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## Foreword

From time to time, the Journal of Sound and Vibration publishes special issues that are collections of reviewed papers from internationally important symposia such as the 1996 India–USA Symposium. When professors R. Singh, B.C. Nakra and A. Selamet approached us on behalf of the 2001 India–USA Symposium on Emerging Trends in Vibration and Noise Engineering, held in Columbus, OH, USA on December 10–12, 2001, we were again pleased to cooperate. We believe that the views of representatives of the very reputable research communities of India and the USA are important.

Professors R. Singh, B.C. Nakra and A. Selamet were guest editors. They handled the brunt of the review process, keeping the standards of the Journal of Sound and Vibration in mind. At a later stage, the Americas Editor was also involved. While the scientific quality of the symposium was in general high, it was not possible to accept every paper for publication that was presented at the symposium. Only papers clearly recommended by the reviewers survived the selection process. Some unavoidable delay in publishing the special issue was caused by the time it took authors to submit the revised versions of their contributions in response to requests by reviewers, but it seems to me that having the collection of 2001 symposium papers united again in one special issue of the journal was worth the wait.

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