

Foreword

It is an honour to join the editors of this collection, and those who have contributed to it, in celebrating Alan's 65th birthday and paying tribute to his many original contributions to continuum mechanics. His record of achievement in the field is a remarkable one, and his dedication to research, not always in easy circumstances, has been exemplary. It has been a privilege to have him as a colleague at Oxford.

Alan, I am sure this collection will give much pleasure to your many mathematical friends around the world, and I hope that some evenings during a long and happy retirement you will dip into it and be reminded of their great admiration for you.

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