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## Engineering Mechanics and Materials (EMM) Division

Letter from the Chair

Dear EMM Member:

The CSCE Annual Conference and Meeting is fast approaching. This year, the Engineering Mechanics and Materials (EMM) Technical Division is hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> International Engineering Mechanics and Materials Specialty Conference. As part of the specialty conference, on Friday June 2 from 5:30-6:30 pm, the EMM Division has organized a panel discussion on **Wood Construction in High-Rise Buildings**, featuring three panel experts: Thomas Tannert, Associate Professor at the University of Northern British Columbia; Marjan Popovski, FPInnovations; and Lucas Epp, Structural Engineer with StructureCraft. We look forward to seeing members of the EMM Division in Vancouver.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Dr. Shahria Alam, University of British Columbia Okanagan, as the incoming Chair of the EMM Division. His term will commence at the end of the CSCE Annual Conference. Over the past 4 years, Dr. Alam has been an active member and champion of the EMM Division, recently serving as the Vice-Chair. His dedication and enthusiasm will help the EMM Division achieve higher goals.

As my 2<sup>nd</sup> term comes to an end, I want to thank all the members of the EMM Division and the CSCE Head Office for all their support. Serving as Chair has provided a great opportunity to give back to our profession and the society.

Sincerely,

Dan Palermo  
Chair, EMM Division