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Editorial

On Thursday, 26 November 2019, the WIETE directors were delighted to host a working lunch in a Melbourne restaurant with Professor Derek O. Northwood of the University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada, and the Inaugural President of the International Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC) of the WIETE between 2009 and 2010. The lunch was held on the occasion of Professor Northwood's attendance at an international conference held in Melbourne. Professor Northwood is a highly reputable engineering academic and engineering educator who has published extensively on engineering and technology education in the WIETE journals and is very well known to our readers.

The discussions involved a wide range of issues of common interest concerning the further internationalisation of engineering and technology education and the impact of new technologies on the education process. The conversation also touched on the WIETE publications, including our two international journals and their impact on the engineering and technology education community. The WIETE directors also briefed Professor Northwood on the WIETE's present activities and operations, including the forthcoming 11th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, in February 2020. Also discussed were plans of the WIETE, such as the 2020 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education (EADE-2020) and the 8th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education. Readers will find more information concerning the meeting with Professor Northwood on the WIETE News site.

Our publication approach is to encourage potential contributors to attend WIETE-organised conferences and meetings at which they can present their research and development achievements and elicit valuable feedback from their like-minded colleagues. In recognising the importance of such presentations and debates, and the need to share and promote the outcomes, an editorial strategy was instituted to publish most of the conference paper contributions in our journals. Our readers will find that the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE) that is in Vol.18, No.1 and No.2, will contain most of the papers to be presented at the forthcoming WIETE Annual Conference, which will be held in Bangkok next February.

This issue of the WTE&TE, Vol.17, No.4, that concludes this volume, includes mostly articles based on the presentations delivered at the 2019 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education (EADE-2019), held at Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland, between 3 and 7 June 2019, and the 7th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education, held between 9 and 13 September 2019 at the University of West Attica (UNIWA) in Piraeus-Athens, Greece. The issue consists of 15 highly informative articles, dealing predominantly with architectural engineering education. It showcases research, development and promotion of two leading Polish technical academic institutions that is Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, and Gdańsk University of Technology, Gdańsk.

The journal's editorial process on this occasion was facilitated by the WIETE editorial team that includes such colleagues as Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Mrs Krystyna Wareing, Mr Nial Wareing, Dr Ian R. Dobson and Professor Robert Špaček. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for their assistance in the preparation and release of this issue. I would also like to acknowledge with thanks the effort of the authors in the revision and preparation of their material to be published, as well as the international referees who reviewed and assessed the articles.

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