

## A Note from the Guest Editor

I would like to welcome readers to this special issue of *Technology Interface Journal (TIJ)*, which is dedicated to selected papers from the IAJC-IJME 2008 International Conference. *International Association of Journals and Conferences (IAJC)* and its flagship journal, *International Journal of Modern Engineering (IJME)*, were the main sponsors of this major international conference.

IAJC ([www.iajc.org](http://www.iajc.org)) is a first-of-its-kind, pioneering organization. It is an exclusive, global, multilayered umbrella consortium of academic journals, conferences, organizations, and individuals committed to advancing excellence in all aspects of technology-related education.

**Conference Statistics:** A total of 487 abstracts from over more than 150 educational institutions and companies were submitted from around the world. After a multi-level review process—papers were subjected to blind reviews by three or more highly qualified reviewers—a total of 143 papers were accepted and published in the conference proceedings. This reflects an acceptance rate of less than 30%, which is one of the lowest acceptance rates of any international conference. Authors included presidents, deans, chairs, faculty, industry experts, and students, representing over more than 100 major educational institutions and companies from the United States and 15 other countries

After the conference, the IAJC journal division has been selecting high-quality papers for publication in different (currently 14 journals) IAJC member journals. IAJC journal division used independent review committee to select journal-worthy conference papers presented in this special issue of TIJ.

On behalf of the 2008 IAJC-IJME Conference Committee and IAJC board of directors, we thank TIJ editors/staff and especially Professor Jeff Beasley (TIJ editor in chief) for dedicating this special issue to selected papers from our conference. TIJ is one of the main member journals of IAJC and has a close partnership with the IAJC flagship journal, IJME. We hope our ongoing partnership with TIJ continues for years to come.

We hope you enjoy this special issue and continue to support TIJ and IAJC.

Sincerely,

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