



## Editorial

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The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of *Challenging Glass* is unlike any of the previous events in the 12-year history of the conference. Due to the ongoing corona pandemic, the on-location event has been replaced by an online webinar, featuring a keynote by Chikara Inamura and a small selection of short paper presentations.

We are proud to, nevertheless, be able to present to you these *Challenging Glass Conference 7 Proceedings*, which are published *Open Access* in collaboration with TU Delft Open. The proceedings contain more than 50 papers, by glass experts from around the world, while another 20 papers are published in collaboration with the Springer journal *Glass Structures & Engineering*. We appreciate the efforts by all authors in these extraordinary times immensely.

Organising this webinar and editing the conference proceedings has once again been an enjoyable experience, albeit different from previous ones. We would like to acknowledge all authors for their contributions, all scientific committee members for their valuable reviews, our esteemed keynote speaker for his inspiring presentation and of course all webinar participants for their interest in this event.

We are grateful to our Platinum Sponsors Saint-Gobain and Eastman, as well as our Gold and Silver Sponsors for making this event possible. In addition, we would like to thank our hosting institution, Ghent University, particularly Shahryar Nategh for his support in compiling the conference proceedings.

We wish you an enjoyable webinar and we trust you will encounter inspiring publications in these proceedings.

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