Special Symposium on

NATURAL FIBRE COMPOSITES

included in the

The Twenty First Annual International
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The call for papers is open with a 1 May 2013 deadline for submission of short papers. The selected papers will be published in a special issue “Natural Fibre Composites” of “Composites Part B: Engineering” which is an international journal included in the SCI list.

Natural fibre composites (including both plant- and animal-based fibre reinforcements) are gaining importance and they will become even more important in coming years. The objectives of the ICCE-21 Symposium on “Natural Fibre Composites” are to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of the latest research and technologies related to the manufacturing processes, characterization and applications of all types of natural fibre-reinforced composites, to establish strong linkages between scientists and scholars from Western and Eastern countries, and to possibly establish concrete collaborations for the future.

Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts related to the following non-exclusive list of symposium topics:

- Fabrication techniques for natural fibre composites
- Characterization and analyses of natural fibre composites
- Assessment and evaluation of failure and fracture in natural fibre composites
- Biodegradable composites
- Development and applications of the state of the art natural fibre composites in both industrial and medical uses
- Structural natural fibre composites
- Fibre and particle functionalization for natural fibre composites

Information about this symposium is available in the official website of the ICCE-21 (http://www.icce-nano.org/) and will be periodically updated. For further information, please send an e-mail to the organizers of the symposium:

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We look forward to seeing you in Tenerife in July 2013!

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