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Professor Jagannath Mazumdar has been a part of the University of Adelaide for nearly 40 years. His career and as a teacher and researcher has been nothing short of outstanding.

As a teacher, Professor Mazumdar has covered practically the whole spectrum of academic inquiry in his chosen field of Applied Mathematics, as well as branching out into other disciplines, having taught courses in continuum mechanics, plasticity, viscoelasticity, the theory of vibrations, plates and shells, mathematical biology, signal processing and biomedical engineering. He is also a fine and respected researcher, and his research in biomechanics, biomedical engineering and solid mechanics is held in international regard, and continues the University of Adelaide's long tradition of inquiry into these important fields.

It is in the nature of a successful academic to have a substantial and respected publishing career, and in this area, Professor Mazumdar has made a remarkable contribution. The author of two seminal texts, and contributor to numerous others, his contribution to journal literature has been nothing short of outstanding. In 40 years, he has published more than 160 refereed articles in major journals across a wide disciplinary range. He has also held positions on a number of editorial boards, giving generously of his time and talents to his colleagues and to the next generation of researchers.

I am delighted that the *International Journal of Applied Mathematics and Statistics* is to dedicate a special issue to Professor Mazumdar. This is a deserving tribute to one whom the University of Adelaide is proud to call one of its own.

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