

## FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to present the *Proceedings* of the Western Decision Sciences Institute's Thirty-Third Annual Meeting held at the Wyndham Grand Bay Isla Navidad Resort in Manzanillo, Mexico, April 13-17, 2004. This volume contains papers and abstracts from countries around the world. Each submission was peer-reviewed by at least two anonymous referees under the supervision of the Program Chair, Track Chairs, and International Coordinators. Papers in this volume are organized by Track. A conference of this size requires the combined and coordinated efforts of hundreds of volunteers. The Western Decision Sciences Institute had help an exceptional Program Planning Committee consisting of the Track Chairs, and the International Coordinators for Latin America, Pacific Rim, and Western Europe, who all made this Meeting possible. I would like to thank each member of my Committee for a superb job coordinating the review process and organizing the sessions in their track. I am also indebted to the many referees who carefully reviewed the original submissions.

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