

Editorial

In order to summarise the activities and achievements of the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) in 2015, this year's annual Conference was held in Europe. The 7th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education was held at Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS) in Piraeus-Athens, Greece, between 4 and 8 April 2016, and it commenced with a meeting of the WIETE International Academic Advisory Committee (WIETE-IAAC). The host University is a long-standing partner institution of the WIETE, and is the abode of the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCETE), a *satellite* centre of the WIETE with Professor George Metaxas, a Vice-President of the WIETE-IAAC, as its Director.

This Conference attracted participants from 12 countries worldwide from as far afield as Australia, China, India, Canada and Panama, to name a few. The Conference resulted in the presentation of close to 20 excellent research papers, most of which have been published in the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), Vol.14, No.1 and this issue of the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), marked as Vol.18, No.2, with Professor George Metaxas as the Guest Editor of the two issues. Altogether, 15 highly informative and enlightening research articles have been included in this issue.

Later in April, a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the WIETE and the Faculty of Architecture at Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland, was signed with Professor Jacek Gyurkovich, Dean of the CUT Faculty of Architecture, and Professor Zenon J. Pudlowski. These institutions will be collaborating in organising of the International Conference on New Building Technologies and Architectural Design - NBTAD 2016, to be held at the University between 13 and 14 October 2016, specifically through an additional Conference Panel on *Education of Architects and Engineers* that was added to the Conference in order to broaden its scope. This new collaborative venture was facilitated by Professor Sabina Kuc of the CUT Faculty of Architecture, with the support of Professor Waław Celadyn, Director of the CUT Institute of Civil Engineering Design, the Conference General Chairman.

Our readers are cordially invited to participate in this Conference and propose a paper to be presented in the Conference Panel on *Education of Architects and Engineers*. More information can be found in the Conference announcement on the WIETE main page on the Internet. It is envisaged that selected papers concerned with the education of architects and engineers will be published in the GJEE, Vol.18, No.3.

In releasing this issue for the general public, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the authors of the papers included in this issue, Professor G. Metaxas for his contribution to the Journal as Guest Editor, and to the international referees for their work in assessing the papers. Special thanks are also directed to the members of the WIETE editorial team Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski and Dr Ian R. Dobson for their invaluable assistance in the preparation of this issue.

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