

Preface

Welcome to CIO 2012—6th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Industrial Management and XVI Congreso de Ingeniería de Organización—that has been developed in Vigo (Spain) under the motto *Industrial Engineering: Overcoming the Crisis*.

CIO 2012 gives continuity to the series of annual Conferences initiated in September 1986 in La Rábida (Huelva, Spain). This conference is a very significant scientific event in Business and Operations Management and related areas. Researchers, academics, scientists, and managers of diverse parts of the world have the opportunity to exchange experiences, new ideas and topics, in those fields related to Industrial Engineering.

The 6th International Conference addresses the great multidisciplinary field formed by Industrial Engineering, from an international point of view.

This book contains a selection of the papers that were accepted at the CIO 2012 International Conference, covering consolidated and emerging topics of the conference scope and they may help readers to gain a deeper understanding of how Industrial Engineering could contribute to overcome the economic crisis.

This selection has been organized in six parts:

- Business Administration and Economic Environment
- Technological and Organizational Innovation
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Production and Operations Management
- Management Systems and Sustainability
- Papers Prize–Award

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