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Subject: Lectures by Prof. Castro and Prof. Meggiolaro at United Technologies Research Center

Dear Prof. Castro and Prof. Meggiolaro,

I am writing to acknowledge your lectures you gave at the United Technologies Research Center (UTRC) on Monday, September 29th, 2014 entitled:

- 1) Fatigue Crack Initiation Predictions under Non-Proportional Variable-Amplitude Loading.**
- 2) Prediction of Notch Sensitivity Effects in Fatigue and in Environmentally Assisted Cracking.**

Your lectures initiated significant interest and provided important overview of your recent achievements and the state of the art in area of material and structural fatigue. On behalf of UTRC I would like to thank you very much for your visit, presentations and your interest in UTRC.

Using this opportunity, I would like to congratulate you with coming publication of your book on Fatigue Design Technologies. This three-volume edition is indeed a great contribution to the field, and I am looking forward its publication.

Thank you very much again for your visit and your lectures.

Sincerely,



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