



## Dear Readers,

This year Easter – one of the most important holidays of Catholic Church takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April. Easter is a Christian festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion at Calvary as described in the New Testament. Easter is preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week, and it contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating Maundy and the Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Throughout the world there are different traditions associated with those important days. On the cover, there are photos, taken last year in southern Brazil. Then the 6<sup>th</sup> COBEF – Brazilian Conference on Manufacturing Engineering, the most important brazilian meeting in the area of manufacturing engineering took place on 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 in Universidade De Caxias Do Sul, RS, Brazil. Rio Grande do Sul (Great Southern River) is the southernmost state in Brazil. In this state there is located the southernmost city in the country, Chui, on the border with Uruguay. In the region of Bento Gonçalves and Caxias do Sul, the largest wine producing centre in Brazil, the attraction is Italian gastronomy. In this region all the inhabitants live and breathe a preparation for Easter and they can be seen on the streets. Several views of Gramado are presented on the cover. Gramado is a small tourist town in the southeast of Caxias do Sul, which is located in the mountainous region of Serra Gauche. Most inhabitants of Gramado are descendants of German settlers. In Gramado every year one of the most important film festivals in Latin America takes place.

On the occasion of the upcoming Easter we wish all the best and a nice reading of several papers prepared by us to PT Readers. As always, we invite to publish the works in subsequent issues of Journal AMME.

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