

*The Third National Seminar on MECHANISMS held on September 10-11, 2008 in Craiova, Romania is mainly aimed at two scientific activities: the research in the field of mechanisms and the teaching methodology of the mechanisms courses.*

*Although the seminar objectives are targeting on achievements such as high level scientific and technological results by scientists and engineers working in the field of mechanics and associated sciences being compatible with those of European standards, certainly some of the results presented are interesting to all researchers working on the topics related to theory and application of mechanisms and machines. In addition, the seminar serves as an important step for achieving the National plan for research, development and innovation for the period 2007-2013 (PNII).*

*I have no doubt that the seminar will be successful yielding directions of up-to-date professional skills regarding technology, as well as scientific and economic achievements in Romania required for today European Union, expectations keeping simultaneously high level teaching methodology of the mechanisms courses.*

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