



Editorial

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The Asia International Conference on Tribology (ASIATRIB) is the premier event in the series of International Tribology Conferences held under the auspices of the Asian Tribology Council (ATC), the umbrella organization for the national tribology societies of Asia-Pacific countries such as China, South Korea, Japan, Australia, India and Malaysia. The conference is organized every four years with significant involvement from leading universities and major representatives of the industry.

ASIATRIB2018 was organized by the Malaysian Tribology Society (MYTRIBOS) in Kuching, Sarawak from 17 to 20 September 2018. A total of 234 conference papers were presented with total of 284 delegates from 24 countries, with most contributions coming from Malaysia, Japan, China, India, Germany, South Korea and Taiwan.

In 2018, ASIATRIB celebrated its 20th anniversary since its inception in 1998. Therefore, selected papers presented at ASIATRIB2018 will be published in *Jurnal Tribologi*, a refereed MYTRIBOS journal, to celebrate 20th anniversary of ASIATRIB while to draw greater attention to the knowledge that was shared at ASIATRIB2018. It is hoped that these papers will serve as a reference to researchers around the world.

Ten papers covering various areas of study have been selected for publication in this 20th volume of *Jurnal Tribologi*. The many interesting topics include tribology in Japan, fretting wear characteristics of AISI 1040 steel alloy, friction properties of 3D-capillary-structured surface fabricated by selective laser melting, computational analysis of hip-joint prosthesis during solat (prayer) and many more.

Volumes 21 and 22 are forthcoming, and a further 10 papers will be published in each. We trust that this will provide much material for study to tribologist in Malaysia in particular and to other researchers generally. However, the journal is not limited to papers from ASIATRIB but remains open to all researchers who wish to submit tribology research papers.

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