

Series Editor's Preface

I am very happy, for the following reason, to present this impressive book in our series. It is a first book of a series of stories about notables who have contributed to developments of Mechanisms and Machine Science (MMS) from the field of Descriptive Geometry. It is important to recognize the merits of these people and to give proper credit for their achievements that are still of modern interest and application. Thus, let us hope to have more of these contributions that are aimed at building an encyclopaedia of who-is-who in the wide areas of MMS, in combination with the other series of 'Distinguished Figures in MMS'. This book is a brilliant example of the multidisciplinary content and interest in MMS.

In addition, as one looks at the outstanding names that appear in this book, a reader will find already famous scientists presented with novel perspectives on their activities, even highlighting aspects that elsewhere might be considered of minor importance. But those contributions and efforts were significant for the evolution of MMS, both in theory and practice, with influential impact even in technological developments. Similarly, some of these notables are presented for the first time in MMS frames, bringing specific attention to outlining their achievements that still have possibilities for modern implementation.

I am sure readers will not only find satisfaction in reading this book but will receive inspiration and hope for more historical evaluations and technical evolutions.

Thus, I congratulate the editor and authors of this book for the very interesting results and I wish enjoyment to all its readers.

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