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Welcome to the *International Journal of Industrial and Systems Engineering's* special issue from 'FUZZYSS'2011: 2nd International Fuzzy Systems Symposium'.

Fuzzy logic was proposed by Prof. Lotfi A. Zadeh as a new approach to model vagueness in any kind of systems. Since its introduction fuzzy logic and systems has found numerous applications in many diverse areas. Fuzzy logic is still an exciting research domain with many challenging problems and applications. There are many tools and techniques for modelling and analyses of fuzziness in systems. However, proper use of these tools and techniques needs some expertise which needs to be shared among researchers and practitioners in order to enhance fuzzy logic theory and its helpfulness. Based on this enthusiasm we have organised FUZZYSS'2011 and arranged the present special issue. In the present special issue, the readers will find some of the new modelling applications of fuzzy logic and systems to several interesting problems.

The present special issue contains some of the good quality original research papers, which were presented orally and discussed during the 'FUZZYSS'2011: 2nd International Fuzzy Systems Symposium', 17–18 November 2011 Ankara, Turkey, were selected as candidates for the present special issue. After the re-submission of the revised manuscripts, and rigorous refereeing processes, six papers out of ten papers were finally considered for the publication in the scheduled special issue of

International Journal of Industrial and Systems Engineering. We would like to thank to Prof. Angappa Gunasekaran (the editor of *International Journal of Industrial and Systems Engineering*) for giving us the opportunity to prepare this special issue. This special issue provides the reader a collection of six articles, which offers an exclusive perspective on the topics ranging from fuzzy modelling of peace and sustainable development; facility layout under fuzziness; selection of vineyard location with fuzzy AHP; profiling of sunk cost industries by soft clustering techniques; fuzzy mixed model assembly line balancing and usage of vague sets for fuzzy goal programming.