Message from the IACEE President

My dear IACEE Colleagues:

2020 has ushered in! We wish you a fabulous year filled with innovative work, productive collaboration and lovely time with your friends and family.

As for spending some time with your friends and family, have you planned to put some time aside to come to Trondheim to see your IACEE friends again at the 17th World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education? For me and many others, IACEE is my extended family with well-wishing brothers, sisters and other relatives.

My first IACEE World Conference was in Atlanta at the Georgia Institute of Technology. There I had met Dr. Nelson Baker of Georgia Tech, Dr. Andy DiPaolo of Stanford University, Dr. Patricio Montesinos of Universitat Politècnica de València, Dr. Alfredo Soeiro of Universidade do Porto, Dr. Frank Burris of University of California Los Angeles, and last but certainly not least, Dr. John Klus of University of Wisconsin-Madison, who inspired me to remain in the pursuit of excellence in the administration of continuing professional development programs for engineers.

If you would like to meet with the finest individuals and teams who care for the continuing education of professional engineers and scientists and learn from them the best practices, consider coming to Trondheim in May 2020. Arrive early in morning of 26th of May or the night before. Take one of the pre-conference workshops in the afternoon of 26th and continue your journey as well as expand your network for the next three days. I look forward to seeing you there and discussing the Future of Work and Learning – the theme of the 2020 World Conference.

Many thanks to our Council member Dr. Yakut Gazi, we have been able to organize a number of webinars that align with the above theme. Tomorrow (28th January), we have a special webinar on diversity and inclusion in STEM careers, focusing on the slow progression of the inclusion of under-represented minorities in STEM careers. Read on to page 3 of this Pulse to learn more.

I hope to see many of my U.S. based friends this week at the Conference of Industry and Education Collaboration organized by four Divisions (CIPD, CPDD, CEED, ETD) of American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). On the last day of the conference, 31st January, IACEE will conduct its Winter Executive Committee Meeting. Besides the upcoming World Conference activities, we will discuss the progress of SERINA – Sustainability Education and Research IN Action and the progress of Continuing Engineering Education Quality Program in China project. If you will be in Orlando this week, I look forward to seeing you soon.

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 now open, and we encourage you to sign up today. Be sure to take advantage of the IACEE 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 Britannia 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.

Nominations Open for IACEE Council

We are currently accepting nominations for IACEE Council seats. You may nominate other IACEE members and you may also nominate yourself. Per the IACEE 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. In accordance with the bylaws, the membership totals among professional organizations, industry organizations, academic organizations, and individuals will be provided on 28 January 2020, 4 months prior to the General Assembly.

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 IACEE. Nominations should be sent to kim.scalzo@suny.edu by April 30, 2020.
IACEE Webinar Series

IACEE, in cooperation with Georgia Tech Professional Education, is coordinating several complimentary live webinars exploring the main theme of the 2020 World Conference – The Future of Work and Learning: Innovation, Sustainability, Inclusion. Details for the next two scheduled webinars can be found below.

Underrepresented Populations in STEM Careers: Why is Progress So Slow?

28 January 2020, 2pm EST | 19:00 UTC

Panel Discussion live from the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center, Room 236
Georgia Tech Career, Research, and Innovation Development Conference (CRIDC)

Connect at: https://bit.ly/35VG5Z3

Speakers:
Lien Diaz
Dr. Sonia Garcia
Clara Piloto

Host:
Yakut Gazi, Ph.D.

Lien Diaz
Director of Educational Innovation and Leadership, Constellations Center for Equity in Computing
Georgia Institute of Technology

Dr. Sonia Garcia
Sr. Director of Access and Inclusion
Texas A&M University College of Engineering

Clara Piloto
Director of Global Programs and Digital Plus Programs
MIT Professional Education

Yakut Gazi, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Learning Systems
Georgia Tech Professional Education
Pursuit of Innovation: Past, Present, and Future of IACEE and Continuing Engineering Education

18 February 2020, 11am EST | 16:00 UTC


Speakers: Dr. Nelson Baker, Dr. Soma Chakrabarti, Kim Scalzo

Host: 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.

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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.

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