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Preface

Research and developments of computational methods for solving and understanding heat transfer problems continue to be important because heat transfer topics are commonly of a complex nature and different mechanisms like heat conduction, convection, turbulence, thermal radiation and phase change may occur simultaneously. Although heat transfer might be regarded as an established and mature scientific discipline, its role and relevance in sustainable development and reduction of greenhouse gases as well as for micro- and nanoscale structures and bio-engineering have been identified recently. Non-linear phenomena may, besides the momentum transfer, appear due to temperature-dependent thermophysical properties. In engineering design and development works, reliable and accurate computational methods are requested to replace or complement expensive and time comsuming experimental trial and error work. Tremendous advancements have been achieved during recent years due to improved numerical solution approaches of non-linear partial differential equations and computer developments to achieve efficient and rapid calculations by parallelised computations on, e.g., PC-clusters. Nevertheless, to further progress computational methods in heat transfer, developments in theoretical and predictive procedures, both basic and innovative, and applied research are needed. To validate the numerical calculations accurate experimental investigations are needed.

This book contains the edited versions of the papers presented at the Ninth International Conference on Advanced Computational Methods and Experimental Measurements in Heat Transfer and Mass Transfer held in the New Forest, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, UK in July 2006. The objective of this conference series is to provide a forum for presentation and discussion of advanced topics, new approaches and application of advanced computational methods and experimental measurements to heat and mass transfer problems. All papers have been reproduced directly from material submitted by the authors but an attempt has been made to use a unified outline and methods of presentation for each paper. The contributed papers are grouped in appropriate sections to provide better access for readers. The selected sections show the wide range of applied and fundamental problems in the heat and mass transfer field.

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