

## Preface for the Special Issue of ISEM 2019

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On behalf of the ISEM 2019 Organizing Committee, we are proud to publish selected contributions presented at the 19th International Symposium on Applied Electromagnetics and Mechanics (ISEM 2019) that was held successfully from September 15th to 18th, 2019 at the Metropark hotel, Nanjing, China. The first ISEM took place in Japan in 1988, and, since then, the symposium series have continued to grow in numbers, significance, and international renown and respect, wherever their location, including Korea, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France, Austria, the USA, China and Canada. We are honored, therefore, to pursue what has become a well-established tradition of presenting leading research and ideas in the area of applied electromagnetics and mechanics.

For ISEM 2019 in Nanjing, 341 contributions were submitted to the editorial board, of which 307 were accepted for presentation. More than 300 participants, including more than 100 students, from 13 countries attended the symposium in Nanjing. For this special issue of the International Journal of Applied Electromagnetics and Mechanics, the editorial committee received 233 extended papers and, after a painstaking review by the referees, 177 have been accepted for publication. These record numbers show the significant interest and great importance of the topics covered by ISEM.

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