

PREFACE

Professor Yuen-Cheng (Bert) Fung had his 90th Birthday, on September 14, 2008 according to the Chinese calendar. His family and friends gathered in San Diego for a joyful celebration of this marvelous occasion. The program started with a luncheon in the Engineering Courtyard in the University of California, San Diego, during which the participants from far and near were able to get together for a happy reunion, particularly with Dr. and Mrs. Fung. The *International Symposium on Genomic Biomechanics: Frontier of the 21st Century* was held, most appropriately, in the elegant Y.C. Fung Auditorium of the Powell-Focht Bioengineering Hall. Following the welcome remarks by Geert Schmid-Schönbein and Pin Tong, there were excellent presentations on topics related to biomechanics, the field created by Dr. Fung. A group picture was taken during the intermission. Following this most successful symposium, everyone gathered in the Jasmine Seafood Restaurant in San Diego for a wonderful banquet that was delicious and enjoyable, with Savio Woo giving a heart-felt speech on Dr. Fung, his respected mentor and cherished friend; everyone could resonate with that.

We wish to thank Dr. K.K. Phua of the World Scientific Publishing Co., Ltd. (WSPC) in Singapore for making the wonderful suggestion of publishing a book to commemorate this joyful event. WSPC has published several of Dr. Fung's books, including the two volumes of Dr. Fung's *Selected Works on Biomechanics & Aeroelasticity* (close to 2000 pages). We wish to express our appreciation to all our colleagues who have contributed to this book, which will be a most fitting gift to Dr. Fung on September 15, 2009, his 90th Birthday, according to the Western Calendar. With this book, all of Dr. Fung's friends and students wish to send their warmest wishes to him and Mrs. Fung for a Wonderful 90th Birthday. We all look forward to the celebration of their 100th Birthday!