Preface

The third Asian Conference on Multibody Dynamics 2006, ACMD2006, was held at Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo at the convention hall of Komaba Research Campus, August 1 to 4, 2006. This conference was organized and sponsored by Dynamic, Measurement and Control Division of the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME) with supported by many related organizations and corporations.

The objectives of the conference were to present and discuss the state-of-the-arts of the scientific and technological aspects of the field of multibody dynamics and its applications. ACMD2006 brought the opportunity for engineers, researchers and scientists from not only Asian but also European and American countries to communicate and exchange.

The special issue consists of 18 papers that were selected from the papers submitted in the proceeding of the conference by the special editorial committee from the conference papers which were over 120 papers from 19 countries. The editorial committee has been organized to select and review of the important and high quality papers, the members of which are;

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Finally, on behalf of the editorial committee for this special issue, I would like to express my appreciation to the reviewers of papers as well as the committee members of ACMD2006.

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