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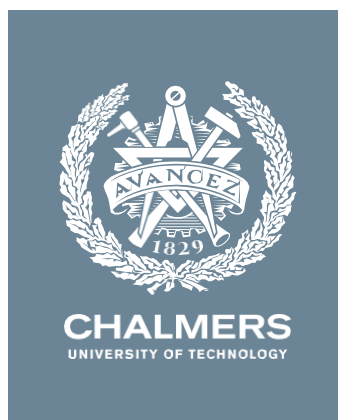
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# Editorial

The CDIO approach is an innovative educational framework for producing the next generation of engineers. The aim is an education that supports students in acquiring deep working understanding of technical fundamentals while simultaneously developing the necessary professional skills required of a practising engineer. This is done by providing students with dual-impact learning experiences that are based upon the lifecycle of an engineering project, the Conceiving – Designing – Implementing – Operating (CDIO) of real-world products, processes, and systems. Throughout the world, more than 180 institutions have adopted CDIO as the framework of their curriculum development.

The Annual International Conference is the central meeting of the CDIO Initiative, and it includes presentations of papers as well as specialised seminars, workshops, roundtables, events and activities. The 16th International CDIO Conference was planned to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 8-12, 2020, hosted by Chulalongkorn University and Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi. However, the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a change of format from a physical to an online conference. The online conference was hosted by Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, June 8-10, 2020.

The theme of this year was Sustaining Change. The theme is visible in the keynote presentations and paper presentations. A roundtable session was focused on the changes to engineering education pedagogy driven by the move towards online learning technology that was radically accelerated by the pandemic. The rich topical program facilitated lively discussions and contributed to the further advancement of engineering education.

The conference included three types of contributions: Full Papers, Project in Progress contributions and Roundtables. The Full Papers fell into three tracks: Advances in CDIO, CDIO Implementation, and Engineering Education Research. All contributions have undergone a full single-blind peer-review process to meet scholarly standards. The Projects in Progress contributions describe current activities and initial developments that have not yet reached completion at the time of writing.

Initially, 208 abstracts were submitted to the conference. The authors of the accepted Full Paper and Projects in Progress abstracts submitted 134 manuscripts to the peer-review process. During the review, 429 review reports were filed by 116 members of the 2020 International Program Committee. Acceptance decisions were made based on these reviews. The reviewers' constructive remarks served as valuable support to the authors of the accepted papers when they prepared the final versions of their contributions. We want to address our warmest thanks to those who participated in the rigorous review process. Due to the rapid change of the conference format, most of the Project in Progress contributions were encouraged to withdraw and resubmit to a future conference.

This publication contains the 64 accepted Full Paper contributions that were presented at the conference, of which 8 are Advances in CDIO, 46 are CDIO Implementation, and 10 are Engineering Education Research. These papers have been written by around 190 different authors representing 23 countries. In addition to the Full Papers,

6 Projects in Progress contributions were presented at the conference and are not included in this publication. Two working groups worked prior to and during the conference. We hope you find these contributions valuable for your own research, curriculum development, and teaching practice, ultimately furthering the engineering profession. We also hope that you benefit through the truly unique community of practice that exists within the CDIO Initiative. The participants present at the conference seized the opportunity to discuss and share with colleagues, as global awareness and partnerships are of significant importance in the education of the next generation of engineers.

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