

Preface

From July 31 through August 3, 2016, scholars and students from the field of Educational Technology around the globe gathered in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia, for the inaugural Educational Technology World Conference (ETWC). Participants from over 19 countries were honored with presentations by important government education officials and research scholars. The conference was co-hosted by many Indonesian universities (please see Acknowledgments) and by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). As the presiding President of AECT at that time, I was honored to participate in the conference program that was filled with examples of using different technologies to enhance our teaching and to extend the reach of our teaching to learners who do not have physical access to schools and universities. Scholars and practitioners from around the world shared their research and work emphasizing the importance of effectively using and managing technologies to benefit the learner! Participants also shared challenges of their work which reminded us that regardless of our home country or region, we have much in common!

This volume represents the peer-reviewed manuscripts submitted after presentation sessions at 2016 ETWC. The first section contains the papers prepared by four keynote speakers/scholars. In the second section, the 20 authors offer manuscripts describing widely varied topic areas and approaches to their research which are representative of the scope of the conference.

At this conference, we began new collaborations, made new friends, and learned from each other. All conference participants and attendees were welcomed warmly and I will never forget the experience. I close this preface with the words I used to close the conference... *Negara Indonesia indah sekali* (Indonesia is a beautiful country) and *terima kasih* (thank you)!

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