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Dear Colleagues,

Prof. Mazza, Lead Professor at inspire and the management of inspire have jointly decided to end their cooperation as of December 31, 2019. The research group inspire ICMI under the leadership of Dr. Stuart Holdsworth will be dissolved on this date.

ICMI, the Inspire Centre for Mechanical Integrity started its activities in 2011. Since then, the focus of this research group has been the transfer of technology to the Swiss industry, in fields mainly concerning engineering metallurgy and mechanical integrity (in particular at high temperatures), in mostly shorter duration multi-disciplinary projects with specific goals to achieve. The wide spectrum of interests of the small, medium and large size companies with which ICMI has collaborated during the past eight years has borne testimony to the need for this kind of support in Switzerland. We would like to thank Dr. Holdsworth and his staff for their valuable contributions to the success of inspire.

Dr. Holdsworth has expressed the wish to end his function at inspire. Since it would be extremely difficult to find a successor with equivalent engineering metallurgical knowledge and many years of industry experience, it has been decided to transfer the activities of inspire ICMI to the High Temperature Integrity Group at Empa in Dübendorf. Dr. Holdsworth will be available to this group and to inspire as a consultant. His colleague, Dr. Kalyanasundaram, will continue to work for inspire from January 1, 2020.

Kind regards,

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