Preface

Preface for the “Special Issue on the 8th Asian-Pacific Conference on Biomechanics”

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It is our great pleasure to publish the Special Issue on the 8th Asian-Pacific Conference on Biomechanics (September 16 - 19, 2015, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan). It was really an exciting and successful conference with 318 oral&poster presentations and 381 attendees from 17 countries. The Journal of Biomechanical Science and Engineering (JBSE) is now the official journal of the Bioengineering Division, the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME-BED), the Korean Society of Biomechanics (KSB), the Taiwanese Society of Biomechanics (TSB) as well as the Asian-Pacific Association for Biomechanics (APAB). This special issue was first published in 2008 for commemorating the 3rd Asian-Pacific Conference on Biomechanics, followed by the 2nd special issue in 2010 for the 4th Asian-Pacific Conference on Biomechanics.

The conference has offered great opportunities to encourage active researchers and students from the Asian-Pacific countries to be actively involved in one forum to share their expertise since 2004, started from Osaka, Japan. We hope that the conference will continue to grow and will involve other countries and regions in the future to strengthen its presence as an important international academic forum in the field of biomechanics.

This special issue consists of 5 excellent papers contributed by the attendees to the conference. The topic covers a wide range of biomechanical engineering areas. We believe that this special issue could be a wonderful platform for an exchange of ideas and concepts as a follow-up activity of the conference.

Finally, we would like to express profound gratitude to all the authors and reviewers for their wonderful contributions for this special issue, and the editorial board members of JBSE. We look forward to the next conference, the 9th Asian-Pacific Conference on Biomechanics, to be held in 2017 in Brisbane, Australia.