

# EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the **7th International STEM in Education Conference**. This conference is a biennial event hosted by a member of a world-wide consortium of universities. Current membership is represented by the university logos at the end of this editorial. In 2022, the conference is hosted virtually by the Sydney School of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney.

The theme for STEM 2022 is "*STEM Futures: Expanding our horizons*". This theme provides a springboard for STEM researchers and educators worldwide to share research findings and consider how practical initiatives can strengthen STEM education of the future.

We thank the local organising committee for their commitment, energy, and support to help organise this conference. Thank you to Judy Anderson, Katherin Cartwright, Maggie Feng, Heather McMaster, Bronwyn Reid-O'Connor, Leanne Robertson, Helen Watt, and Jenni Way for the time they put towards shaping the conference and chairing sessions. We were fortunate to work with a team of highly skilled professionals from The University of Sydney. Special thanks to Rachel Payne for her expertise as conference administration support and to Be Bonham for her original website layout, images, and relentless eye for detail. We are also grateful to Emily Bobis for her early design support for the conference logo, Nicholas Bobis for his support in the final production of the proceedings, and to Peter Batchelor from Internet Technology Services for providing such a highly professional conference platform.

All extended abstracts were double peer-reviewed. Authors were invited to submit revised abstracts for publication in the edited open-access 7<sup>th</sup> International STEM in Education Conference Proceedings and will remain freely available to download as individual PDFs.

We hope that you find the conference inspiring, and the reading of abstracts thought-provoking. We hope that you come away from the conference with new ideas to improve your research and teaching so that we can all work towards 'expanding the horizons' of everyone for an exciting STEM future.

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**Conference Co-Chairs**

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