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Foreword

On behalf of the organizing committee of the 13th International Conference on Biomedical Engineering, I extend our warmest welcome to you. This series of conference began in 1983 and is jointly organized by the YLL School of Medicine and Faculty of Engineering of the National University of Singapore and the Biomedical Engineering Society (Singapore).

First of all, I want to thank Mr Lim Chuan Poh, Chairman A*STAR who kindly agreed to be our Guest of Honour to give the Opening Address amidst his busy schedule. I am delighted to report that the 13th ICBME has more than 600 participants from 40 countries. We have received very high quality papers and inevitably we had to turndown some papers. We have invited very prominent speakers and each one is an authority in their field of expertise. I am grateful to each one of them for setting aside their valuable time to participate in this conference.

For the first time, the Biomedical Engineering Society (USA) will be sponsoring two symposia, ie “Drug Delivery Systems” and “Systems Biology and Computational Bioengineering”. I am thankful to Prof Tom Skalak for his leadership in this initiative. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Prof Takami Yamaguchi for organizing the NUS-Tohoku’s Global COE workshop within this conference. Thanks also to Prof Fritz Bodem for organizing the symposium, “Space Flight Bioengineering”. This year’s conference proceedings will be published by Springer as an IFMBE Proceedings Series.

Finally, the success of this conference lies not only in the quality of papers presented but also to a large extent upon the dedicated team efforts of the many volunteers, in particular members of the Organizing Committee and International Advisory Committee. Their dedicated contribution, diligence and encouragement have been exemplary. I would also like to thank the staff at Integrated Meetings Specialist, who have given their best to ensure the smooth running of the conference. Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks to our sponsors, supporters and exhibitors.

To all our delegates, I hope the 13th ICBME 2008 will be memorable not only from the scientific perspective but in the joy of meeting old friends and making new ones. Do take time to experience Singapore, especially during this year-end festivity.

Best wishes

Prof James Goh

Chairman

13th ICBME Organising Committee