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Preface

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This symposium will constitute a forum for discussing different issues of reliability and statistics theory and their applications in transportation and communication. The conference objective is to assemble researchers and practitioners from universities, research institutions and industry from around the world, involved in these fields, and to encourage the mutual exchange of ideas.

Common methods and models will be considered from a general point of view; theoretical modelling, computational and case studies will range from academic considerations to industrial approaches, as well as emphasizing topics on cooperation between industry and research institutions. Cooperation of this kind, which will contribute to the advancement of research and solutions to engineering issues, is of utmost importance.

We warmly invite you to share and enjoy with us a stimulating programme of the Conference and sample the historical atmosphere of Riga and its captivating heritage.

We hope that the Conference will contribute to stimulating cross-fertilization of fresh ideas and establishing fruitful contacts between researchers.

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