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**To: Prof. Dr. Alexander Sharmazanashvili**  
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**Subject:** Invitation to take part in the Plenary Discussion Panel on Virtual Engineering at TMCE 2010

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**Dated:** 15 May, 2009, Delft, the Netherlands

Dear Prof. Dr. Sharmazanashvili,

Most probably you have heard that the Eighth International Symposium on Tools and Methods of Competitive Engineering (TMCE 2010) will be held in Ancona, Italy, from 12th to 16th April, 2010. The previous TMCE Symposia were held in Budapest (H), Manchester (UK), Delft (NL), Wuhan (CN), Lausanne (CH), Ljubljana (SLO), and Izmir (TR). TMCE 2010 is jointly organized by the Delft University of Technology, Delft, the Netherlands, and the Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona, Italy. The main theme of TMCE 2010 is **Virtual engineering in competitive product development**.

Since your knowledge, expertise and scientific results in virtual engineering are well known internationally, we are pleased to invite you to be one of the five members of the International Discussion Panel of the TMCE 2008 Symposium, which will be held on Thursday, 15th April 2010, from 11.50 a.m. – 12.40 p.m. The topic of discussion will be: “**Virtual Engineering? What does it mean for us?**” You are requested to present a short position statement and to actively participate and stimulate an open discussion. The planned duration for your verbal position statement is 4 minutes. This will be followed by an open discussion of about 35 minutes.

We must mention that, being an academic, non-profit organization, TMCE needs to apply a *no-distinction principle*. It means that all invited and regular participants need

to register for the Symposium with a participation fee. However, as in the previous years, we are pleased to offer a reduced registration fee for our special speakers, which will be 520 euro.

We kindly ask you to inform us whether you can accept our invitation for the panel discussion. If your answer is affirmative, please send us a short description of your view and opinion on the topic of discussion in about 300 words. We also kindly request you to send us your brief curriculum vitae/resume in 250 words, and a passport size photo that will be published on the TMCE 2010 Symposium's web site. Later on you will receive from us all necessary information about the preparation for the panel discussion. Should you have questions or need more information about TMCE 2010, please do not hesitate to contact the Organizing Committee using: [info@tmce.org](mailto:info@tmce.org), or visit our web-site.

We look forward to hearing from you, receiving the description of your position statement, and welcoming you at the International TMCE 2010 Symposium.

Yours Sincerely,



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