

Editorial

The June/July European trip of the WIETE directors marks the resumption of the Institute's international activities substantially interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

A series of activities was conducted under this travel plan to revive personal contacts with key WIETE members. The first international engagement took place on 4 June 2023, when they met in Kraków, Poland, with the Rector (Vice-Chancellor) of Cracow University of Technology (CUT), and the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture. A wide range of issues was addressed and discussed at the meeting, most notably the role and significance of academic publications in Scopus-indexed journals, and the adequate preparedness of junior academics and post-graduate students for the role of scholarly authors.

Another engagement was the Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education (EADE-2023) that was held in face-to-face mode between 12 and 14 June 2023, in the Faculty of Architecture at Wrocław University of Science and Technology (FA-WUST), Wrocław, Poland, with an ordinary meeting of the WIETE International Academic Advisory Committee (WIETE-IAAC) preceding the Conference that took place on Sunday, 11 June 2023 in Wrocław, Poland. It involved several senior members of the WIETE, as well as senior representatives of the WIETE Partner Institutions.

The directors also ventured to Jarosław, Poland, a beautiful historic Renaissance town at a close proximity to the Ukrainian western border, where they met senior management representatives, including the Rector of the State School of Higher Vocational Education in Jarosław. Discussions concentrated on the potential assistance by both parties to be provided to Ukrainian academics in their struggle to keep abreast with contemporary changes and advancements in engineering and technology education. Another travel involved a visit to the Faculty of Architecture and Design at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU), Slovakia.

Their heavy schedule included preparations for, and several meetings with, staff and postgraduate students, where the WIETE directors introduced to the participants the two WIETE international journals focusing on the opportunities and benefits arising from publishing research outcomes in these two Scopus-indexed journals. Despite all the meetings and activities, the WIETE directors carried out their day-to-day tasks, such as correspondence, examination of incoming article proposals, as well as regular office and editorial work. Interested readers will find more information on the recent activities at the WIETE News: <http://www.wiete.com.au/news.html>

I am pleased to inform our readers that this issue of the Global Journal of Engineering Education (GJEE), marked as Vol.25, No.2 that was conceived during the European trip, consists of 12 interesting articles that address several ideas, topics and original work carried out within the scope of the Journal. The geographical coverage of the world includes such countries as Poland with four articles, Slovakia with three, as well as Israel, Malaysia, Mexico/Netherlands, South Africa and Thailand, each with one article.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the authors of the articles, the referees, as well to the members of the Editorial Committee that includes Professor Andrew Nafalski, Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Professor Derek O. Northwood, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Associate Professor Arthur J. Swart and Professor Robert Špaček for their collaboration in the publication of this issue.

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