Preface

This issue of Advanced Materials Research titled Advances in Materials and Systems Technologies III is a collection of selected peer-reviewed papers from the 2010 International Conference on Engineering Research and Development: Advances in Engineering, Science and Technology (ICERD2010) held at the University of Benin, Nigeria in September 7 – 9, 2010. This conference is part of the biennial conference series on Engineering Research and Development. The first (ICERD2006) and second (ICERD2008) were held September 5 – 7, 2006 and April 15 – 17, 2008 respectively. The next one (ICERD2012) will hold in September 4 – 6, 2012. Just like the 2008 Conference, the 2010 Conference addressed a number of scientific issues underlying advances in Materials and Systems research at the global level while paying particular attention to possible processes that may make for the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations in developing countries.

Over 200 papers were presented at the 2010 Conference. The papers in this issue of Advanced Materials Research have been selected from these presentations representing about 40 percent. Our appreciation goes to the various reviewers of the papers.

The previous issues of Advanced Materials Research emanating from this conference series have been well received resulting in many enquiries and some collaboration thus bringing to light some of the scientific work being done in Africa. We hope that these papers in this issue will further promote this cause.

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