

Editorial

This issue of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), Vol.11, No.2, consists of 12 articles in total. Nine articles come from authors, participants of the International Conference on Information Processing and Intelligent Computing (ICIPIC2013), held in Jinan, China, in May, 2013 that were revised and accepted for inclusion in this issue of WTE&TE. Two other articles originated from authors based in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and one article that comes from an individual author representing the USA.

In my editorial to the WTE&TE, Vol.11, No.1, I wrote *...An interesting observation can be made that since the re-incarnation of the WTE&TE in 2009, we have published a considerable number of articles that originated from authors in Taiwan, with almost no articles coming from the PRC. Therefore, we are particularly happy to be able to report on the development of engineering and technology education on the other side of the Taiwan Strait. This was followed by a statement: ...This is very important for our readers because over the last few years, engineering and technology education in the PRC has undergone tremendous changes and modernisation, and it would be interesting to know more about it, in order to develop collaborative ventures between Chinese academics and our international colleagues. The WIETE would be more than happy to create a platform for such collaborative ventures if the opportunity arises, and to initiate useful exchanges of information and experiences for the benefit of all the parties involved.*

About mid April this year, I was approached by Associate Professor Ning Liu of Jinan University, based in Guangzhou in the People's Republic of China, with a question whether we would facilitate the publication of selected papers on engineering and technology education presented at the ICIPIC2013 that were identified for publication in a relevant international journal. We were very happy with this opportunity as it fulfils our strategic objective, and the philosophy of developing cooperation with academics based in regions/countries with rapidly advancing technologies and production processes. We wholeheartedly welcome this new development and look forward to promoting and disseminating information on research and development achievements by authors based in the PRC.

In releasing this issue for international circulation, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Associate Professor Ning Liu for his initiative and contribution to this issue as Guest Editor. My cordial thanks are extended to the authors of the articles for their willingness to share the ideas with others. I would also like to thank the referees for their eagerness to assess the articles, and to our Associate Editors, Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Ms Krystyna B. Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson, for their invaluable support in the preparation of this issue for publication.

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