Message from the IACEE President

My dear IACEE Colleagues:

Welcome to the October 2017 edition of Pulse.

As summer ends and fall starts, we are getting active in the preparation for the 16th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education – IACEE 2018. The conference is to be held from 22nd to 25th May, 2018 in Monterrey, Mexico in the beautiful campus of Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM). The conference website is now active and the call for proposals/abstracts are already in place. We invite you to submit an abstract or proposal on the broad topics of innovation, collaboration and learners. Please read the details in this Pulse and consider submitting a proposal or abstract and plan to attend the conference.

Please also forward the information to your colleagues engaged in continuing education and encourage them submit a proposal and attend this conference. Do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

IACEE members were engaged in several new and exciting activities in September.

The 2017 Fall/Autumn Executive Committee meeting was held in Beijing, China. Hosted by China Association for Continuing Engineering Education (CACEE), this meeting took place at the China Training Center for Senior Civil Servants (CTCSCS) on Sunday, September 10th, 2017. We discussed our progress in accomplishing our strategic goals in partnerships with other organizations, initiatives in Porto Declaration implementation and continuing engineering education research, CEE Manager Training and Quality Program for Continuing Education based product development and the activities in Special Interest Groups, webinars, awards and member communications.

From September 11th to 15th, IACEE delivered a high-level seminar to continuing education policy makers and continuing engineering education leaders and managers in China. Organized and hosted by CACEE at the CTCSCS, this Global CEE
Leadership training focused on the continuing education leadership development based on the IACEE Quality Program for Continuing Education.

In this workshop *(photo below)*, the lecturers presented the quality management framework for strategic development and operation of excellent CE organizations, besides discussing the current trends and future opportunities in the world of continuing education. We will report to you about the outcome of this workshop in the next Pulse.

On a personal note, on August 15th, 2017, I joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison as the Assistant Dean of Summer Term. My team is located within the Division of Continuing Studies which works with all Schools and Colleges of UW-Madison. The UW-Madison’s Department of Engineering Professional Development (EPD) has been involved in the growth of IACEE even before IACEE Charter was signed in 1989. Many of you probably remember Dr. John Klus, a former chair of EPD and IACEE’s first president.

That’s all for now, my friends. Wishing you a productive fall and autumn, and please do keep me posted on your continuing education adventures.

Warm regards,
Soma

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**IACCE New Members’ Comer**

IACCE offers both Individual and Institutional Memberships. Spread the word!

Please join us in welcoming our newest member to IACCE:

Ge MU, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, Chengdu, China
Good news!
Abstract submission deadline EXTENDED until December 1st. 2017.

One main objective of IACEE 2018 is to attract interest and quality contributions to the event.

**Submission opening date**
August 1, 2017

**Submission closing date**
December 1, 2017

The person responsible for presenting the contribution to the Evaluation Committee must select one of the following tracks:

- **Innovation**
  Track 1. The need of evolution in continuing education models.

- **Collaboration**
  Track 2. Filling the gap between lifelong learning and the organizational development

- **Learners**
  Track 3. How to keep up with the need of future lifelong learners.

*For more details, please visit the webpage iacee2018.org*
IACCE and Tecnologico de Monterrey invite you to join the upcoming free webinar, “A New Model for Continuing Education Learning Experiences (INSPIRA)”.

**Date:** November 3, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 – 10:00 am (Central Time)

**Moderator:** Dr. Yakut Gazi

**Abstract:** A new model implemented with the Tecnologico de Monterrey academy professors, integrate concepts such as engagement, meaningful learning, relevant content, practical learning, challenges, and neuroscience of learning.

**Speaker:** Dr. Jorge Limon Robles

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**Keep in touch with conference developments through news items on the IACCE website ([www.iacee.org](http://www.iacee.org)), and through the conference website ([www.iacee2018.org](http://www.iacee2018.org)). If you have any questions about the event, please contact Lucia Juarez Santana at lucia.juarez@itesm.mx.**
Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SIGs were launched during the 2014 IACEE World Conference in Stanford University. They are chartered by IACEE’s Council with the aim of giving members with similar professional specialties and interests the opportunity to exchange ideas and keep themselves informed about current and discrete developments in their fields. We encourage you to join in these conversations with other like-minded colleagues in the IACEE group on LinkedIn.

Only IACEE individual members can belong to one or several SIGs and, through their participation, they can help design what, in essence, are small professional organizations within the broader international community. There are currently three SIG communities:

1. **Digital Learning in Continuing Engineering Education**, co-chaired by Yakut Gazi, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, US, yakut.gazi@pe.gatech.edu. Online education is currently going through an extraordinary development and is particularly well suited for Continuing Education. It brings tremendous opportunity and challenges.

2. **Innovations in Continuing Engineering Education**, co-chaired by Lars FRØLUND, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, frolund@mit.edu. It focuses on case studies in innovative services and products that are specifically used to deliver professional and continuing education to engineers, with an eye on the future.s

3. **Global CEE Leaders & Managers**, co-chaired by Zach Gredlics, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas, US, zgredlic@jccc.edu. It focuses on the competencies of the administrators engaged in Continuing Engineering Education management and leadership.

A fourth SIG – which existed at the very beginning of the SIGs – could be re-added to these three. It would deal with **University-Business Collaboration**. If you are interested in re-establishing this SIG, please contact Marc Goossens at marc-goossens@skynet.be.

Presently, our objective is to boost the working of the SIGs, involving more members to take part in them. Our next World Conference in Monterrey, Mexico, 22-25 May 2018, will be a good occasion to discuss the matter with some of you. In the meantime, if you have any idea or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of my co-chairs.

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IAC EE in Beijing
Photo highlights from IACEE’s Executive Committee Meeting and Training Session in Beijing, China