



## Preface

The Editorial Committee of *Archives of Mechanics* invited the Scientific Committee of the XXXI Polish Solid Mechanics Conference – SolMec'96 organized in Mierki, September 9-14, 1996, by the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research and Committee of Mechanics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, to encourage all authors of oral and poster presentations at the SolMec'96 Conference to publish their contributions in special issues of the *Archives of Mechanics* and *Engineering Transactions*.

The present issue of *Archives of Mechanics* is the second special issue of the Journal (the first one has appeared in the previous month, i.e. Vol. 49, No 2) and contains the submitted and reviewed contributions of a more basic orientation.

The first special issue of the other journal, namely *Engineering Transactions* has been printed simultaneously and it contains the contributions of a more engineering character.

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