

Editor's acknowledgments

Having completed the Proceedings for the ICBEN-Congress 2011 in London, UK I have the feeling that I might be the only one who did not learn from the last congress (2008 in Foxwoods CT, USA) for which I have edited the proceedings as well. Back then the editing of the previous proceedings was a rather hectic, occasionally even chaotic and by all means a time-consuming task. This time was even worse. The number of contributions was greater and some stress was caused by my in any case highly appreciated colleagues. While some of them sent their papers soon after acceptance, most sent it around the deadline, many even thereafter or never. Moreover, despite the provision of a template many colleagues preferred to follow their habits in using their own formats, fonts, letter sizes, modes of literature citations and arrangement of figures and tables etc. Thus, the editor's task was not only to arrange the papers but to carefully revise each paper that revealed a wealth of typing errors to be eliminated.

Coping with these problems requires a competent team that keeps an overview at any time and in any situation. I am grateful for having worked with Susanne Lindemann and Jessika Koentjoro. Both of them did a great job and far more than one would expect from a technical editor. That included not only the formatting of figures, texts and tables, the arrangement of the papers but – and this part was most strenuous – the evaluation concerning correct citations of the literature. In case of (rather frequent) inconsistencies they both had an extended correspondence with the authors until the problem was solved. With both of them I would take over that task again.

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