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To the composites community,

The series of International Symposia on Automated Composites Manufacturing (ACM) have been initiated by Concordia University (Montreal, Canada) and have been held in Montreal in 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019. The Fifth international symposium on Automated Composites Manufacturing was held at the National Composites Centre in Bristol, UK, April 6-7, 2022. The Sixth international symposium on Automated Composites Manufacturing will be held at the University of South Carolina from March 4 to 8, 2024. A copy of the Call for Papers is attached. The Seventh international symposium on Automated Composites Manufacturing will be hosted by Technical university of Delft in 2026. The success of these symposia has given rise to interest from researchers and composites practitioners around the world to bid to host the symposium. In order to provide equal opportunity to all, this is to let you know that the hosting of the Eighth International Symposium on Automated Composites Manufacturing (ACM8, 2028) is open for bidding. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please send in a proposal addressing the following:

- 1. Date and exact location of the symposium.
- 2. Venue.
- 3. Name of chair person, and organizing committee members.
- 4. Name of possible advisory committee members.
- 5. Name of sponsors, and possible sponsorships.
- 6. Experience in organizing international conferences.
- 7. Procedure to collect registration fees.
- 8. Budget (including registration fees for full participants and students, and what the fees cover).
- 9. Hotel availability.
- 10. Accessibility from outside and inside the country.
- 11. Side activities (visit to companies, other organizations, social program etc.)
- 12. Handling of abstracts, full papers, proceedings etc.
- 13. Other items.

Please send the application to me (Suong Van Hoa, <u>hoasuon@encs.concordia.ca</u>) by October 15, 2023. Eligible applications will have an opportunity to make oral presentation for the bid during the ACM6 at the University of South Carolina. This will be followed by a vote by the participants attending ACM6 to select the winning bid.

Thank you.

Suong Van Hoa Chair of the Steering committee of ACM.