Message from the IACEE President

My dear IACEE Colleagues:

Hope you all are doing well. In this February 2020 edition of Pulse, I wanted to share the good news that the poster abstract submission for the upcoming World Conference IACEE 2020 has been reopened! Submit your abstract by 15 March 2020 at http://iacee2020.org/submission/.

At this World Conference we will also celebrate the 30th Anniversary of IACEE. The keynote addresses will be given by three eminent thought leaders on the three pillars – sustainability, innovation, and inclusion – of the conference theme, The Future of Work and Learning:

- Dr. Carol O'Donnell  
  *Smithsonian Science Education Center*

- Berit Svendsen  
  *Vipps*

- Michael Fors  
  *The Boeing Company*

The early bird registration deadline ends on 31 March, so be sure to register before that date. The conference dates are 26-29 May 2020.

Besides preparing for the World Conference, let’s take a moment to celebrate the first World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development on 4 March 2020, as announced by UNESCO. We hope you celebrate this day by inspiring future engineers to contribute to achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Finally, I wanted to share this picture from the Executive Committee meeting held in Orlando, FL, USA on 31 January 2020. Our major discussion topics revolved around the upcoming World Conference preparation, Sustainability Education and Research in Action (SERINA), and the Quality Program in Continuing Education for Chinese universities.

As always, please keep in touch and please let me know if you have any question about IACEE.

Warm Regards,

Soma Chakrabarti, PhD  
President, IACEE
Conference registration is open and we encourage you to sign up today. Be sure to take advantage of the IACCE member early bird registration rate by signing up before 31 March 2020.

The fee includes conference attendance, lunch and refreshments, as well as entrance to three special events: a Welcome Reception at Two Towers and Organ Concert at Nidaros Cathedral on May 26, Dinner at Brittania Hall on 27 May, and a Boat Trip to Munkholmen on 28 May.

First time attendees coming from Africa and Latin America can apply for a scholarship to cover the conference registration fee. Graduate students may also apply for a scholarship. To apply for a scholarship, email iacee2020@videre.ntnu.no with the subject “Scholarship Application IACEE2020”. Those granted a scholarship will receive a discount code by email. There is a limited number of scholarships available.

**Poster Submissions Re-Openened!**

If you missed the deadline for submitting a paper to the conference, you still have a chance to join us by presenting a poster. We have re-opened the submission portal for posters.

Let us know what you are working on and submit a poster to the conference now: [http://iacee2020.org/submission/](http://iacee2020.org/submission/)
Nominations Open for IACCE Council

We are currently accepting nominations for IACCE Council seats. You may nominate other IACCE members and you may also nominate yourself. Per the IACCE Bylaws (http://www.iacee.org/bylaws.php), section 5.2, there are 19 members on the Council, 14 of whom are elected. The remaining 5 members of Council are not elected and consist of the Past President, the WCCEE Chair for 2022, and a representative from each of the 3 regional leader organizations (ASEE, CACEE and SEFI) as determined by those associations.

Of the elected positions, one is the President, and the remaining 13 positions represent the 4 membership classes in proportion to membership 4 months before the General Assembly. The membership breakdown of active members as of 28 January 2020 provides the following Council distribution:

- Professional Organizations have 3 members, thus would have 1 seat on Council
- Industry Organizations have 2 members, thus would have 1 seat on Council
- Academic Organizations have 42 members, thus would have 9 seats on Council
- Individual Members have 49 members, thus would have 2 seats on Council

Past President Kim Scalzo is collecting nominations for Council. Each nomination should include the individual’s full name, position/title, and a brief (200-word) description as to why they wish to serve IACCE. Nominations should be sent to kim.scalzo@suny.edu by April 30, 2020.

IACCE Webinar Series

IACCE, in cooperation with Georgia Tech Professional Education, has coordinated several complimentary live webinars exploring the main theme of the 2020 World Conference – The Future of Work and Learning: Innovation, Sustainability, Inclusion. Recordings are now available for the January and February webinars:

Underrepresented Populations in STEM Careers: Why is Progress So Slow? with Lien Diaz, Dr. Sonia Garcia, and Clara Piloto, moderated by Dr. Yakut Gazi.

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Join IACEE’s LinkedIn page devoted to SERINA – A Global Initiative in Sustainability Education and Research In Action. SERINA is aligned with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainability initiatives displayed in this LinkedIn group, SERINA Facebook page and the SERINA portal are categorized in line with these goals.

Through our SERINA initiatives, the IACEE seeks to connect and grow a global community of individuals and organizations committed to creating a sustainable and prosperous future for everyone.

Don’t forget to “like” the IACEE Facebook Page to stay informed about upcoming events & read the latest IACEE news. We would also love to have you join the IACEE Facebook Group to see what other IACEE members are doing in the continuing education world.