



## Editorial

# Introduction to NaCoMM-2003 papers for publication in the MMT Journal

The *11th National Conference on Machines and Mechanisms (NaCoMM-2003)* was held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi during December 18–19, 2003. The conference was organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering in collaboration with the Association of Machines of Machines (AMM), India, which is affiliated to the International Federation for Theory of Machines and Mechanisms (*IFTOMM*). The NaCoMM conference is held once in every two years, and this is the first time that it is held at IIT Delhi.

Out of 154 originally submitted papers, 90 peer reviewed technical papers from seven countries including the USA, Canada, Japan, Sweden, The Netherlands, and Sri Lanka were presented in eight sessions, namely, *Robotics, Mechanisms and Manipulators, Mechatronics, Noise and Vibration, Dynamics, Machines, Analysis, and Rural and Textile*. Additionally, one keynote lecture by Prof. B. Roth (Stanford University, USA), and three memorial lectures in the name of late Prof. B.M. Belgaumkar, late Prof. K. Lakshminarayana and late Prof. S. Biswas by Prof. J.S. Rao (Quest India Ltd., Bangalore), Dr. K. Issac (IIT Bombay) and Dr. K.K. Chaturvedi (BHEL R&D, Hyderabad), respectively, were delivered. Based on the reviewers' comments, and a second thorough review process, eleven papers were recommended for publication in this issue of the Journal of Mechanism and Machine Theory. I strongly believe the readers will find the papers very useful.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the organizing committee of NaCoMM-2003 to Prof. T. Shoup, former Editor-in-Chief, and Prof. A. Kecskemethy, present Editor-in-chief, who have kindly agreed to bring out this special issue containing the papers of NaCoMM-2003.

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