

Editorial

The majority of the articles included in this issue of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education, WTE&TE (Vol.16, No.4) originated at the tremendously successful *6th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* that was held at the University of West Attica in Piraeus-Athens, Greece, between 10 and 14 September this year. The Seminar was a collaborative endeavour undertaken by the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) based in Melbourne, Australia, and the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCE&TE) based in the newly-organised University of West Attica (UNIWA), an amalgamation of two antecedent academic institutions. The event took place on the campus of the former Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (PUAS) (now part of the UNIWA), which provided excellent conference facilities. The organisational matters were handled by the two directors of the collaborating institutions, with Professor George Metaxas handling local affairs.

The Seminar was well attended, with over 30 participants coming for 10 countries worldwide who presented many interesting and highly informative papers. The paramount objectives of the Seminar were to air, address and discuss fundamental 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, and production processes. It is believed that these objectives were well-achieved and were documented in the published articles. The 23 articles included in this issue have come from the Czech Republic (1), Greece (1), Indonesia (5), Poland (7), Slovakia (4), Slovenia (4) and South Africa (1).

I am delighted to inform our readers that work is in full swing on the organisation of 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* to be staged between 18 and 22 February 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand, with Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok providing the venue for this event. This Conference will commence year-long celebrations of the activities and achievements of the WIETE. The WIETE directors will be presenting an overview of the WIETE activities and ventures carried out over the ten years since its inception in 2009. WIETE members, associates and sympathisers are cordially invited to propose a paper and to attend the Conference as we can still accommodate a couple of papers. 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>

I am in debt to Professor George Metaxas, and would like to acknowledge, with thanks, his tremendous support and help in the organisation of the Seminar in Athens, and his involvement in the publication of this issue of the WTE&TE.

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