

Editorial

Between 2 and 5 September 2015, the Faculty of Architecture at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia, hosted the 4th World Conference on Technology and Engineering Education under the theme *Innovative Design and Education*, on behalf of the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE). The Conference was opened by its Patron, Professor Robert Redhammer, Rector of the University, who delivered the Opening Welcome on behalf of the host institution. Despite it being the holiday season, the Faculty ensured a considerable level of participation by its staff and postgraduate students, and the group was led by the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Professor Ľubica Vitková and the Vice-Dean, Professor Robert Špaček.

Over 25 special addresses and paper presentations were made, the majority of them are included in this issue of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), designated as Vol.13, No.3, with the remaining regular articles coming from general submissions. Altogether, the issue consists of 42 articles coming from 10 countries worldwide (Australia, Canada, China, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Taiwan and the United States of America). The articles deal with many interesting issues and topics, ideas which, we hope, will evoke international interaction amongst engineering and technology educators.

We are pleased to inform our readers that preparations are in full swing for the *7th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education* and the *4th Mediterranean Seminar on Engineering and Technology Education* to be held in tandem at Piraeus University of Applied Sciences (TEI-Piraeus) in Athens, Greece, between 4 and 8 April 2016, under the lead theme *Educating for the Global Community*. The Conference/Seminar will be organised jointly by the WIETE and the Mediterranean Centre for Engineering and Technology Education (MCE&TE), a Satellite Centre of the WIETE based at Piraeus.

Our readers are cordially invited to attend and present their contributions to this gathering of international academics dedicated to engineering and technology education. Those interested in attending should refer to the call for articles on the WIETE Web site at the following address: www.wiete.com.au. It is envisaged that the papers accepted and presented at the Conference/Seminar will be published in the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE), with Professor George Metaxas of the TEI-Piraeus acting as the Guest Editor.

In releasing this issue to readers, we are pleased to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the editorial team which, on this occasion, included Associate Professor Ľubica Ilkovičová and Professor Robert Špaček (Guest Editor) both of the Faculty of Architecture at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, as well as Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Ms Krystyna B. Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson, representing the WIETE. We would also like to acknowledge, with thanks, the support received from a large pool of referees. Their timely and exceptional efforts in reviewing the articles is very much appreciated. Last but not least, special gratitude is directed to the authors of the articles for their eagerness to share their accomplishments with our readers. Indeed, we hope that the dedication of so many people will continue to have a positive impact on the quality of engineering and technology education and training.

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