



### **Welcome New Board Members -**

It is my pleasure to introduce the two newest members on the MFPT Board of Directors, **Mantosh Bhattacharya** and **Dr. Hiroaki Endo**. Mantosh is a Manager of Rotating Equipment with Petrofac International. He brings his expertise in turbo-machinery, vibration analysis, reliability and integrity reviews of mission critical equipment to the MFPT. Mantosh has presented numerous papers at MFPT and is a MFPT Best Paper Award winner. He has a passion for condition based maintenance and failure prevention and he wants to “contribute his skills to help academia and industry experts join and share ideas.”

Hiro is the Chief Technology Officer with TDI-Schenck USA. Hiro has his expertise in turbine engines, gears, machine design, signal processing, structural dynamics, rotor dynamics, FEA, fatigue life, test data measurement and analysis. He has published more than 16 papers and made contributions to the chapters of two engineering books and is a technical reviewer for scientific journals since 2009. Like Mantosh, he has been attending MFPT meetings for a number of years and has a passion for sharing his ideas and promoting failure prevention engineering. Please welcome Mantosh and Hiro to the MFPT.

### **Board Vacancies**

The MFPT is in search of a Social Media and Newsletter editor. If you have experience with electronic media and would like to promote failure prevention technology to likeminded people please consider helping. Duties include editing articles for the quarterly online newsletter, promoting the Focus Groups and facilitating social media at our annual meeting. If you are willing to help or just have questions, please contact one of the Board members. We would love to hear from you!

### **Other Board News**

James “Hoffy” Hofmeister has moved from Chair of the Sensors FG to Chairman of the Diagnostics and Prognostics Focus Group following the untimely passing of Bruce Wallin. Please welcome Hoffy in his new role. We are actively seeking a new Sensors FG Chair. Please let me or Hoffy know if you are interested.

### **Technology Focus Group News**

Participation in MFPT Technology Focus Groups are a great way to share technical information, ideas and questions with others in your area of specialty. There are seven Technology Focus Groups that form the pillars of the MFPT’s failure prevention community. These are: **Failure Analysis; Sensors; Diagnostics and Prognostics; Signal Analysis; Data Management; Systems Engineering** and; **Human Systems Monitoring**. The primary responsibility of the Focus Groups Chairs is to solicit for abstracts and presentations from FG members and to organize the technical program track for their area of specialty for the annual meeting. Focus Groups are also a way to learn more or have questions answered by technical experts in areas you may not be as familiar with. There is no formal membership in Focus Groups. Each FG Chair simply maintains an email list of interested people. You can belong to as many FGs as you like. Everyone who attended the general Focus Group meeting at **MFPT 2018 in Virginia Beach** will be contacted shortly by me by email and then by the Focus Group Chairs for the areas they indicated interest in. We are always looking for new and better ways to communicate with the Focus Groups. You can find them on LinkedIn. Please email the FG Chair if you are interested in finding out more.