

Editorial

It is my sad duty to inform those colleagues, who have not read the latest WIETE news: http://www.wiete.com.au/wiete_news_item_23_March_2021.html, that 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.

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!

The 8th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education - Athens, Greece, rescheduled to be conducted between 24 and 28 May 2021, had to be postponed again in view of the Covid-19 pandemic still raging in Europe. This postponed event is likely to take place between 23 and 27 May 2022. However, no firm commitment has been made so far, and we have to closely monitor the situation. Nevertheless, numerous papers submitted to the Seminar have already been published in our journals, and more are included in this issue of the WTE&TE with the commitment of the authors to present their papers at the Seminar to be carried out in a safe, Covid-free environment.

I should also mention WIETE's involvement in the ACPS 2021: Architecture, City, People, Structure; the International Scientific On-line Video-Conference, which was organised by the Faculty of Architecture at Wrocław University of Science and Technology (WUST), Wrocław, Poland, a partner institution of the WIETE, under the leadership of the Faculty Dean Professor Barbara Gronostajska. This one-day event was held on 21 May 2021, over the Internet. More than 20 presentations were made, some of them dealing with architectural engineering education.

I am pleased to inform our readers that preparations for 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 are presently in full swing. Papers are now being collected by Professor Ľubica Ilkovičová and her team, with the objective to publish them in the WTE&TE, Vol.19, No.3 and No.4, obviously, subject to positive referees' reports and satisfactory editorial assessment.

This issue of the WTE&TE, Vol.19, No.2 (2021), includes 15 research and development articles showing a variety of research approaches to problems and solutions that can be applied in engineering and technology education. These articles come from eight countries worldwide, with six papers coming from Poland, two articles each from Russia and the United Arab Emirates, and one article each from South Korea, Malaysia and Thailand. There are also two joint articles one from Kuwait/Lebanon and the other from United Arab Emirates/Lebanon.

I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to the authors of the articles included in this issue for their willingness to share their achievements with other like-minded colleagues. My special thanks go to Professor Elżbieta Węclawowicz-Bilska of the Faculty of Architecture at Cracow University of Technology (FA-CUT) in Poland, for her exceptional contribution to the Journal as an article reviewer and honorary Guest Editor. My sincere gratitude is also extended to the international referees for their work in assessing the articles in a timely manner. Special thanks are directed to the members of the WIETE editorial team: Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Professor Robert Špaček and Mr Nial Wareing for their precious support in the preparation of this issue.

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