

Editorial

This issue of the WTE&TE, marked as Vol.22, No.1, consist of eight articles, which present research effort in several interdisciplinary areas that touch on the relationship with engineering and technology education. The articles have originated in seven countries. Two articles each come from Indonesia and Kazakhstan; one article each from Poland and South Korea; and two joint articles - one come from Kazakhstan and Slovakia, and one Lao PDR and Thailand. It is pleasing to see that more research articles come from developing countries, especially in Asia and the Pacific Region.

I am delighted to mention that work is in full swing on the organisation of the 2024 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education (EADE-2024) that will be held in the Faculty of Architecture and Design at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, between 10 and 12 June 2024. Interested readers and those willing to participate in the Conference may find more information at the WIETE site: www.wiete.com.au

This present conference, sixth in the sequel of EADE conferences, follows last year's successful conference EADE-2023, held between 12 and 14 June 2023, in the Faculty of Architecture at Wrocław University of Science and Technology (FA-WUST), Poland, which generated numerous articles published in the WIETE Journals - the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), and the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE). This time again we hope that the papers presented at this Conference will eventuate as research articles published in the WIETE Journals after the Conference.

In accordance with the established tradition, a meeting of WIETE Executive and Members of the Editorial Boards will be held on 9 June 2024 at 16.00, preceding the EADE-2024 Conference. It is envisaged that the agenda will include such issues as information on the present status and achievements of the WIETE, plans for future international conferences and events, future publications, strategic directions, membership drives, etc.

I also wish to advise our readers that this year Gdańsk University of Technology (GUT), Poland, will celebrate the 120th anniversary of the founding of the University between 21 and 22 June 2024, under the theme *University Day* (Święto Uczelni). The GUT is a very active partner of the WIETE, and the successful partnership with the Faculty of Architecture was established under the leadership of the Faculty Dean, Professor Dr Hab. Inż. Lucyna Nyka on 20 February 2019. The GUT's predecessor was instituted in 1904, under the name of the Royal Prussian Institute of Technology (Königliche Preussische Technische Hochschule), and acquired its present name in 1945 after the WWII. The University has a rich history of development and success. More information can be found on the University's Web site at the following address: <https://pg.edu.pl/en>

This year is also significant for the WIETE, as on 16 March 2024, we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of its founding.

Moving from broader issues to a more focused one, and as this is the first issue of the year, I may reflect on the art of abstract writing in regard to scholarly articles - an issue that some seasoned researchers may find minor or even trivial, but one that is nevertheless an important element of each article that may prove decisive in the hunt for citations and rankings. An abstract, typically created after an article is completed, is a short summary of the article, including the topic/rationale for the conducted study, study aims, methods, results and conclusions - one paragraph with ten lines in this journal. Unfortunately, many prospective authors tend to forget about this simple formula, and focus on wider or peripheral issues, exclude the results (*sic!*), tend to forget about the conclusions. However, it is worth remembering that even today with enormously powerful search and retrieval tools, various methods of marketing articles through social media, artificial intelligence, etc, well-thought-out, human-written abstracts still play an important role, and investing some effort and time in writing them may bring more article views, downloads and citations.

Finally, I wish to thank the authors of the articles included in this issue for their willingness to share their research and development achievements with other likeminded colleagues, and the international referees who reviewed and assessed the articles in an efficient time span. My special thanks go to the WIETE editorial team for their assistance in the preparation of this issue - thanks for your great skills in pointing out various mistakes and good humour that makes the release of every issue an enjoyable undertaking!

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