

Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I invite the international community to the International Conference on Information Technologies-2012 (ICIT-2012): "Information and Communication Technologies in Education, Manufacturing and Research" to be hosted by Saratov State Technical University, Russia, on June 6-9, 2012. This will not be the first time that iNEER Network will assemble in Saratov - following the success of previous iNEER events held at SSTU in 2003-2004 and facing an enormous interest in exchange of experience among people involved in IT education, we will be glad to host the ICIT-2012 conference. Major topics will include e-learning, globalization, sustainability, cooperation and innovations for IT education as well as ICT for research and development and technological change. The conference will include sessions with oral presentations, panel discussions and poster presentations accompanied with conference workshops and seminars. It will be interesting for IT educators and practitioners of all areas, i.e. for academics, representatives of industry and governmental bodies, non-profit organizations, etc. Everybody willing to share their ideas on problems of engineering education is invited.

Saratov, a prominent centre for education and research in Russia, has much to offer the IT professionals, the educators and researchers. City's location on the banks of Volga river makes it a pleasant place for visit in summer. With the enthusiastic support of Russian engineering community please consider ICIT-2012 as the place for your next key presentation and as the place to network with people in the field of engineering education.

Please refer to the ICIT-2012 website <u>http://icitl2.sstu.ru</u> for more information about the conference, major topics, special sessions as well as Saratov and the SSTU. You can also find the announcement for call for abstracts and session proposals posted on the conference website at <u>http://icitl2.sstu.ru/node/5</u>. On behalf of the ICIT-2012 Organizing committee, SSTU and the iNEER I look forward to welcoming you to Saratov for ICIT-2012.

Yours sincerely **Professor Igor Pleve** SSTU Rector





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