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We are pleased to publish the *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on Open Magnetic Systems for Plasma Confinement* in this issue of *Transactions of Fusion Science and Technology (Trans. FS&T)*, a supplement to the journal *Fusion Science and Technology*.

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The publications from the past (second through seventh) conferences in this series are the following:

OS1998 (second): *Trans. Fusion Technology (Trans. FT)*, Vol. **35**, No. 1T (1999);

OS2000 (third): *Trans. FT*, Vol. 39, No. 1T (2001);

OS2002 (fourth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 43, No. 1T (2003);

OS2004 (fifth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 47, No. 1T (2005);

OS2006 (sixth): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 51, No. 2T (2007);

OS2008 (seventh): *Trans. FS&T*, Vol. 55, No. 2T (2009).

The progress reported at the workshop is reflected in the papers published in this *Trans. FS&T*. Traditional topics covered include a number of basic plasma and engineering issues, along with recent results from mirror experiments, and from mirror-based neutron sources and reactors. *Fusion Science and Technology* is pleased to be recognized as a “home” for publication in this area, and we look forward to future meetings in this series.

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