December 2012

Dear ICICTE delegate,
Thanks in no small
part to you and the
effort you made,
ICICTE 2012 was a
roaring success. We
had more delegates
than in previous years,
two keynotes that were
a total hit, and a
wonderful array of
papers, workshops and
other activities.

And on top of all that, the food was great, the sights were wonderful, and I don't think there's anyone who did not have fun at our traditional Greek Night.

Now it's time to work to make ICICTE 2013 an even better conference than the excellent ICICTE 2012. For this, as usual, we need your help, because delegates will only come to our conference if they know about it. And that is why we are so grateful to you all. Basically, without you there would be no ICICTE.

It is important that those who intend to send in a proposal be aware of deadlines so the administrative work will go smoothly.

Thanks again! **Ġorġ Mallia**Chair, Publications and Promotions

Committee, ICICTE
2013

The deadline for proposals for ICICTE 2013 is FEBRUARY 8, 2013. For more information, see www.icicte.org, or contact Nancy Pyrini, nancypyrini@icicte.org

ICICTE 2013 Keynote Speaker

We are very pleased to announce that Professor Alan Tait, Professor of Distance Education and Development and Pro Vice-Chancellor at the Open University, UK., will be this year's Keynote Speaker.

Alan Tait is Professor of
Distance Education and
Development at the Open
University and has a long record
of professional practice,
publication and the support of
professional development in
distance and e-learning. From
2007 to 2012 he was Pro
Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at
the Open University and was



formerly Dean of the Faculty of Education and Language Studies. He is Editor in Chief of the European Journal of Distance and E Learning (EURODL), was from 1989-1998 Editor of Open Learning, was President of the European Distance and E-Learning Network (EDEN) from 2007-2010, is Co-Director of the Cambridge International Conference on Open and Distance Learning and a senior member of St Edmunds College, University of Cambridge. In 2012 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Moscow State University for Economics, Statistics and Informatics. He also holds a Visiting Chair at Aarhus University.

He has worked widely in developing countries for international organisations such as UNESCO, the European Commission and the Commonwealth of Learning. Recent most cited publications include 'What are Open Universities for?', in Open Learning, 2008, Vol 23:2, pp 85-94, 'Leadership Development for Distance and E Learning', 2007, in the International Handbook of Distance Education, Eds. Evans T, Haughey M and Murphy D, pp 499-512, and 'Planning Student Support for Open and Distance Learning', in Open Learning, 2000, Vol 15, No 3, pp 287-299.

EBSCO

Beginning with the proceedings of the 2012 conference, ICICTE has joined forces with EBSCO to ascertain that the papers presented at the conference get the best distribution and diffusion around. EBSCO is including the proceedings in many of its search engines, making sure that the reach of the conference presentations is as wide as possible.



The proceedings of ICICTE 2013 will also be included in EBSCO's search engine.

ICICTE 2013 venue

A reminder that ICICTE 2013 will be held at the MINOA PALACE RESORT & SPA in Crete. This is a luxury 5* beachside hotel. It is situated in the cosmopolitan area of Platanias, 12km west of the picturesque town of Chania and only half an hour's drive from Chania International Airport.