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The papers presented in this special issue are extensions of a selected number of papers presented at the 2011IAJC-ASEE Joint International Conference held in Hartford, CT, USA, April 29–30, 2011. The conference was one of a series that started in 2006, and has since provided an excellent opportunity for researchers, educators, and practitioners in engineering and related fields to share their experiences. A total of 285 abstracts from more than 100 educational institutions and companies were submitted from around the world.

From the conference, around 80 papers were presented and published in one of the 13 IAJC journals, reflecting an acceptance rate of around 30%, which is one of the lowest acceptance rates of any international conference. The speakers in the conference were invited to submit well-developed extensions of their papers for possible publication in the International Journal of Industrial Engineering Computations, an international journal subject to the same blind review process followed in the general issues of the journal. In all, 10 were submitted to the editors of the special issue. Of these, 9 articles have been accepted and included in the special issue, published in the International Journal of Industrial Engineering Computations, Volume 3, No. 1, pp. 1–92 (January 2012), Special Issue on *Applied Computational Techniques in Engineering and Technology*.

We would like to express our appreciation to all the authors for submitting their works to the journal. We would also like to thank the Conference Scientific Committee and referees for their effort.

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