

Message from the Incoming ASEE President-Elect, Texas A&M University, and IAJC President, California State University-Northridge



Dear Conference Participants:

As ASEE Incoming President-Elect and IAJC President, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2011 IAJC-ASEE Joint International Conference on Engineering and related Technologies.

The conference theme, *A Changing World - An Emerging Opportunity For Strategic Partnerships*, is both timely and reflects the reality of the need for academic organizations to partner with each other to share ideas and resources so we can plan and create a better future for the next generation of students, faculty, and researchers. In the tight, competitive global markets of the 21st century, the leading companies in various industries have embarked on massive reorganizations, mergers, partnerships, and cutting-edge collaborative projects with their like-minded peers—including their rivals—primarily to survive but ultimately to grow. As industry changes so must academic organizations.

The IAJC and ASEE Conference Planning Committees have made every effort to present a high-quality joint conference and make sure that your time is well spent and productive. Please make sure to contact them if you have questions or need assistance. Finally, the city of Hartford offers an excellent conference venue. Not only does it have a rich and varied history, but it has emerged as a leading commercial and intellectual center.

Best wishes for a pleasant stay in Hartford and a productive and successful conference.

Sincerely,

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