lecture at ICTAM is therefore regarded as a significant honor. ICTAMs are quadrennial events, and thus relatively few researchers in theoretical and applied mechanics are so honored.

Your Opening Lecture will be given on Monday August 24th, 2020 immediately after the opening ceremony for the Congress. At ICTAM2016 in Montreal, the Opening Lecture was given a full hour, including questions, and this is also the plan for ICTAM2020 in Milan.

If you accept the invitation you will be asked to provide a title and abstract closer to the date of the Congress. Please note that your abstract should be 4 pages in length and will appear in a document, along with other ICTAM2020 abstracts, that will be archived on the IUTAM website.

It is therefore of great importance that your abstract is of 4 pages in length as your presentation at ICTAM2020 will be one of the most important.

I look forward to your reply, and would be most grateful if you could send it to me by e-mail at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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