Dedication

On the occasion of the Seventh International Conference on Virtual Systems and Multimedia:

For inspiring and touching the lives of researchers and students through his vision, ceaseless hard work, encouragement and sense of humor, this volume of Proceedings is dedicated to Professor Takeo Ojika.

Dr. Ojika’s foresight and initiative in founding the International Society on Virtual Systems and MultiMedia (VSMM) in Japan, and hosting the first VSMM Conference in 1995 was certainly instrumental in the increased interest worldwide in the field of Virtual Systems and Multimedia. Indeed, the blossoming area of Virtual Heritage was one of his projects that expanded into an important field of research with the establishment of the Virtual Heritage Network last year. Many other events, well known to those reading this text, have all served to further extend the hand of collaboration between Japanese and foreign researchers. We have all benefited from the hard work and dedicated research Professor Ojika has carried out over the years. A most sincere “Thank You,” from all your friends and colleagues worldwide.