

Editorial

The organisation of the 5th *Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* is in its final stages. The Seminar will be held at the Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS) in Piraeus-Athens, Greece, between 11 and 15 September 2017. More than 20 papers from authors in 10 countries worldwide have been proposed, and are included in the Seminar's preliminary programme and scheduled for presentation at the Seminar. The paramount objective of the Seminar is to address and discuss a multitude of issues, problems, opportunities and challenges that contemporary academia faces in an effort to prepare future technologists and engineers capable of taking on the increasingly advanced, complex and sophisticated technology within the contexts of the changing world and professional practices. It is envisaged that several significant issues will be raised by the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCE&TE), co-organiser of the Seminar with the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE), with a view to cultivating the knowledge and skills essential for high quality maritime and environmental engineering and technology education.

We are indeed fortunate that the Seminar enjoys the patronage of Professor Lazaros Vrizzidis, President of the Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS), formerly known as Technological Educational Institute (TEI-Piraeus).

Our readers may have noticed the Call for Papers on the WIETE site concerning the organisation of the next annual meeting of the WIETE. This is for the 9th *WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education*, under the major theme *Effective Methods in Engineering and Technology Education*. The principal objective of the Conference is to bring together partners, members, associates, supporters and friends of the WIETE from all over the world, and to continue discussions on issues of importance to engineering and technology education, with particular emphasis on the prevalent theme. The Conference will be held between 19 and 23 February 2018 at Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok, Thailand. It has been decided that the presented papers will be published predominantly in WIETE's *World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education* (WTE&TE), Vol.15, No.4 or Vol.16, No.1, but participating colleagues will have the option of designating their papers to be published in the *Global Journal of Engineering Education* (GJEE), if they so desire. It should be stressed that both WIETE journals are indexed by Scopus.

WIETE members, associates and sympathisers are cordially invited to propose a paper and attend the Conference. It is envisaged that those colleagues born in 1943 will have the opportunity of getting together with the WIETE Director over a gala dinner to celebrate the 75th year of their productive lives. An after-conference excursion (3 days, 2 nights) will also be offered at a minimal cost to those colleagues and their spouses wishing to visit Pattaya, a world-class seaside resort in Thailand. Interested parties will find the Conference announcement, including a call for contributions, at: <http://www.wiete.com.au/conferences/9wiete/index.html>

I am pleased to advise our readers that the present issue of the WTE&TE, marked as Vol.15, No.2, includes 18 highly informative articles, with most of them coming from Indonesia (11). The other articles have come from countries such as the People's Republic of China (3), Israel (1) and Taiwan (1). There are two collaborative articles, one coming from Russia, Canada and the United States of America, and the other from Slovenia and Egypt. It is an interesting observation that there is growing interest by Indonesian academics to publish articles on engineering and technology education, which may indicate a new era for Indonesian higher education in this important area of academic endeavour.

I wish to thank the authors for their contributions to this issue and their willingness to share their research and development achievements with likewise minded academic colleagues. Sincere thanks are extended to the referees for their prompt and efficient assessment of the articles. Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the WIETE editorial team that on this occasion included Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski and Dr Ian R. Dobson, for their invaluable assistance in the release of this issue.

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