

Mini-Symposium 9  
**Boundary Element Methods and Their Applications in Gradient  
Materials**

for

**13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Fracture**

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The **13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Fracture (ICF13)** will be held next year in Beijing, China during June 16-21, 2013. This is a continuation of the very successful cosmopolitan series of quadrennial conferences that aim at promoting research and worldwide cooperation concerned with the mechanics and mechanisms of fracture.

ICF13 is structured into more than 60 sessions and mini-symposiums dedicated to the development and innovation in not only the traditional and fundamental topics but also the exciting and edge-cutting arenas - from biomedicine to geophysics, from nano/atomic to macro scales, and from physical to holistic and system modeling.

We will co-chair the **Mini-Symposium 9 “Boundary Element Methods and Their Applications in Gradient Materials”**, and it is thus our pleasant duty to encourage acknowledged experts in this field to contribute to ICF13. Accordingly, we would like to invite you to submit a paper to the Mini-Symposium 9. Your submission, prepared according to the instructions given on the website <http://www.icf13.org>, should reach the Secretariat Office no later than 17 October, 2012.

It would be our great honor to welcome you at ICF13, June 2013 in Beijing and we believe that you will find this conference to be a memorable and successful event. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely yours

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