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Dr. Mittal is an internationally recognized authority in the area of surface and adhesion science and is currently Director of MST CONFERENCES which sponsors courses and symposia in this field. Dr. Mittal is internationally renowned for having edited 118 books covering many different aspects of adhesion and interface science. surface cleaning, particle adhesion and removal. surfactants, and high temperature polymers. Dr. Mittal currently serves or has served on the editorial boards of many journals and was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Adhesion Science and Technology until April 2012. He is now the editor of Reviews of Adhesion and Adhesives which publishes review articles on all aspects of adhesion science from internationally recognized experts by invitation only. He has received many awards and honors from scientific and technical societies and was recognized for his contributions by the worldwide adhesion community by organizing in 1995 the 1st International Congress on Adhesion Science and Technology in his honor on his 50th birthday in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He was honored by the global surfactant community by inaugurating in 2002 the Kash Mittal Award in the surfactant field in his honor for his large efforts and significant contribution to the field of colloid and interface chemistry.

He was honored by the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland by awarding him the title of doctor *honoris causa*. In 2010 he was

recognized for publication of his 100 edited books by two symposia held in his honor: Symposium on Recent Advances in Adhesion Science and Technology, held at the American Chemical Society meeting in Boston, August 2010, and Symposium on: Surfactant Science and Technology: Retrospects and Prospects, held in Melbourne, Australia, November 2010. He is the founding editor of the new book series entitled Adhesion and Adhesives: Fundamental and Applied Aspects. In 2014 he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Chemical Society. Also in 2014, two books were published in his honor.

Dr. Mittal is currently engaged in consulting and giving courses in adhesion science and technology worldwide. In his current position as the Director of MST CONFERENCES, Dr. Mittal is seeking to provide a focal point for his broad expertise and organizational skills as a service to the academic and technical community worldwide by providing symposia and courses on the latest cutting edge developments in materials and interface science.

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