

## FOREWORD

This book gathers most of the papers presented at the 13th Italian Conference on Sensors and Microsystems promoted by the Italian Association on Sensors and Microsystems (AISEM). This conference edition was held from X to Y February at the Aula Magna of the University of Rome “Tre”. The conference was organized by the University of Rome Tor Vergata in cooperation with the University of Rome “Tre”, the University Campus Biomedico and the Institute of Acoustic O.M. Corbino – IDAC of the National Research Council.

The 2008 edition has been organized with a special sight towards space applications and nanotechnology both represented by the opening invited talks given by Marina Ruggeri and Roberto Cingolani respectively. Of a great interest has also been the tutorial talk on the Casimir Force given by Biamonte. Particular attention was also payed to the proposal of Prof. Antonio Paoletti, in representance of SINAL, to enforce, in the Sensors and Microsystems context, the efforts towards the problems related to calibration and industrial standards.

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