

Editorial

The World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) and the Faculty of Architecture at Cracow University of Technology (CUT), Kraków, Poland, signed an agreement for cooperation on 20 April 2016. Signatories were Professor Jacek Gyurkovich, Dean of the CUT Faculty of Architecture, and Professor Zenon J. Pudlowski (WIETE), and an immediate outcome was the joint organisation of the *International Conference on New Building Technologies and Architectural Design - NBTAD 2016*. The Conference took place at CUT between 13 and 14 October 2016. The Conference programme comprised three panels: *Architecture and Construction*; *Landscape Design*; and *Education of Architects and Engineers*, with the WIETE involved in the organisation and the subsequent publication effort relating to the third panel. This panel was added to the Conference to broaden its scope, and it attracted significant attention. This 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.

During the Opening Ceremony held on Thursday, 13 October 2016, Professor Waław Celadyn welcomed the delegates, guests and University officials, and introduced *Rector Magnificus* of the University, Professor Jan Kazior, who officially opened the Conference. Professor Jacek Gyurkovich also welcomed the participants and guests on behalf of the organising Faculty. The Conference programme included more than 50 papers, and most of them were presented at the Conference proceedings over two days. The education panel attracted considerable interest with close to 30 paper proposals. Finally, over 20 papers were assigned to the education panel and were presented at the Conference, with 14 papers included in this issue of the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), Vol.18, No.3.

Looking forward to another WIETE activity, our readers should be informed that work on the organisation of the *8th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education* is in full swing. The lead theme is to be *Bringing Engineering and Technology Educators Together*. The Conference will be held between 20 and 24 February 2017 at Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok, Thailand. So far, over 30 paper proposals have been collected for this important international gathering of WIETE partners, members, associates, supporters and friends. The immediate benefit for participants is that papers accepted for the Conference will be published in the *WTE&TE*, Vol.14, No.4. Late paper proposals can still be accepted as they come in. Those colleagues wishing to attend the Conference and present their research and development papers will find the Conference announcement at the following address: <http://www.wiete.com.au/conferences/8wiete/index.html>

In conclusion, I trust that our readers will join me in thanking the authors of these articles for their willingness to share their research achievements with likeminded colleagues. Special thanks are directed toward Professor Sabina Kuc and those members of the Faculty of Architecture at CUT for their work on the preparation and conduct of this memorable event. My sincere gratitude goes to the referees for their timely and comprehensive academic review of the articles and to 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 for circulation.

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