

A word from our Editor-in-Chief

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE QIEM – ICNCT 2021, CLUJ NAPOCA

We are pleased to report in this issue about the joint scientific event organized by the Romanian Association for Nonconventional Technologies and the Romanian Association for Alternative Technologies - Sibiu together with the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, through its Department of Design Engineering and Robotics, in the period 18-19 November 2021.

The scientific meeting included the 21st edition of the International Conference of Nonconventional Technologies (ICNcT), organized for the first time in the University Center of Cluj-Napoca, and the 6th edition of the International Conference for Quality and Innovation in Engineering and Management, which also marked 10 years since this series began. (<https://qiem-nct.utcluj.ro>)

Due to the current pandemic constraints and regulations, the event was held exclusively online, but was met with enthusiasm and diligence by the speakers, the participants and the audience.

The keynote session of the conference included 3 captivating addresses in the fields of metrology and production engineering by Prof. Numan Durakbasa from Vienna University of Technology, Austria, Prof. Chin-Yin Huang from Tunghai University, Taiwan, and Prof. Carmen Constantinescu from Fraunhofer IAO, Stuttgart, Germany.

The conference included a number of 84 interesting scientific papers, divided into three tracks (Quality, Innovation and Nonconventional Technologies) and spread over the two days. These contributions have been submitted by research teams made up of over 200 authors from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, China, Finland, Germany, Italy, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine. All the papers have been presented and discussed during the conference, with a good mix of seasoned and young researchers participating.

Publishing of the papers is underway in regular and special issues of two journals: Review of Nonconventional Technologies, indexed in ProQuest, EBSCOhost, DOAJ and Index Copernicus, and Acta Technica Napocensis - Series: Applied Mathematics, Mechanics, and Engineering, indexed in Clarivate ISI-ESCI, Index Copernicus and WorldCat.

We want to take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of this combined event and also to invite them to join us again the future.

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