

IACEE Pulse

A Newsfeed for Members

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Message from the IACEE President

My dear IACEE Colleagues:

This is an unprecedented time; a difficult, trying time. Hope you and your families are safe and well, and following the guidelines announced by your government.

Many, if not the most, of us are working from home and have managed to work within limited resources. It is not easy. We are missing the social interactions with our work colleagues, the chatter and banter near the coffee stations, the daily exchanges of greetings. As I write this letter to you, I have no idea when it will end, but I do know that it will end maybe sooner than we think; we will get through it, and we will come back stronger than ever.

As you will find in the next page of this Pulse, the 17th World Conference has been postponed to May 2021 and we will also celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of IACEE there. The keynote addresses will be given by eminent thought leaders on the three pillars – sustainability, innovation, and inclusion – of the conference theme, The Future of Work and Learning, which I am sure will change in the post-COVID-19 world.

I wanted to share some good news. We are working on hosting a virtual event in the later part of this year. Stay tuned. It won't be the same as a

physical event, but it will be nice to interact with each other and learn about the continuing engineering education trends in the post-pandemic time.

Finally, I wanted to share another news. All the members of the IACEE Council met on 17 April 2020 for an emergency virtual meeting to decide on the fate of the Council election during General Assembly, which is held every other year during the World Conference. After a thorough analysis of the current situation, it was decided that the existing Council will be extended until May 2021 World Conference where a General Assembly will take place. Please find the names of the members of your Council in the later pages of this Pulse.

These are all arrangements to make this time before the next conference as productive and useful as we can. Again, this time will pass, and we will all emerge to a better world.

As always, please keep in touch and please let me know if you have any question about IACEE, and if there is anything IACEE can do for you.

Warm Regards,

Soma Chakrabarti, PhD
President, IACEE

17th World Conference on CEE



New dates

As announced a few weeks ago, NTNU and the IACEE Executive Committee have decided to postpone the IACEE conference, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The new dates for IACEE's 17th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education are **25 - 28 May 2021**. The conference will still be held in Trondheim, Norway, and we hope you will save these new dates on your calendar.

If you have already registered for the conference, your registration will be transferred to the new dates. If you are unable to attend during the new 2021 dates, you will of course have the option to cancel and receive a full refund of the participation fee. Please email iacee2020@videre.ntnu.no for more details about your existing registration.

Paper submission

The original prepared program (based on the submitted and accepted papers) will still be adhered to where possible. All accepted papers will be transferred to the new conference dates. Speakers who are not able to participate next year will have to withdraw their paper. We will be re-opening for submission of papers in the fall of 2020. Stay tuned for more details regarding paper submissions.



Further details

Our sponsors and exhibitors have been notified of the new conference dates, and we are thankful to all for choosing to continue their contribution and support to the 2021 conference; we could not do this without them!

These are certainly unusual and challenging times, and we appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we work out the details of rescheduling. Please follow our [conference website](#) for further updates.

IACEE General Assembly

The full IACEE Council convened virtually for an Emergency Council Meeting on 17 April 2020 to discuss the implications of conference postponement as it relates to the IACEE 2020 General Assembly and Council Elections. After considering several options, it was unanimously decided that the existing Council members' terms (originally due to end May 2020) would be extended for one year until May 2021.



IACEE's Council Makeup will continue as follows:

President – Dr. Soma Chakrabarti

Past President – Kim Scalzo

Vice President, Strategic Partnerships – Paul Marca

Vice President, Products and Services – Wu Xiujun

Vice President, Member Engagement & Communication – Rita Burrell

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Council Member – Dr. Varaz Shahmirian

Council Member – Dr. Ellen Sjoer

Contact and affiliation information for all of your IACEE officers can be found on our website [here](#). Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Email Security

We wanted to take a moment to remind you of the potential for phishing emails and the need for caution when opening any email. We are aware of an email that some members received a few weeks ago that appeared to come from IACEE and used the email address "exhibitions@iacee.org". This email was advertising spam, and the email address is not legitimate.

We are continually taking actions to increase account security, and recently added an SPF record to our domain name; this record designates which domains can send mail on IACEE's behalf, and messages that don't pass the SPF record check will be filtered as spam. No matter how many precautions are in place, phishing and email spoofs are always a possibility and concern. Here are a few reminders to stay on your guard:

- Do not trust the display name or "FROM" category. Spoofing an email address or domain name can easily be accomplished by a spammer.
- Look before you click. If there are any links embedded in the body of the email, you can hover your mouse over them and see if the hyperlink looks suspicious. Never click on attachments in a suspicious email.
- Check for spelling mistakes, poor grammar, strange formatting, or unusually urgent language. These are all good indicators that an email is probably not authentic.
- Do not believe everything you see. Phishers are good at using convincing logos, language, email signatures, and seemingly valid email addresses. Be skeptical when it comes to unexpected email messages – if it seems suspicious, do not open it.

Please also keep in mind that IACEE will never use email or phone communication to request money for anything outside of your regular membership dues. If you suspect that an email may be a scam, you can always forward it to [IACEE Headquarters](#) or [your president](#) so we can look into it.

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