

## Preface to the Proceedings

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Scientific Committee, to again welcome you to the Island of Kos for the 15th annual International Conference on Information Communication Technologies in Education (ICICTE). The ICICTE family has grown over the years, and each year we build on the success of years past, honoring the past, living in the present, and looking toward the future. We gather on Kos to engage in dialogue and collegial debate, renew old acquaintances, and spawn new ideas.

As scholars and educators we labour to determine the shape of meaning in our experience of the world as well as to provide the means for our students to do the same. Our active participation in ICICTE supports this endeavor as we collectively acknowledge not only the value of teaching and learning and the dynamic interface between teacher and student, but also the learning platform and outcome. ICICTE 2015 is a time to reflect on and re-imagine the role of the teacher and the methods we employ to create meaningful learning experiences in the face of rapid advances in information technology, methods of social interaction, and the political and economic climates we are presently within.

ICICTE strives to maintain a venue that fosters a community of scholarship that allows knowledge dissemination, information exchange, and lasting relationships to develop. Greece provides a perfect backdrop for this activity, owing its contribution to ancient scholastic activity.

As you journey through the *Proceedings* you will likely capture the flavor of this annual event - the little conference that could - that draws colleagues from many diverse countries and continents. You will also recognize the amount of work that went into creating a record of our scholarly activity at the conference. As with other years I must acknowledge those who have worked tirelessly to promote the conference, produce these *Proceedings* from the first review of proposals, to the thorough reading and review of full papers by Scientific Review Committee members, to the skillful editing by Dr. Linda Morris. Program development, classification of presentations occur in the background by committee members to deliver a final draft to Dr. Gōrg Mallia - the wizard - who, with the rare combination of artistic and technical professional talent, generates a collection of proceedings that captures the essence of each conference. Gōrg also chairs the ICICTE Publications and Promotions Committee and co-ordinates all communications about the conference.

Again this year this conference is the result of successful collaboration between Southampton Solent University (UK), represented by Dr. Chris Barlow, who chairs the Steering Committee and the Justice Institute of British Columbia, Canada, represented by myself. I also chair the Scientific Committee. We are aided and abetted by Dr. Costas Tsolakidis of the University of the Aegean. With the continued support of the indefatigable

Nancy Pyrini, the Conference Director, the conference continues to support new and seasoned scholars, first time and returning delegates, sustaining a global learning community with deep and stable roots in educational and scientific excellence.

Whether you are or have been on Kos with us, or are reading these *Proceedings* from afar long after the conference has concluded, we urge you to reach out to the presenters with whose paper you find resonance. The legacy of the conference is captured here within these *Proceedings* and is testament of the many partnerships that have formed during our collegial meetings. We look forward to your active participation in our learning community, and hope to see you at the conference again next year.

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