



Special Session **Soft Computing and Structural Engineering**

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to inform you that the Special Session: "**Soft Computing and Structural Engineering**", will be organized in the framework of [The Ninth International Conference on Computational Structures Technology \(CST-2008\)](#), which will take place in Athens, from 2 to 5 September 2008. The aim of this Special Session is to attract state-of-the-art papers that deal with the use of soft computing techniques in computational structural mechanics. The selected contributions will provide an overview of the present thinking as well as the latest research findings related to the application of soft computing techniques in this area.

Since you are an active researcher and one of the top-experts in this area, it is our great pleasure to invite you and your co-workers to contribute with an article to the aforementioned Special Session. Should you be able to accept this invitation, we would be most appreciative if you could notify your intention to us by simply replying this e-mail, in order to arrange the meeting's sessions and schedule.

Subsequently, you should submit an abstract (up to 1,000 words), **no later than February 1st, 2008** (earlier submission is advised). For more details see Congress site for abstracts: <http://www.civil-comp.com/conf/auth08.htm#abstr> .

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For the accepted contributions, a full-length paper will be required, according to the instructions given at Congress site: <http://www.civil-comp.com/conf/paper.htm>. Furthermore, we would like to inform you that a Special Issue in the archival *Journal of Computers & Structures* will be created from selected contributions that will be presented in the Special Session (<http://www.civil-comp.com/conf/speciss.htm>).

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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