

2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON ETHICS AND HUMAN VALUES IN ENGINEERING
March 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2010, Barcelona (Spain)



Barcelona, world capital of responsible engineering

Worldwide engineers will meet in the catalan capital to think about the role and social impact of their profession

Next March Barcelona will hold the Second International Conference on Ethics and Human Values in Engineering. The Conference will gather in the catalan capital almost 300 professionals of engineering from all around the world. During three consecutive days the participants will discuss and think about different aspects related with the social impact of human values, ethics and practices in their profession. The appointment is in La Pedrera on 2nd, 3rd and 4th March.

The proposal is different, attractive and quite suggestive. Organisers and participants are willing to prove that engineering, in all its aspects, is not a cold discipline but very human and close. So social role of engineering and its sociological impact will be visualized throughout the Conference. The matters raised will be social role of engineers, the human aspects of sustainability and technology, influence of information and communication technologies in social relationships and in the development of the professional task, engineering and “no culture”, ethics and professional deontology in engineering, engineering against corruption, and so on.

According to Maria Jesús Prieto Laffargue, president of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and former president of the Spanish Institute of Engineering, the Conference **“must allow the visualization that a responsible practice of engineering contributes to social and economical progress of the countries”**. Furthermore, it must work to **“refute the cliché that engineering lives with its back to society and its ethic and human values: all engineers want to become visible, relevant, to have a more important social role”**, says the president of WFEO and at the same time of the Conference. **“I’m not sure if we’ll achieve this –she adds- but the Conference must become a boost for the profession, because the concern for this matters is global”**.

Apart from the external aims, the Conference also pursues internal ones. **“As engineers – explains the president of WFEO- we’re not used to meet and discuss about the concerns that affect our profession and far from it to talk about the social transcendence of our job. We’ve have to break with this tendency, the Conference can be the ideal framework to claim and communicate the society our concerns”**.

Executive Board of WFEO will meet in Barcelona –during two days of the same week-

taking in advantage the celebration of the Conference. It's the first time WFEO celebrates this meeting away from UNESCO, in Paris, since its foundation forty years ago.

The organisers

The Second International Conference on Ethics and Human Values in Engineering is organised jointly by the World Federations of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) and Victoriano Muñoz Oms Chair (VMO) from Technical University of Catalonia that is sponsored by ENDESA Red.

WFEO gathers engineering organisations from more than eighty countries and represents twenty million professionals. It's an organisation committed with the search of benefits for humanity throughout the advance of the professional exercise of engineering all around the world. WFEO collaborates in the exchange and transfer of technology between countries, promotes the social comprehensions of engineering, encourages the quality in engineers' training and gives a boost to ethics in the practice of engineering.

Victoriano Muñoz Oms Chair (VMO) from Technical University of Catalonia develops and promotes activities related to the study and promotion of human values, the suitable personal attitudes and ethics in engineering. These elements were fundamental in Victoriano Muñoz Oms' professional activity, who gives name to the Chair. In opinion of some of the responsible of this Chair, the complexity that involves contemporary society claims that training in values and attitudes must be a significant part in engineers' preparation.

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