

## Preface

This volume in Applied Mechanics and Materials is collection of peer-reviewed papers from the 5th International Graduate Conference on Engineering Science & Humanity 2014 (IGCESH 2014), in particular papers from Engineering track, and from the 3rd International Conference on Engineering Business Management (ICEBM 2014).

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We hope this volume in Applied Mechanics and Materials can benefit authors, readers, and public in general.

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