

Preface

This is a Special Issue dedicated to the memory of Thomas L. Vincent who was a Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Arizona for 41 years until his retirement in 2001, after which he became an active Professor Emeritus.

Tom Vincent passed away on 26 October, 2009 at the age of 74.

A list of Tom Vincents publications is available in the journal, *Evolutionary Ecology Research* Vol. 11 (2009).

Tom made outstanding contributions to optimal control theory, game theory, evolutionary theory and applications to aerospace problems, control systems, management of biological populations and Darwinian dynamics.

It was a privilege for both of us to know and work with Tom Vincent over many years.

In this Special Issue, we have papers from a number of outstanding scholars who worked with Tom Vincent and who knew him personally.

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