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Introduction

The reliability, packaging, testing, and characterization of MEMS/MOEMS are of paramount importance to the commercialization of these advanced and useful emerging technologies. This is the International Reliability Conference and the contributors at this conference attend from around the world. The main objective of this one and only premier reliability conference is to provide a technical forum for in-depth investigations and interdisciplinary discussions involving reliability, packaging, testing, and characterization of MEMS/MOEMS. The response to the call for papers has been awesome and technically rewarding to the MEMS/MOEMS and other community.

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In preparing for the conference, 20 high-quality papers were received from various countries. This year four sessions covered MEMS Packaging: Assembly and Reliability, MEMS/MOEMS Reliability, and Testing, Characterization, and Failure Analysis of MEMS/MOEMS.

We had a technical program that has three plenary speakers and four invited/keynote speakers from various reputed laboratories around the country and the globe.

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