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FOREWORD

Over the years, Tribology has come to be recognised as a very important aspect in all industrial operations. Tribology as it is understood today was introduced as a concept in 1966. Since then, several studies were conducted in UK, Germany, USA, Japan and China to estimate the economic impact of tribology. All these reports show that the industries all over the world loose a huge amount of money every year as a result of loss of power caused by friction and loss of material caused by wear. These studies have also highlighted that systematic application of existing scientific knowledge in the area of design, material science, lubrication, physics and chemistry etc. would result in substantial savings to the industries across the world. This has triggered a concerted effort in understanding the tribological phenomenon of interacting surfaces and applying inter-disciplinary systems approach for removing the root causes of problems for effective control of friction and wear. Over the years a great deal of scientific analysis and R&D work have been carried out to provide solutions to the problems caused by friction and wear. This has gone a long way in enhancing the life of plant and machinery, improving efficiency of operations, reducing consumption of energy significantly and preventing expensive unplanned outages.

To promote awareness and provide a platform for meaningful interaction between practising engineers, researchers and academicians Tribology Society of India (TSI) has been playing an active role since its inception in 1989. A series of National and International conferences were organised to fulfil this objective. The first international conference organised at Kolkata in 1997 had its theme "War Against Wear". "Tribology in 2000 and beyond" was the theme of the second international conference held in Hyderabad in 1999. The theme for the third International conference being organised at Jamshedpur, "Emerging Trends in Tribology", is very apt in view of the great challenges that maintenance is required to address in the 21st century.

The emerging trends in the wide spectrum of tribology namely lubricants and lubrication, maintenance, wear behaviour and modelling, condition monitoring, advanced material and coatings, current issues in tribology and the related topics are scheduled to be deliberated during the conference. About 79 papers from different industries, academia and research organizations were accepted for publication in the proceedings of the conference. I am sure the papers published in the proceedings will help in

providing answers to many of the problems faced in the industry today and set direction for future research and development work in the area of tribology, which would help the industry in reducing operational costs substantially. I am sure the delegates will have fruitful interactions during the conference and they will be in a position to prioritise the future plan of action in this respect.

The conference was scheduled from November 27 to November 30, 2001. However, due to the disturbance caused by the terrorist attack in September 2001 and the subsequent development in Afghanistan the National Executive Committee postponed the conference on requests from a large number of foreign delegates and the invitees. I feel sorry for the inconvenience caused to all concerned due to rescheduling of the conference, which was done under extraordinary circumstances.

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