Preface

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This special issue of GEGE is dedicated to the 12th Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics (IACMAG) held in Goa, India from 1–6 October 2008, with the theme of *Geomechanics in the Emerging Social & Technological Age*. From 1,200 abstracts received from 52 countries spanning all continents, 604 papers were selected for inclusion into the conference proceedings. Each paper was peer reviewed by at least two reviewers. After going through all the papers carefully, giving due consideration to the scientific merit and originality, we have selected 10 papers related to characterization of unsaturated soils for this special volume for the benefit of all readers.

The International Committee for Numerical Methods in Geomechanics was established in July 1976, after two international conferences in Vicksburg, Mississippi (1972) and Blacksburg, Virginia (1976). These were followed by the conferences in Aachen (1979), Edmonton (1982), Nagoya (1985) and Innsbruck (1988). IACMAG (<http://www.iacmag.org>) was

founded at the time of the sixth conference in Innsbruck, with its secretariat at University of Arizona, Tucson, and Dr. Chandra Desai as the President.

After 1988, the conferences were held every 3–4 years, under the banner of IACMAG. They were at Cairns (1991), Morgantown (1994), Wuhan (1997), Tucson (2001), Torino (2005). The next IACMAG conference will be held in Melbourne (2011). The IACMAG also acts as the co-sponsor of the International Journal of Geomechanics (IJOG) published by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)—Geo Institute.

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