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PREFACE

Developing a collection of the significant works in any area creates the immediate case where the editor is forced to make decisions. The development of this collection was no different. The development of computer technologies in the construction sector covers a broad set of topics and researchers. Although the focus of this set of papers covers less than four decades, the range of topics covered in that time forced difficult decisions to be made concerning what is included and what is left out. However, it is important to recognize up front that this collection of papers is intended to represent significant points in the computer technology field and thus required greater breadth and inclusion of topics than depth in a single sector. Given this caveat, the decisions made in this collection regarding the papers to include were influenced by many factors including pragmatic ones such as page limits and subjective ones such as what are key developments in time and what is an appropriate balance in topics, authors, and sources. Inevitably, there will be papers that some think should have been either included or excluded from the collection.

In an attempt to be as complete as possible in selecting the papers for the set, several perspectives were included in the selection process. First, topics were requested from the community as well as analysed from papers published and personal knowledge of the editor. Given the set of selected topics, citations were used to provide an initial indicator of the papers that have demonstrated impact over an extended period of time. Complementing the citation process was an author analysis to ensure that representation was given to the notable researchers and research groups in each area. Finally, for the historic representation, references from each groundbreaking article were analysed to determine common references and influences. The combination of these approaches provided a solid basis for the selection of the historic and groundbreaking papers in the set.

Unfortunately, quantitative analysis does not provide a thorough basis for emerging and current research efforts. In this case, judgement and community input served to provide significant input for the selection of papers. The intention of these current efforts was to provide an indicator of where each research topic was heading in terms of fundamental or applied research emphasis. It will take another decade of research to determine if these

selections were in fact indicators of the future road that the construction technology domain will take.

Given this attempt to be as impartial as possible, it is still difficult to approach developing a collection without the understanding that inevitably there will be individuals who are overlooked or papers that some would argue should be included but have to be left out. To all of those individuals who believe they were overlooked, I do apologise and ask everybody to understand that this collection is not intended to be exhaustive in content. Rather, I encourage all readers to use this collection as a starting point to understand either the breadth of topics in this domain, or to start an in-depth analysis of a given area. In this manner, the volumes can serve as a starting point for an individual's interest in computing technologies within the construction sector.

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