

Editorial

It is my pleasure to inform readers that this issue of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), Vol.11, No.3, consists of 40 highly informative and enlightening articles, dealing with a wide range of topics and ideas in engineering and technology education. The articles come from 13 countries including Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Iran, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States of America, with Greece and the People's Republic of China, providing the largest number of articles.

Most of the Greek articles submitted for this issue originated from the successful *3rd Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education*, which was held at the Technological Education Institute of Piraeus, Piraeus-Athens, between 9 and 11 September 2013, under the chairmanship of Professor George Metaxas. This gathering of international academics was facilitated jointly by the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCETE) and the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE). The MCETE is a satellite centre of the WIETE, which was conceived and is now directed by Professor G. Metaxas.

Eighteen of the articles came from authors based in the People's Republic of China, and they deal with several burning issues being faced by engineering and technology academics in this new and emerging global superpower, where strong emphasis is placed on human resources development for technical industry stimulation. All the signs are indicating that our strong desire to create a platform for the useful exchanges of information and the promotion of Chinese developments in higher education may have already materialised. It is envisaged that there will be more activities and collaborative ventures for the benefit of all the parties involved.

In releasing this large issue for global circulation, I would like to express my cordial thanks to a number of people. First, my sincere thanks go to Professor G. Metaxas, who accepted our invitation and performed his duties as Guest Editor in a highly professional and friendly manner. My warm thanks go to the authors of the articles for their eagerness to share their achievements with other colleagues. Also, sincere gratitude is extended to the TEI-Piraeus and its postgraduate programme MSc Management in Construction for their financial support and assistance in the organisation of the Seminar.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank the referees for assessing the articles in a short span of time, and to our Associate Editors, Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Ms Krystyna B. Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson, for their valuable support in the preparation of this issue for publication.

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