

Message from editor

Dear respected authors and readers,

It is the 7th number of our “Works in Progress in Embedded Computing Journal (WiPEC)”. The Journal is dedicated to the Special Session “Works in Progress” within MECO and CPSIoT conferences. Topics of interest of the WiPEC include, but are not limited, to the topics covered by MECO and CPSIoT, see at www.embeddedcomputing.me .

There is a specific beauty in sharing work in progress and there is a risk in seeking finished perfection in all that we as scientists do. Picasso had a definite view on finishing his artworks ‘Woe to you the day it is said that you are finished! To finish a work. To finish a picture. What nonsense! To finish it means to be through with it, to kill it, to rid it of its soul – to give it its final blow; the most unfortunate one for the painter as well as for the picture.’ He also identified with the role of accidents not as mistakes but as an inevitable part of the process and the path to discovering humanity in art ‘Accidents, try to change them - it's impossible. The accidental reveals man”.



The Work in progress - Study for "Guernica" and the Completed Guernica

As a scientist I do believe that science is a never-ending process because we can never achieve complete certainty in our understanding of how the universe works. The scientific process is never done, mainly because we can never rule out the possibility that even our most well-supported models may not hold under every set of circumstances. And the beauty of this incompleteness sparks further curiosity and investigations. The whole scientific journey which we are embarking on is a work in progress. As an educator I do believe that we increasingly deal with “known unknowns”. These are things we know will change in the future, but their exact form is unknown. Artificial intelligence, a subject often researched in this WiP, will undoubtedly play an important role.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated an extraordinary amount of data in a short time period, enabling the rapid generation and dissemination of related research. More than a year after the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, the origin of Covid-19 is still a “work in progress”.

The “Works in Progress” Journal dedicated to the Special Session “Works in Progress” within MECO and CPSIoT conferences celebrates the steps taken towards learning as much as it celebrates the finished product. MECO2021 values intellectual the curiosity and the processes of learning, thinking both critically and innovatively that lead to the final product. Being reflective, honest with one’s own research and its limits and perspectives, and sharing knowledge are exactly the values supported and celebrated by the WiP Journal. It celebrates the small steps of man and giant leaps of mankind in terms of scientific achievements and intellectual risks into the scientific unknown.

Here we celebrate the love that the authors have for learning, the many stepping-stones that have been crossed to gain success. We celebrate that knowledge, much like the universe, is infinitely expanding and that knowledge

expansion is only completely successful if we search for explanations of concepts and ideas which aren't completely understood- all of which is celebrated through the values of the MECO and ECYPS conferences.

Thanks to all of the contributors!

Sincerely yours,

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