

# ICICTE 2019 NEWS

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## Editorial

### Of organisers and the prospects of wonderful Chania

Welcome to the first ICICTE 2019 newsletter. Happy new year. There are lots of news we are really excited about and have been waiting to tell you, and here they are.

We are extremely pleased to announce the new organisers of ICICTE. The first of these is the **Commonwealth Centre for Connected Learning**, a worldwide network whose onus is to promote open learning and that is also enacting major projects in the field of Blockchain in Education. This Malta-based organisation is affiliated with a number of educational institutions worldwide and this year will be organising three conferences, among them ICICTE. The second is our own **International Consortium for Educational Technology**, which is slowly growing with a number of partner universities, among them Southampton Solent, that organised the conference so successfully for a large number of years.

This means that we're off to a flying start, and awaiting your paper, workshop and poster proposals. Please remember that the deadline for plenary session paper proposals is February 16.

The gorgeous Chania in Crete, where we also held the wonderful ICICTE 2018, is waiting for us, so we can interact, learn, argue, create networks, and enjoy ourselves to the maximum.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Ġorġ Mallia**

ICICTE 2019 Communications  
Coordinator

## Our venue



ICICTE 2019 will be held at the MINOIA PALACE RESORT & SPA in Crete, the very successful venue where ICICTE 2013 and 2018 were held. This is a luxury 5\* beach side hotel. The hotel offers majestic views of its surrounding countryside and the White Mountains. To the north, the hotel enjoys panoramic views of the endless golden beach of Platanias with the shimmering sapphire blue Aegean beyond. Guests have immediate access to the sandy beach, over the newly built aerial bridge, connecting the two hotel sections.

The luxury and comfort, combined with the attention to the detail and the relaxed atmosphere, provide a holiday to remember for a lifetime!

Should delegates wish, they can book a room in this hotel through the conference. Since it is the conference venue, it is certainly convenient for them to do so. Instructions on how to book rooms at Minoia Palace will be published on the ICICTE website in the near future.

All of this is in Platanias, 12km west of the picturesque town of Chania and only 30min drive from Chania International Airport. If you do not wish to stay at the conference hotel, there is also lots of excellent, inexpensive accommodation there.

## The new ICICTE Steering Committee

This is the provisional formation of this year's ICICTE Steering Committee. Other names will be added as more partnerships within INET are formalised.

*Chair of the Steering Committee:*  
**Dr Alex Grech**, Director, Centre for Connected Learning.

*Conference Director and Registrar:*  
**Nancy Pyrini**, GREECE.

*Chair of the Communications Committee and Communications Coordinator:*  
**Dr Ġorġ Mallia**, Head of the Media and Communications Department, Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences, University of Malta, MALTA.

*Chair of the Scientific Committee:*  
**Dr Greg Anderson**, Dean of Applied Research, Justice Institute of British Columbia, CANADA.

*Conference Manager:*  
**George Sarrigeorgiou**, Technical Vocational School of Markopoulo-Oropos, GREECE.

*Members:*  
**Dr Chris Barlow**, Professor in Acoustics, School of Media, Arts and Technology, Southampton Solent University, Southampton, UNITED KINGDOM.

**Dr Costas Tsolakidis**, Professor Emeritus, Department of Education, University of the Aegean GREECE.

Chania, Crete, Greece  
July 4 to 6, 2019  
ICICTE  
2019  
Deadline for  
Paper Proposals:  
February 16  
www.icicte.org

[Download the proposal form here](#)