

MESSAGE FROM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



The JSDE (Japan Society for Design Engineering) has been established in 1966. In 2005, the society had the 1st International Conference on Design Engineering and Science (ICDES 2005) at Vienna, Austria and 82 oral presentations, including 2 special speeches and 5 keynote speeches, from 9 countries were given. Five years later, we had the 2nd ICDES 2010 at Tokyo, Japan and 71 oral presentations, including 1 special speech and 7 keynote speeches, from 9 countries were given.

The JSDE addressed Prof. Stanislav Hosnedl, who participated in both ICDES 2005 and ICDES 2010, to organize the next ICDES in Pilsen, and he charged himself with convening the next ICDES in Pilsen. Several e-mails were exchanged between us. Then, last September, I participated in WTC 2013 in Torino, Italy. Along the way to Torino, I and the local organizing committee had a kick-off meeting for ICDES 2014 in the conference site, Parkhotel, Pilsen. We talked about effective use of the site and its placards. Furthermore, I was remote-interviewed by an editor of MM-SJ (Modern Machinery Science Journal, one of our media partners). We had a beautiful lunch at the poolside of Parkhotel and a nice dinner at the restaurant of Plzensky Prazdroj (Pilsner Brewery). Unnecessary additional speaking, I should go to Helsinki, Finland to join ISO/TC 213 meeting, two day later after coming back to Japan. That was very enjoyable autumn trips but hard work.

This time for ICDES 2014 at Pilsen, Czech, we have 84 oral presentations, including 2 special invited speeches, from more than 12 countries (to my knowledge up to this time). As a new approach in the ICDES, the chair of the local organizing committee, Prof. Stanislav Hosnedl and I organize a "Students Workshop". Its offering to students will begin from April, 2014. However, preparation of the conference is successfully arriving at the final stage. A few hundred of e-mails were exchanged between Prof. Hosnedl and me, but ICDES 2014 is a result of an effort of Prof. Hosnedl, the local organizing committee in Czech and the concerning chairs and committees in Japan.

We will have two special invited speeches from the grand persons of the Design Society, Prof. Herbert Birkhofer (Darmstadt University of Technology) and Prof. Christopher McMahon (University of Bristol). These are too good an opportunity to pass up for all the researchers, educators, technicians and students of the world, including participators of ICDES 2014. Moreover, the publications from JSDE may be registered to J-STAGE (Japan Science and Technology Information Aggregator, Electronic) in near future. Then they will be able to be searched by SCOPUS database and JSDE will make sure of greater and better global repercussion.

Finally, I would like to express sincere thanks to all the participators and expect a fruitful interchange in the conference and ask your positive participation and cooperation from the bottom of my heart.

T. Kanada 金田 徹 March 12, 2014

Tohru KANADA 金田 徹

Chair of Organizing Committee of ICDES 2014

Vice-President, Japan Society for Design Engineering

Professor, Dr. E., Division of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Science and Engineering,
College of Science and Engineering, Kanto Gakuin University, Yokohama 236-8501, JAPAN