Acknowledgment

I would like to thank IGI Global for the invitation to edit a book on RFID. Special thanks go to the editorial assistants, Ms. Emily E. Golesh and Hannah Abelbeck of IGI Global. Hannah's continuous support and cooperation made the total editing process smooth. Ms. Hannah Abelbeck was always beside me with her continuous support and patience throughout editing and writing process of the manuscript. Generous support from the authors of the chapters of the book and their timely responses for submission of chapters are highly acknowledged. Special thanks to those authors who submitted their chapters on time, but had to wait for a long time until the completion of the manuscript.

Special thanks to my beloved wife, Mrs. Shipra Karmakar, for collating the huge depository of email addresses of prospective authors and drafting email invitations for the authors. Her dedication and effort to initial the book are highly acknowledged. My current and former students and research staff gave me moral support to take the mammoth task to edit the manuscript. I thank them for their generous support and chapter contributions. I would like to thank the members of advisory editorial board for their inspiration, guidance, and contributions to the book. My special thanks go to Prof. Smail Tedjini of Grenoble-inp/LCIS, Valance, France. His continuous suggestions and guidance helped me shaping the book title and chapter organized. The special contribution from his research group on the chipless RFID tags and detection systems truly impacted the book. Authors and many expert reviewers reviewed the chapters of the book. I acknowledge their supports. I must acknowledge and thank Prof. Subhas Chandra Mukhopadhyay of Massey University, New Zealand for his special contribution on RF sensors. He has accepted the invitation of writing a unique chapter on the RF sensors in his very busy schedule. This invited chapter has unique significance in the book.

Special thanks to Dr. AKM Azad for his contribution. He reviewed and edited a few chapters besides his own contributions in the book. Yang Yang has prepared the index term of the book. Special thanks go to Yang for his dedication and hard work to make the index of the book. Thanks to Wan Muhammad Imran, Wan Mohd Zamri, and Ka Seng Chan for their assistance in compiling the book.

During the preparation of the manuscript, my family, wife Mrs. Shipra Karmakar, and daughters, Antara and Ananya Karmakar, experienced my absence. With their continuous moral support and motivational attributes, I completed the huge task of editing and preparing the manuscript. They brought my moral strength back when I felt exhausted in completing the big volume of this book. I highly value their love and care during the preparation of the manuscript.

Finally, the research funding supports from Australian Research Council's Discovery Project Grants, Linkage Project Grants, and Monash University's internal research grants are highly acknowledged.

Nemai Chandra Karmakar Monash University, Australia October 2011