History and Perspectives – Starting 25 years ago, in 1980, International Fracture Mechanics Summer Schools (IFMASS) had been organized eight times, the last one in 2003. Topical monograph was published in Serbian after first seven Schools under the School title, e.g. "Fracture Mechanics of Weldments" (IFMASS 3), "The Application of Fracture Mechanics to Life Estimation of Power Plant Components" (IFMASS 5), published also in English by EMAS. The IFMASS 8 monograph "From Fracture Mechanics to Structural Integrity Assessment" has been published in English. It is available at web site www.divk.org.yu .

The number of participants was from 62 in the first School, up to 145 in IFMASS 5, and 107 in IFMASS 8. The IFMASS lecturers staff included more than 70 well known world experts, e.g.: P. Albrecht, M. Burdekin, D. Francois, H. Hoffmeister, I. Hrivnak, V. Ivanova, J. Landes , J. Joyce, H. Mac Henry, A. Mazur, G. Pluvinage, J. Radon, M. Ratwani, D. Read, K. H. Schwalbe, T. Siewert, R. Stephens, V. Troshchenko, M. Wnuk, including many lecturers from former Yugoslavia.

Two basic reasons to organize the Ninth International Fracture Mechanics Summer School (IFMASS 9) are:
- After successful IFMASS 8, organized by DIVK in 2003 in Belgrade (Serbia) with 25 presented lectures and participants from Serbia & Montenegro, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Macedonia, Slovenia, Croatia, Turkey and Albania, the extension of the School in other countries of South-East Europe (SEE) will enable regular and fruitful gathering of the experts in Structural Integrity of this region.
- In the SEE extended region, the annual organisation of IFMASS could attract significant number of **new young participants** and enable regional cooperation, these days strongly supported by the European Union.

New development during IFMASS had been considered by **WORKSHOP**. This time, Workshop in IFMASS 9
New Trends in Fracture Mechanics Applications
includes nanomaterials, numerical analysis and welded structures, moderated by A. Shelev, H. Walter, G. Pluvinage, and A. Sedmak.

IFMASS 9 Program

Lecture	Lecturer
A. Fundamentals	
1	Crack problems in structures (crack resistance, fatigue, creep, corrosion) S. Sedmak
2	Basic of damage mechanics D. Šumarac
3	Mathematical modeling of time-dependent fracture in advanced aerospace m M. Wnuk
4	Advanced structural steels N. Radović
5	Micromechanical analysis in structural integrity assessment M. Rakin

A. Sedmak

6	Energy analysis of ΔK and ΔJ in fatigue	D. Angelova
7	Fracture mechanics safety analysis in nuclear industry: from material propen	S. Vodenicharov
8	Failure criteria based on the equivalent stress gradient	K. Hadjov
B. Experiments and testing		
9	Residual stresses induced by welding	M. Zrilić
10	Crack problems in welded joints	K. Gerić
11	Significance of mechanical testing for structural integrity	V. Grabulov
Z. Burzić		
12	Testing for detection and evaluation of cracks	M. Kirić
13	Materials characterization and testing of soldered joints	B. Medić
H. Walter		
C. Service problems		
14	Identification of damage in building structures using dynamical method	A. Bilić
15	Failure at elevated temperature	V. Šijački
16	Behaviour of welded structures at high temperature	B. Dogan
B. Petrovski		
17	Investigations on composite materials - applications for reinforcement of ste	D. Dontchev
K. Hadjov		
18	Stress intensity factors and integrity assessment by strain gauges and photo	D. Marinov
D. Structural integrity assessment		
19	Failure and damage in pipes	G. Pluvinage
20	Numerical analysis of welded structures for structural integrity assessment	A. Sedmak
T. Manevski		
21	Fracture mechanics for the "fitness for purpose" evaluation of weldments	A. Schelev
N. Lolov		
22	Thermoelastic methodology for structural integrity assessment	L. Marşavina
23	Limit load calculation model of ductile failure of defective pipe and pressure	D. Vukić
24	Structural integrity assessment procedures and their application	G. Adžiev

Lecturers and Schedule – The lecturers from **Serbia** are mostly in the lists of experienced lecturers from former IFMASS's: Prof. Dr. Katarina Gerić, Dr. Vencislav Grabulov, Dr. Miodrag Kirić, Prof. Dr. Taško Manevski. Prof. Dr. Nenad Radović, Dr. Marko Rakin, Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Sedmak, Prof. Dr. Stojan Sedmak, Prof. Dr. Vera Šijački Žeravčić, Prof. Dr. Dragoslav Šumarac, Dr. Milorad Zrilić

The names in the lecturers list from **Bulgaria** are well known in materials science, welding and fracture mechanics: Prof. Dr. Donka Angelova, Prof. Dr. Angel Baltov, Dr. D. Dontchev, Prof. Dr. Kliment Hadjov, Prof. Dr. Nikolay Lolov, Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Schelev, Prof. Dr. Stefan Vodenicharov.

The list of lecturers is completed by invited experts in the field from **France**: Prof. Dr. Guy Pluvinage; **Germany**: Prof. Dr. Bilal Dogan, Prof. Dr. Blagoj Petrovski, Prof. Dr. Bernd Michel, Dr. Hans Walter;

Romania
: Dr. Liviu Marşavina, Prof. Dr. D. Constantinescu;
Ukraine
: Dr. I. Orynyak;
Macedonia
: G. Adžiev

IFMASS9 Schedule

	Monday 19.9.	Tuesday 20.9.	Wednesday 21.9.	Thursday 22.9.	Friday
8.30-10	Registration	C14 & A8	B11 & B12		
10	Opening	Coffee	Coffee		
10.30-12	A7 & A3	A4 & A5	B9 & B10		
12	Coffee	Lunch	Lunch		
12.15-13	A1	B13	D21 & D24		
13-16	Lunch	Lunch	Bulgarian		
16-17.30	D19 & A6	workshop	side initia-		
17.30	Coffee	tive for pa-	Coffee		
18-18.45	workshop	rticipants	workshop		

19.30	Gala Dinner

IFMASS 9 will be held in Zlatni Piastci (Golden Sand) at the Black Sea coast, 20 km from Varna, the third biggest city in Bulgaria.

Varna is 470 km from Sofia and 530 km from the border with Serbia. Good communication by air (international airport), rail road (daily trains Belgrade – Varna) and road, (daily bus Belgrade – Varna). Participants also can use very convenient arrangement offered by ARGUS TOURS, Belgrade, Balkanska 51, tel. +381 11 361 76 60

Accommodation
For participants from Serbia the arrangement from 16th to 27th September is available with ARGUS TOURS. The arrangement in Astoria Beach Hotel (****) includes 9 overnights in double bedroom, from 17th to 25th September, at the price of 115 € and bus transfer Belgrade – Hotel in Golden Sand and back for 3.999,00 dinars (about 50 €). The other participants can also use the accommodation and meals at the same price by ARGUS TOURS or by its Bulgarian partner AQUAMARINE HOLDING-BULGARIAN VIP TOURS. We would be happy to assist you in finding suitable hotel accommodation.

Registration
Registration fee is 80 Euro, for DIVK members 60 Euro and 40 for young researchers. The registration fee can be paid at the reception desk of the Conference on the opening day.

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