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Foreword

THIS COMPILATION OF Selected Technical Papers, STP1628, *Dimension Stone Use in the Built Environment*, contains peer-reviewed papers that were submitted for presentation at a symposium planned for October 18, 2022, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The symposium was sponsored by ASTM International Committee C18 on Dimension Stone.

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Overview

This group of Selected Technical Papers (STP) is truly one of a kind. What began with a call for papers in April 2018 and was to have culminated with a symposium in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 1, 2020, was sadly interrupted by a global pandemic. Our thoughts are with our colleagues, friends, and families who have been affected by the COVID-19 health crisis.

Dimension stone has been the focus of two previous STPs: STP1394, *Dimension Stone Cladding: Design, Construction, and Repair* (1999), and STP1499, *Dimension Use in Building Construction* (2007). Dimension stone cladding and paving systems continue to evolve and present challenges to design professionals, owners, and installation, repair, and restoration contractors alike.

This book constitutes the work of 24 authors who have come together to represent the diverse interests of professionals in the dimension stone community. Just as the market for dimension stone touches many continents across the globe, this book brings together authors from North America, South America, Australia, and Europe. Each of these authors is involved with either the design, construction, evaluation, or use of dimension stone, and their work offers a formal exchange of information on the use of dimension stone in the built environment.

The twelve papers presented in this book are organized into four separate broad categories: test methods, panel behavior and attachments, material durability, and design and performance of paving systems.

As is the standard for all STPs, each of the papers presented herein was reviewed by qualified peers at least once, and in most cases twice, prior to acceptance for publication. Consequently, the editors wish to thank a long list of colleagues for their contributions, without which this publication would not have been possible.

In the spirit of all previous symposia and STPs, our acceptance of abstracts for this book was driven by the interest in advancing collective knowledge for use of dimension stone. It is our hope that this publication can be used to advance current construction practices related to dimension stone and fuel the development of new standards in the years to come.

