Dear Prospective Meeting Participant

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, thank you for your interest in participating in the Personal Armour Systems Symposium 2018, which will be held October 1-5, 2018 in Washington, DC. More than 200 attendees from all disciplines of protective systems research are expected to attend this five-day scientific meeting. All attendees will be offered the opportunity to present and/or discuss cutting edge research, network with peers and advance their careers. In addition, attendees will learn about new technologies by meeting exhibitors at the exposition during the Symposium.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Washington, DC. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend this International Symposium as it is an open scientific event for all persons who are members of the armour community and pay the necessary registration fee. This meeting is announced to the scientific community through publications, emails, websites, during the annual call for papers, and publication of the preliminary program. Beginning in late July, the technical program and registration will be available from the Symposium website at www.nist.gov.

The Symposium organizers or its sponsors are not able to provide financial support to meeting attendees. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other meeting-related expenses are the responsibility of each meeting attendee.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the Symposium, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible and no later than 3 to 4 months in advance of the meeting date. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act https://www.uscis.gov/ilink/docView/SLB/HTML/SLB/act.html

The organizers cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of the any Symposium attendee. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location, and purpose of the Symposium.

The organizers are not able to call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. A separate email acknowledging receipt of an abstract will be sent to Symposium presenters at the time that an abstract has been received. A personalized letter will be sent to a presenter if their abstract has been accepted for presentation. Symposium registration opened June 27, 2018. A registration receipt will also be generated for Symposium participants.

Additional information on the visa process can be obtained from the U.S. Department of State.

We look forward to seeing you at the Personal Armour Systems Symposium 2018, which will be held October 1-5, 2018 in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

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