

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Much has occurred since the last newsletter.

- The IIEA has a full program ahead.
- New members are joining
- And the agreement with Engineers Australia is now signed off

## 2021 PROGRAM

The IIEA program for the upcoming year is exciting and varied, with activities in all the Divisions. (Refer [www.iie.com.au/events](http://www.iie.com.au/events) ) These events will include webinars, face to face(F2F), hybrid webinars with F2F as well as on site visits.

The idea is to expose IIEA members to various industries from an Industrial Engineering(IE) perspective, as well as exposing speakers and industries to IE.

## NEW MEMBERS

Our program of encouraging IEs to join the IIEA is moving forward. Over the past year 24 new members have been accepted ranging from students to very experienced IEs. Recently 2 new members who qualified in Columbia were inducted.



Andres Osma and Maria Acevedo with IIEA President David Karr

I would like to welcome the new members including Maria Acevedo, Harshil Galaiya, Andres Osma, Yesid Ramirez Pena, Luke Scott, Graham Eagles, Zaid Al-saegh.

I hope these new members will be active within the IIEA and their local divisions.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING(MoU) WITH ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA(EA)

After over 14 years the IIEA and EA have signed off the MoU on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The MoU allows the IIEA to be fully recognised as an independent society of EA as well to allow members of both organisations to collaborate in joint activities.

The IIEA was NOT able to negotiate FREE or same benefit access to all EA events. There are however some EA events that are available free for all IIEA members.

It should be noted that the IIEA in the spirit of co-operation has agreed to allow ALL EA members and society members access to ALL IIEA events at the same benefit level as IIEA members.

IIEA will also be working closely with EA College of Leader Management(CLM)

Hopefully IE will be promoted more within EA.

## EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The IIEA Education Subcommittee has been setup and held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Congratulations to Assoc Prof Jo Staines of University of Melbourne(AAEE, MIIIEA) elected as chair of the Edu Subcom.

Over the next year, the challenges of 2020 hopefully will recede. The opportunities post covid19 are there for the taking.

At this time I wish all members and their families a cheerful and safe festive season.

Regards

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