

### Editorial

With sadness, I inform those colleagues, who have not read the latest WIETE news that the long-standing Associate Editor of the WIETE journals and WIETE Member, Mrs Krystyna Wareing, based in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, England, UK, passed away on 23 March 2021 suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving us all in a state of shock, disbelief and mourning ([http://www.wiete.com.au/wiete\\_news\\_item\\_23\\_March\\_2021.html](http://www.wiete.com.au/wiete_news_item_23_March_2021.html)).

Mrs Krystyna Wareing, an independent communications consultant, joined the WIETE as an associate editor and member on 22 January 2010, and was a pillar of our publishing operation. She had provided invaluable experience and contribution to the WIETE international community of engineering and technology education over the past 11 years, through the assistance in the publication of the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), and the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE). We are devastated by this huge loss and miss her very much. Farewell Krystyna, we will always remember you!

With the Covid-19 pandemic still in full force, all WIETE conference plans needed adjustment. The 11th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education originally scheduled for February 2020, in Bangkok, Thailand, had to be cancelled for that year; however, we have not abandoned the idea of organising it, and hope that it will be possible to go ahead with it in 2022. We have a similar situation with the 8th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education, initially scheduled for September 2020, and later rescheduled for September 2021. At this stage, we hope to hold the Seminar between 23 and 27 May 2022.

The pandemic has also adversely impacted the 2021 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education (EADE-2021), planned to be held between 6 and 9 September 2021 in the Faculty of Architecture and Design at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (FAD-STU), Slovakia. Recently, the Conference Organising Committee have decided to conduct it remotely over the Internet, instead of having an on-campus event. It is envisaged that high quality papers presented at the Conference will be selected for publication in the World Transactions for Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), Vol.19, No.3 and No.4. We are pleased to mention that Professor Pavel Gregor, Dean of the FAD-STU, has accepted our invitation to be Honorary Guest Editor of the WTE&TE, Vol.19, No.3.

There are 12 research and development articles included in this issue of the GJEE, Vol.23, No.2. 2021. The articles deal with a multitude of topics that concern contemporary problems and solutions at a time when the global academia goes through a critical and challenging period due to the pandemic. These articles come from nine countries worldwide, with three articles coming from Poland, two articles from Thailand, and one article each from Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa and South Korea.

As always, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the authors of these articles for their willingness to share their achievements with other international colleagues. My heartfelt thanks go to the international referees who read and reviewed the articles, and the members of the WIETE editorial team that consist of colleagues, such as Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Professor Robert Špaček and Mr Nial Wareing for their invaluable assistance in the preparation of this issue.

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