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NICOM7 was delivered via a hybrid mode (onsite & online) for a total of 8 plenary/keynote speeches and 12 parallel sessions containing 61 presentations and attracting nearly 100 attendees from Australia, China, Germany, Brazil, USA, India, UK, and Singapore. It was jointly hosted by Monash University and the University of Melbourne, Australia, and coordinated by an Advisory Committee (S. P. Shah, USA; K. Wang, USA; K. Sobolev, USA; M. S. Konsta-Gdoutos, Greece; L. Ferrara, Italy), Scientific Advisory Committee (49 members), Local Organising Committee (12 members), and Awards Committee (11 members). The editors acknowledge their excellent contributions that enabled successful delivery of NICOM7, as well as support from all reviewers, helpers, and conference organizers.

This proceeding volume is based on contributions presented at NICOM7. The 56 high-quality papers/extended abstracts cover a wide range of topics across nanotechnologies in concrete structures, structural health monitoring, nanocomposite cement replacements rails, pavements, AI and nanomodification of cementitious materials, the alkali–silica reaction, concrete durability, geopolymer concretes, etc. The focus of the proceedings is next-generation nanotechnologies for the broader construction sector. The editors sincerely thank the authors for their outstanding contributions, and hope the NICOM7 experience will promote innovation to enhance the rapid promotion and integration of nanoscience into mainstream construction practices. The editors also anticipate that the proceedings of NICOM7 will have great value

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for both the research and engineering communities by advancing nanotechnology initiatives towards a globally sustainable and innovative construction sector.

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