

Editorial

This issue of the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), Vol.16, No.3, completes the Journal's publishing effort for 2014. The issue includes seven articles from Malaysia (3), Indonesia (2), Panama and Taiwan. Altogether, Volume 16 comprises 20 articles from 13 countries worldwide (Malaysia 3, USA 3, Indonesia 2, Slovakia 2, Taiwan 2, and one each from Australia, Canada, Finland, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Panama, Sweden and Thailand), a truly global coverage. The most pleasing fact is that 10 of the articles come from six countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, which is an interesting development.

Apart from the statistics, it is important to mention that several articles published in this volume deal with academia-industry cooperation. It appears that after a few years of relative silence, this topic has again gained prominence amongst academics in many countries. Engineering education cannot preserve its relevance without research, development and promotion of issues related to industry and its pivotal role in the process of formation of professional engineers. As the most significant employer of engineers, industry must be involved in all aspects of engineering education and the preparation of future engineers for industrial practice.

It is also important to mention that in a few weeks' time, the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) will start to advertise its new initiative, the 4th World Conference on Technology and Engineering Education. A letter of intent was recently signed, on joint organisation of this Conference between the WIETE Director and the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, Professor Dr Ing. arch. Lubica Vitková. The Conference theme is to be *Innovative Design and Education*, and will be held at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia between 1 and 4 September 2015, under the joint chairmanship of Professor Robert Špaček of the Faculty of Architecture and the WIETE Director. I recommend to all our members, associates and sympathisers that they consider this wonderful opportunity to attend the Conference, present their papers and take advantage of the opportunity to visit Slovakia, and its capital city Bratislava.

In concluding this editorial, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the WIETE team in the preparation of the issue for circulation, including expressing our gratitude to Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen and Dr Ian R. Dobson for their efforts. Also, sincere thanks are due to the authors of these articles and the international reviewers for their outstanding work on the articles. We hope that readers will find the articles of interest and applicable to their own research and development efforts.

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