

## *Editorial*

### Message from the Editor-in-Chief

As the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Applied Biomedical Engineering (IJABME), I am pleased to welcome you to this inaugural issue. Nowadays no one can deny that biomedical engineering has been one of the eminent fields of research even though it is a relatively new discipline. Biomedical engineering is a multi-disciplinary field that is making a crucial impact on biology and medicine. Particularly, in Thailand, the field of biomedical engineering, that is recently gaining an enormous interest, has been recognized from researchers in various fields in the last few decades.

The IJABME is an international journal published as an official journal of the Thai Biomedical Engineering Research Association. The idea for the IJABME has been considered within the association since the Thai Biomedical Engineering Research Association was founded. We intend to provide an alternative medium to nurture a variety of applications on biomedical engineering.

I would like to particularly thank Dr. Suparek Janjarasjitt, Ubonratchathani University, in Ubonratchathani, Thailand for organizing an outstanding inaugural issue of the IJABME. Also I would like to express my appreciation to the staff for their efforts.

The publication of this inaugural issue marks our first step toward achieving our goals. We look forward to a most interesting future for the IJABME. We will do anything to make the IJABME a high-quality and well-recognized international journal, and to maximize its viewership and accessibility. We therefore will keep improving the IJABME.

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