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The ASME Early Career Technical Conference (ECTC) is established as an annual conference after the success of the ASME Region XI Technical Conference (RTC), which was first held in 2001 in Jackson, Mississippi.

In 2006, the conference was renamed as Early Career Technical Conference (ECTC) and held in Jackson, Mississippi. The ECTC was held at Florida International University (FIU) in 2007. This was the first time a university hosted the conference. FIU has organized this year's conference again in Miami.

The editor of the Early Career Technical Conference has established a review process similar to the process used by ASME Technical Divisions. Papers were distributed to Associate Editors of the Editorial Board based on their area of expertise, and three reviews per paper were received. Reviewer comments were compiled and sent to the authors for the revision of papers. Those papers that implemented all of the reviewer comments were accepted for publication in this journal.

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