

## Preface

In this book are published the papers of the XI International Conference on the Mechanical and Physical Behaviour of Materials under Dynamic Loading – DYMAT2015 held in Lugano (Switzerland) September 7–11, 2015. After 30 years from the first edition for the first time this important conference arrives in Switzerland.

In continuity with previous DYMAT conferences [Paris (1985), Ajaccio (1988), Strasbourg (1991), Oxford (1994), Toledo (1997), Krakow (2000), Porto (2003), Dijon (2006), Bruxelles (2009), Freiburg (2012)], this book contains 186 scientific papers from 32 countries from 5 continents that collectively provide an excellent snapshot of the state-of-the-arts in the field of the mechanical properties of materials at high rates of strain and highlights some remarkable modern developments and industrial applications. This volume covers five topics such as Experimental Techniques (80 papers), Microstructural Effects (27 papers), Biomechanics (6 papers), Modelling and Numerical simulation (62 papers) and Industrial Application (11 papers).

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