

Editorial

In a few days' time, many members, associates and supporters will be meeting at the *9th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education*, under the major theme *Effective Methods in Engineering and Technology Education*, which will take place at Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok, Thailand, between 19 and 23 February 2018. This will be one of the best in this series of WIETE organised meetings, with many distinguished participants, and two national groups of academics coming from Poland and Indonesia. Most of the papers to be presented at the Conference have been included in the *World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE)*, Vol.15, No.4, and the remaining articles will be published in Vol.16, No.1, to be released in March 2018.

Between 11 and 14 June, the *2018 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education* will be held at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia. The Conference is to be a collaborative venture between the WIETE, and two WIETE partner institutions, namely the Faculties of Architecture at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava and Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland. The paramount objective of the Conference is to provide the participants with the opportunity to interact on all aspects of engineering, and architecture design education, in particular. Workshops, team work, panel debates, group discussions, individual presentations, and other sessions will be led by several eminent international keynote speakers, leaders of the specific areas of interest. It is envisaged that conference papers will be published in the *World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE)*.

Another activity planned for this year is the *6th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* under the overarching theme *Regional Collaboration*. This will be held at Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS) in Piraeus-Athens, Greece, between 10 and 14 September 2018. It is being organised by the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) in collaboration with the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCE&TE), a *satellite centre* of the WIETE, which is based at PUAS, with Professor George Metaxas, a Vice-President of the WIETE-IAAC, as its Director. A wide range of issues concerning engineering and technology education will be aired and discussed during the Seminar. One of the WIETE international journals will provide the forum for publication of the papers presented at the Seminar.

The current issue of the GJEE consists of 11 high quality research articles, which come from 10 countries worldwide: Indonesia (3), Canada (1), Malaysia (1), Mexico (1), Poland (1), Slovakia (1), South Africa (1) the United States of America (1), and one joint article contribution from Greece and the United Kingdom (1).

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