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Editorial

It is a great pleasure to offer this issue of the Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures to our readers.

This issue marks the beginning of the second volume of this journal. Also, it is the first time an issue is organized by guest editors.

Prof. S.P.B. Proença and A. Benallal, as organizers of the conference **Recent Developments in the Modelling of Rupture in Solids**, which took place in Fóz do Iguaçu, Brazil, in August 2004, have selected important articles published in the book proceedings. These articles have been kindly once more revised by their authors for this special issue and we thank them for accepting this invitation.

We also thank Profs. Proença and Benallal for their willingness in accepting this editorial task.

It is believed that the publication of these papers in the Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures, in both its electronic and hard print versions, will assist the readers with up to date research in the field of material rupture.

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Editors