

FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to present the *Proceedings* of the Western Decision Sciences Institute's Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting held at the Sutton Place Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 22-26, 2005. 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 2005 WDSI annual meeting is supported by an exceptional Program Planning Committee consisting of the Track Chairs, and the International Coordinators for Latin America, Pacific Rim, and Western Europe. I would like to thank each member of the 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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