

Editorial

The World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE), Vol.12, No.4, concludes the publication effort of the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE) in a highly successful year 2014. This issue consists of 43 research and development papers submitted for presentation at the 6th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education, scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, between 16 and 20 February 2015, and a number of regular articles submitted directly to this issue.

Our readers will be pleased to know that as of 1 January 2015, Dorota I. Pudlowski has accepted the position of Managing Director and co-proprietor of the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE). With her long and outstanding career in research and higher education institutions in Australia, Dorota will bring to the WIETE her knowledge and expertise in communication, information brokerage and academic impact measurement so vital for the efficient operation of the WIETE. Along the lines of her expertise, Dorota, in collaboration with the WIETE Director, has prepared a workshop entitled *Research Cycle - Round Table Discussion - Research Publications, Citations and Research Impact*, to be conducted at the forthcoming WIETE Annual Conference in Bangkok.

Another interesting development is the joint organisation of the 4th World Conference on Technology and Engineering Education, based on an agreement signed by the WIETE Director and the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, Professor Dr Ing. arch. Ľubica Vitková. The main Conference theme is *Innovative Design and Education*, and will be held at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia between 2 and 5 September 2015, under the joint chairmanship of Professor Robert Špaček of the Faculty of Architecture and the WIETE Director. The Conference was initially planned to commence on 1 September 2015, but a minor adjustment of the Conference dates was required because Slovakia celebrates its national holiday on that day. The two parties will soon start advertising this initiative on their respective Internet Web sites. I would certainly recommend to our members, associates and sympathisers that they consider this wonderful opportunity to attend the Conference, present their papers and take advantage of the opportunity to visit Slovakia, and its capital city Bratislava.

On behalf of our readers and the editorial team, I wish to express our sincere thanks to the authors of the articles for their willingness to disseminate their research achievements through this journal, as well as to the international referees for their time and effort in reviewing these articles over a short time span.

Also, I would like to offer our appreciation for the assistance received from members of the Editorial Team, Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Ms Krystyna B. Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson in the preparation of this issue. Finally, I trust that this issue will become a useful compendium of information on recent research and development achievements in engineering and technology education.

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