PREFACE

This Special Double Issue of the *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids* consists of updated versions of selected contributions to the 8th International Conference on Finite Elements in Fluids—New Trends and Applications which was held in Barcelona, Spain in September 1993. It was the general feeling of the participants that this was a successful conference, in terms of the quality of the papers which were presented and we believe that this is illustrated by the selection of these papers published here. Readers researching the area should note that the ninth conference in the series will be held on 15–21 October 1995 in Venice, Italy.

K. Morgan, E. Oñate, J. Périaux and O. C. Zienkiewicz