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Foreword for the Series

The initial idea for this series was conceived as an additional activity of the ASME's Computers & Information in Engineering (CIE) Division to promote the interests of the division and increase its outreach. Members of the executive committee of the CIE Division discussed the preparation of this book series four years ago before the 30th CIE conference held in 2010 in Montreal, Quebec Canada. The decision was made to move forward before the subsequent 31st CIE conference held in Washington DC, USA in 2011.

In particular, this book series aims to capture advances in computers and information in engineering research, especially by researchers and members of the CIE Division.

The intended audience is primarily the academic, governmental and industrial mechanical engineering and computational science communities interested in recent research advances as they relate to computational and information technologies associated with engineering design, along with product and process development. The series will focus on advances in computational methods, algorithms, tools, and processes on the cutting edge of research and development as they have been reported during the last five annual CIE conferences. The series will provide a resource for enhancing engineering practice by enabling the understanding and the application of evolving and emerging technologies that impact critical engineering issues related to the topics and themes under CIE's technical committees areas of interest (but not limited to). A sampling of these areas per technical committee is as follows:

- Advanced Modeling and Simulation (AMS): Discretization Methods (Finite Element Analysis, Mesh-Free Methods, etc.); Inverse Methods; Model Identification; Symbolic Computing; High Performance Computing; Methods for Computational Metrology; Computational Multiphysics (multi-field and multi-scale).
- Computer-Aided Product and Process Development (CAPPD): Computer-Aided Design and Geometric Modeling; Computer-Aided Manufacturing; Collaborative and Concurrent Engineering; Emotional Engineering; Computer-Aided Industrial Design; Design Automation.
- Systems Engineering, Information and Knowledge Management (SEIKM): Information Modeling and Exchange; Product Lifecycle Management; Knowledge capture and reuse; Business Process Design, Integration, Deployment and Management.
- Virtual Environments and Systems (VES): Augmented and Mixed Reality Systems; Collaborative and Networked Virtual Environments; Virtual Reality in Product Conceptualization and Design; Virtual Process Planning; Virtual Assembly and Maintenance; Haptic and Multi-touch Interaction.

The books of the series are to be found both in traditional and e-book forms. It is the intention of the editorial board and the publisher to issue a new volume every 3 to 5 years in order to be able to capture the exciting advances in the work performed by researchers in the areas supported by the CIE Division of the ASME.

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Foreword for Volume 01

The first call for chapters for the inaugural volume of the series was published on the ACIER series web site in the summer of 2011 and the deadline for the chapter proposals was August 31, 2012. The editorial board received an overwhelming number of 69 chapter proposals.

As a result of the reviewing process by the editorial board, only 31 proposals were accepted and the authors were asked to submit their chapter drafts by April 15, 2013. The blind review process that followed required that three to five reviewers provide their feedback to the editorial board. The 21 chapters that were accepted to be included form the main content of the present inaugural volume.

Since a few of the chapters span across multiple technical committee topics, we decided not to separate the volume into sections. However, the distribution of chapters per CIE technical committee as they were submitted is as follows:

- Advanced Modeling and Simulation (AMS): Chapters 01–06.
- Computer-Aided Product and Process Development (CAPPD): Chapters 07-15
- Systems Engineering, Information and Knowledge Management (SEIKM): Chapters 16-18
- Virtual Environments and Systems (VES): Chapters 19-21.

The numbers in this list refer to the order of appearance of each chapter in the present volume. We feel proud to have received such high quality content, and we are confident that it will set a high standard for future volumes.

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Foreword by CIE

On behalf of the Computers in Information and Engineering Division (CIE) Executive Committee, it is my pleasure to write a foreword for the first book of the series titled “Advances in Computers and Information in Engineering Research (ACIER)”. The CIE Division, within ASME, covers a broad spectrum of activities related to the use of computers, computing methods, software, and information management in engineering. The ACIER book series aims to capture these activities and recent advances, in both traditional and e-book forms. It is a culmination of an arduous three-year project. Our heartiest congratulations and gratitude goes to the ACIER Editorial Board comprising of Dr. Michopoulos, Dr. Rosen, Dr. Paredis and Dr. Vance.

To navigate through the book, one must be aware that the CIE Division is organized into four technical committees, namely, Advanced Modeling and Simulation (AMS), Computer-Aided Product and Process Development (CAPPD), Systems Engineering, Information, and Knowledge Management (SEIKM) and Virtual Environments and Systems (VES). As such the wide breadth (and depth!) of the ACIER chapters represent advances from each of these technical committees.

Specifically, the AMS Chapters focus on a variety of topics such as computational advances, mesh-free methods, inverse methods, optimization and uncertainty quantification. The CAPPD Chapters, on the other hand, cover topics including computer aided design, geometric modeling, process planning, concurrent engineering, sustainable engineering, and emotional engineering. The SEIKM Chapters cover topics including information modeling, knowledge reuse, product lifecycle management and systems engineering. Finally the VES Chapters focus on virtual reality systems, augmented reality systems, collaborative environments, and applications of virtual reality in product conceptualization and process planning.

This is a highly commendable effort, and we wish ACIER the very best,

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