

## Preface

This special volume includes the papers presented in the First Asia Pacific Symposium on Technology of Plasticity (APSTP 2017) held at National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan on November 22-25, 2017. APSTP 2017 features technical and keynote presentations, the most current and relevant trends in academia, industry, and a cultural excursion program. The topics of the symposium covered metal forming technologies, robotics and automation, smart manufacturing technology in metal forming for Industry 4.0, manufacturing management, E-manufacturing and E-business Integration.

There were 87 abstract submissions, among which 53 were invited to submit the full papers. After the Scientific Committee reviewed, 39 papers were accepted to present in the APSTP and included in this special issue. Most of attendees come from China, Japan, Korea, Russia, and Taiwan. In addition, two keynote and four plenary speakers presented their excellent research results and technical points of development trend. APSTP offers a great platform for scholars to communicate idea and share experience. Therefore, the attendees request to continue the organizing of APSTP every year.

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