

ICICTE 2012 News

May 2012

Dear ICICTE delegate,
As we get closer to this year's conference, lots of exciting things are happening.

Logically, there are the behind the scene workings by the Scientific Committee (thanks, guys, for doing such a sterling job), and by Dr Linda Morris, who is editing the proceedings ... not to mention the ubiquitous Nancy Pyrini who is working tirelessly on so many aspects, not least logistical ones, to make sure that this year's conference is the best ever.

We would do well to remind potential delegates that there is an early bird registration rate that expires on May 11.

In the meantime, we have some exciting news about ICICTE 2012 ... prestigious news... that can be read in the right hand column of this newsletter.

Do spread the word around and thanks for your work!

Take care.

Görg Mallia

Chair, Publications and Promotions Committee, ICICTE 2012

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Selected Elements of the Philosophy and Policies of UNESCO Consistent with the ICICTE

Holding ICICTE each year on a Greek island in joint cooperation with a University in the region (e.g., National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, University of the Aegean, Ionian University etc.) and a University abroad, embraces UNESCO's vision of global partnerships and cooperation. Equally consistent with the ideas and values behind the founding of UNESCO, the conference has an express aim of providing an environment for the "free exchange of ideas and knowledge" fostering "mutual understanding of each other's lives," as articulated in UNESCO's constitution and charter. ICICTE, in fact, is a laboratory for international cooperation and social change and exchange. With an international Scientific Committee and a core nucleus of presenters and participants returning each year, augmented by new attendees that very quickly become colleagues, not just participants, many new interdisciplinary collaborations have resulted in joint papers, research projects, and publications. Many disciplines are involved, among them: engineers and computer scientists, social and human scientists, communication and media professionals, colleagues from the humanities and arts, and others. Over the 12 years of the conference's existence a global human community has evolved that not only fosters but embodies both intellectual and ethical pursuits as well as equality, peace, and tolerance. Moreover, our understanding of lifelong learning and education is broad, consistent with UNESCO's very broad conceptualization of education (learning to do, think/know, be, live together ... and the more recent importance of learning to change).

UNESCO has a comprehensive agenda: to create a Culture of Peace through science (natural and social), education, cultural programs, and communications and media (5 sectors). UNESCO's website on ICTs in education explains that Science, Education, and Communication collaborate. Our philosophical and operational approach to ICTs and the ICICTE conference leads us to embrace the sector of culture as well. Wherever the conference is held the organizers build in education about the important cultural aspects of the region, including visits to World Heritage Sites designated by UNESCO or on the UNESCO list. Examples include the following: When the conference was held on Samos (the Pythagoreion and Heraion), on Rhodes (the medieval city of Rhodes), Corfu (the Old Town), and on Crete (the archaeological sites of Mycenae and of course visits to Knossos). Information, education, and directions are offered as well to other World Heritage sites such as the Acropolis, Archeological sites of Olympia and Delphi, monasteries, and others.

As with most matters of global governance, bringing 5 sectors together is a challenging feat, one that the ICICTE conference takes seriously. With UNESCO having adopted as its emblem the Pallas Athena in 1954, recognizing the importance of wisdom, what better place than Greece to have a conference such as ICICTE under the patronage of UNESCO.

New Registrar

ICICTE 2012 is pleased to announce the appointment of a new registrar. Please welcome on board MATTHEW HICKLING, who will be taking on the task of registering participants to the conference. If you have any queries regarding registration, feel free to contact Matthew on: matthew.hickling@solent.ac.uk.

We are very happy to have Matthew with us for what is looking like the best ICICTE yet.



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Accepted papers & poster sessions

The list of accepted papers and poster sessions for this year's conference can be uploaded from the home page of the website.

Early bird registration for ICICTE 2012 is May 11. For more information, see www.icicte.org, or contact Nancy Pyrini, nancypyrini@icicte.org

