



## FOREWORD

From time to time, the *Journal of Sound and Vibration* publishes special issues that are collections of reviewed papers from internationally important symposia. When Professors R. Singh and B. C. Nakra approached us on behalf of the 1996 India–U.S.A. Symposium on Emerging Trends in Vibration and Noise Engineering, held in Delhi, India, on March 18–20, 1996, we were pleased to co-operate. We believe that the views of representatives of the very reputable research communities of India and the U.S.A. deserve a wide dissemination.

Professor R. Singh was appointed guest editor. He handled the initial review process, keeping the standards of the *Journal of Sound and Vibration* in mind. At the later stage, the Americas Editor was also involved. Some unavoidable delay in publishing the special issue was caused by the time it took authors to submit revised versions of their contributions in response to requests by reviewers, but it seems to me that having the collection of symposium papers united in one special issue of the journal was worth the wait.

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