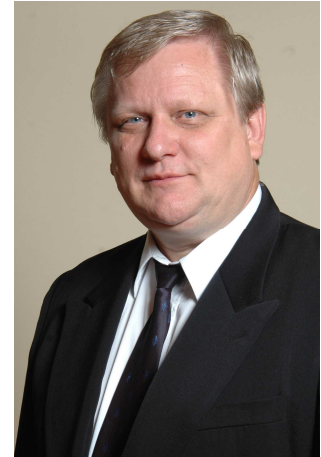




Dear Reader,

We are highly honoured and pleased to have the opportunity to host several prestigious international conferences. We consider it important that the Budapest University of Technology and Economics and the University of Pécs organize ICEE 2008 jointly, which indicates that the two universities work together for common goals.



The Budapest University of Technology and Economics is the oldest technical university in Hungary. It was founded as Institutum Geometricum-Hydrotechnicum in 1782. With its 24 000 students and around 1000 PhD students, the Budapest University of Technology and Economics takes pride in being one of the most prestigious universities in Central Europe.

Pécs, the fifth largest city in Hungary, lies about 200 kms south of Budapest and is the largest city of the western region, a gateway to Croatia, the Balkans and the North Italian region.

Pécs is a 2000-year-old city at the foot of the Mecsek Mountains with a Mediterranean climate and atmosphere, it has a population of about 156 000 inhabitants, and the number of university students is 32 000. It is a real university city.

The University of Pécs was founded by the Hungarian king, Louis the Great in 1367. It is the oldest and concerning the number of students the largest university in Hungary. One of the strongest points of the University is the 45-year-old Pollack Mihály Faculty of Engineering.

The Faculty of Engineering plays a very important, dominant role in the city life. The architect-lecturers, engineers and students of the Faculty take an active part in planning and implementing the World Heritage Project. The educational buildings of the Faculty were constructed based on their planning activities

We hope that this ICEE Conference will contribute to improving international engineering education and strengthening international relationships.

The two host cities and universities welcome all the participants and we hope that they will return home with useful experiences and nice memories.

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