

# FOREWORD

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Abstracts are listed within the BSA disciplinary Sections/affiliated societies chosen for presentation by the authors, and the Sections are arranged alphabetically. Within each Section, the abstracts are organized in alphabetical order by last name of the senior author within symposium, special paper, contributed paper, and contributed poster categories. In addition, each symposium includes a summary abstract. The abstracts are numbered consecutively from 1 to 673, and these abstract numbers are provided for each author in the Author Index.

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