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Preface

Computational Science is becoming a vital part of many scientific investigations, impacting researchers and practitioners in areas ranging from aerospace and automotive to chemistry, electronics, geosciences, finance, mathematics, and physics. Due to the sheer size of many challenges in computational science, the use of supercomputing, parallel processing, and sophisticated algorithms is inevitable.

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Our outstanding invited speakers outlined the theme for the Conference, considering sophisticated numerical computational methods, emerging computational solutions, and problems and applications pushing the bounds of advanced computing techniques and hardware.

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