

Editorial

This issue of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), marked Vol.16, No.2, consists of 16 highly informative articles that have come from 11 countries worldwide. Three articles have come from each of Indonesia, Poland, Slovakia, one article from each of Canada, Israel, Slovenia, Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates, as well as two joint articles, one from Kazakhstan/Russia and the other from Poland/Australia. Some of the articles originated in relation to the *2018 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education* to take place at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia, between 11 and 14 June 2018. The other articles are regular contributions submitted recently to the Journal.

An editorial decision has been made to reserve two consecutive issues of the WTE&TE (Vol.16, No.3 and Vol.16, No.4) for publishing papers that will originate at two forthcoming conferences to be held in Bratislava (as mentioned above), and the *6th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* to be held at the University of West Attica in Piraeus-Athens, which will be held between 10 and 14 September this year.

It is my pleasant duty to report that organisation on the *6th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* under the overarching theme *Regional Collaboration* is presently in full swing. A relatively large number of presentations and paper proposals have been received, suggesting that the Seminar will be a great success. This Seminar will be held at the University of West Attica, based in Piraeus-Athens, Greece. This is a new institution that eventuated over the last few months from the amalgamation of a couple of academic institutions in Athens, including Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS) in Piraeus-Athens. The Seminar is being organised by the WIETE in collaboration with the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCE&TE), a *satellite centre* of the WIETE, which is based at the University of West Attica, between 10 and 14 September 2018, with Professor George Metaxas, a Vice-President of the WIETE-IAAC, as its Director. Based on the abstracts of proposed papers, it is envisaged that a wide range of issues concerning engineering and technology education will be raised and discussed during the Seminar.

I should also mention at this point that a decision was made to stage the *10th Jubilee WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education* of the WIETE, under the overarching theme *Promoting Research and Development on Engineering and Technology Education* at Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok, Thailand, between 18 and 22 February 2019. This Conference will commence year-long celebrations of the activities and achievements of the WIETE.

WIETE members, associates and sympathisers are cordially invited to propose a paper and attend the Conference. The Conference announcement, including a call for papers and other contributions, can be found at the following address: <http://www.wiete.com.au/conferences/10wiete/index.html>

Planning is underway on the organisation of the *2019 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education* to take place at Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland, tentatively scheduled for June 2019. This will be a follow-up event, organised under the joint patronage of the Faculty of Architecture at Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland, and the Faculty of Architecture at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia, in collaboration with the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE). Our readers will soon be provided more details concerning this Conference.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the authors for their contributions to this issue of the WTE&TE and look forward to getting their valuable contributions to forthcoming WIETE events. I also wish to acknowledge the precious support coming from the referees for their prompt and speedy assessment of the articles. Last, but not least, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the WIETE editorial team for putting this issue together so quickly: Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Mrs Krystyna Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson. Their willing support in the publication of this issue is greatly appreciated.

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