Acknowledgment

The editor would like to thank each one of the authors for their contributions. My sincere gratitude goes to the chapter’s authors who contributed their time and expertise to this book. They are all models of professionalism, responsiveness and patience with respect to my cheerleading and cajoling. The group efforts that created this book are much larger, deeper and of higher quality than that any individual could have created. Each and every chapter in this book has been written by a carefully selected distinguished specialist, ensuring that the greatest depth of understanding be communicated to the readers. I have also taken time to read each and every word of every chapter and have provided extensive feedback to the chapter authors in seeking to make the book perfect. Owing primarily to their efforts I feel certain that this book will prove to be an essential and indispensable resource for years to come.

The editor also wishes to acknowledge the valuable contributions of the reviewers regarding the improvement of quality, coherence, and content presentation of chapters. Most of the authors also served as referees; we highly appreciate their double task.

Finally, the editor would like to thank all members of IGI Global publication for their timely help; constant inspiration and encouragement with friendly support make me able to publish the book in time.

Narendra Kumar Kamila

C. V. Raman College of Engineering, India