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Preface

This volume is a compilation of cutting-edge research regarding how simulation and modeling supports human factors. The compilation of chapters is the result of efforts by the International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics (AHFE), which provides the organization for several affiliated conferences. Specifically, the chapters herein represent the International Conference on Human Factors and Simulation and the International Conference on Digital Human Modeling and Applied Optimization.

Simulation is a technology that supports an approximation of real-world scenes and scenarios for a user. For example, a cockpit simulator represents the configuration of the inside of a cockpit and presents a sensory and motor experience to mimic flight. Simulations advance research by providing similar experiences to those scenarios that would otherwise be impractical to carry out in the real world for such reasons as monetary cost or safety concerns. Simulations can support numerous goals including training or practice on established skills.

Modeling is a somewhat different tool than simulation, though the two are often used interchangeably as they both imply estimation of real-world scenes or scenarios that bypass practical concerns. The difference in the context of this book is that modeling is not intended to provide a user with an experience, but rather to represent anything pertinent about the real world in computational algorithms, possibly including people and their psychological processing. Modeling may answer questions about large-scale scenarios that would be difficult to address otherwise, such as the effects of economic interventions or smaller-scale scenarios such as the cognitive processing required to perform a task that is otherwise undetectable by measurement devices.

The goal of the research herein is to bring awareness and attention to advances that human factors specialists may make in their field to address the design of programs of research, systems, policies and devices. This book provides a plethora of avenues for human factors research that may be helped by simulation and modeling.

The book is divided into the following ten sections:

- Section 1 Human Factors and Simulated Agents
- Section 2 Training and Simulation
- Section 3 Socio-Political Modeling
- Section 4 Driving Simulators
- Section 5 Healthcare and Occupational Safety
- Section 6 Perceptual and Cognitive Processes
- Section 7 Digital Human Modeling by Women
- Section 8 Motion Capture and Analysis
- Section 9 3D Anthropometry, Shape Modeling and Applied Optimization
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Sections 1–6 cover topics in simulation and modeling, while Sections 7–10 cover topics in Digital Human Modeling and Applied Optimization.

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This book covers diverse topics in simulation and modeling. We hope this book is informative and helpful for the researchers and practitioners in developing better products, services and systems.

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