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PREFACE

The 29th International Symposium on Acoustical Imaging was held in Shonan Village, Kanagawa, Japan during April 15–18, 2007. Despite the unusually cold and rainy weather for Shonan Area in April, the symposium was a great success owing to lively discussions among enthusiastic speakers and audiences, which assured us the future prosperity of the field of Acoustical Imaging. There were more than 100 participants and 83 presentations were given by delegates from about ten countries, e.g. Japan, USA, Canada, Italy, England, and Germany. I would like to express my gratitude to the following six invited speakers, who presented appreciative speeches at the symposium: Prof. James F. Greenleaf, Prof. Roman G. Maev, Prof. Kazushi Yamanaka, Prof. F. Levent Degertekin, Dr. Shin'ichi Sakamoto and Dr. Chiaki Miyasaka. Like its predecessors in the series this Volume 29 contains an excellent collection of papers, including the six invited speeches, presented in nine major categories:

- Strain Imaging
- Biological and Medical Applications
- Acoustic Microscopy
- Non-Destructive Evaluation and Industrial Applications
- Components and Systems
- Geophysics and Underwater Imaging
- Physics and Mathematics
- Medical Image Analysis
- FDTD method and Other Numerical Simulations

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