VII Soft Tissue Workshop
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It is a great pleasure for me to welcome everyone to this Seventh Soft Tissue Workshop. There is a wide-ranging programme of talks highlighting the exciting progress being made in Soft Tissue modelling and simulation, including machine learning, and in the translation of fundamental science and engineering research into clinical applications and healthcare. The number of presentations by talented early career researchers shows the importance of the work and bodes well for the future of the field.

Sadly, two members of our SofTMech Centre have passed away since the previous workshop in Glasgow in 2023. Dr Jakub Köry was a research associate with SofTMech at the University of Glasgow, and died unexpectedly in May, 2024. He was a well-liked and supportive member of our group with a promising career ahead of him. He worked closely with Anna Pandolfi, Peter Stewart, Xiaoyu Luo and me on discrete-to-continuum models of cytoskeletal filament networks and of the cornea. Professor Xiaoyu Luo passed away in February this year after a number of years of living with cancer. She was passionate and enthusiastic about her research, and an inspirational leader who set up and organised the Soft Tissue Workshops. She was also the driving force in winning the funding that established SofTMech, and the Executive Director of the Centre. Both are sorely missed by colleagues, friends and family.

Many thanks are due to the Local Organising Committee of Christian Vergara, Anna Pandolfi, Francesco Migliavacca and Luca Dedé, who have dedicated much time and effort to bring this Workshop to POLIMI. We are all especially indebted to our SofTMech Adminstrator, Dr Gillian Brown, whose hard work, dedication and support in challenging circumstances has enabled us to hold this meeting.

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