



## Members' Newsletter – June 2025

### TE2025 is Looming...



As the summer season is arriving in the northern hemisphere, bringing new expectations and renewed spirits, the TE2025 organising committee is working hard to get you the best possible experience for our conference. All submitted papers have been reviewed, and many were invited for oral presentations. **The conference schedule is already available in the Conftool system.**

We are receiving final versions (PDF and MsWord files) of those manuscripts invited for oral presentation (do not forget to follow the conference template strictly). The deadline is **June 30th** so that we can have the conference proceedings not much longer after the conference.

If you cannot meet the deadline for the final version but are still working on your manuscript, please contact us at [te2025@servicios.tec.mx](mailto:te2025@servicios.tec.mx).

### **Preparing for your presentation**

It is important to remember that all presenting authors will have 15 minutes for each paper talk plus 5 minutes of Q&A. Rooms at EGADE are equipped with HDMI multimedia projector cables for the screens. If your computer requires additional adaptors, please bring them with you.

### **Preparing for your trip to Monterrey**

There are some countries in which citizens need a Mexican visa to visit the *Estados Unidos Mexicanos* (*Mexican United States is the official name of the country*). You can check the following link to find out if you need a visa click [here](#).

Regarding accommodations, you can find very cost-efficient options on the conference webpage by clicking [here](#).

There is a great deal of options for travelling to Monterrey, Mexico. If you would like to arrive via the United States, there are frequent direct flights to Monterrey, Mexico, from Los Angeles, CA, Dallas, TX, Houston, TX, and New York, NY, among others. If you come from Europe or South America, perhaps you would like to check out options arriving in Can Cún and then connect to Mexico City or directly to Monterrey.


### **How to get to the venue from Monterrey airport**

The only practical way to get from the airport to the venue is by taxi. Please have handy the address of your hotel. There is a good number of airport-authorized taxi companies. You can buy your trip using automatic machines inside your terminal for about 30 USD per trip. To board the taxis, you will see signs to the taxi company of your choosing just outside each airport terminal (A or B).


We look forward to seeing you at TE2025 this summer.




## **TE Community Engagement Forum**

 10 July 2025

 Monterrey, Mexico

 0900 – 0945 hrs

 0945 – 1030 hrs

### **A Engagement & Collaborations \***

- **Sharing findings** from the recent survey to provide insights into current research trends and our community needs.
- **Gather further feedback** to refine and enhance future research initiatives
- **Showcase upcoming initiatives and events** to engage the community and foster collaboration.

### **B Support TE Community contributions**

- Examine how TE conferences **usually organise submissions and contributions**, and what happens to them afterwards.
- Explore how to make our conferences **more inclusive** in a transdisciplinary manner
- **Enhance the quality of outputs** through relationships with journals.



Our goal is to chart out initiatives to improve ISTE operations.

\* **Hybrid session.** Details will be announced at nearer to the event date.

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## **Open Dialogue Summary – Insights from our President, Bryan Moser**

Since our last gathering in London, we held a series of three open dialogue sessions, consistent with time zones convenient for Europe and Africa, Americas, and Asia.

- September 26, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- October 16, 2024



Across these conversations I heard consistently the same themes and view regarding our TE community and opportunities for improvement. Those who joined in shared:

- ISTE is a **friendly community** – not agreeing nor like-minded, but open-minded ...with a **balance** of academic and practitioners, of engineer and social scientists.
- ISTE has strength with **global** participants, and a chance to visit many global universities
- We share a positive view of the **CE (Concurrent Engineering) to TE transition**, and hopeful that this strategic re-positioning of ISTE will bear fruit.
- No need to grow, but are open to **moderate and organic growth** while maintaining quality of experiences.
- Still **coming to terms** with definition and scholarship for “transdisciplinary engineering.”
- Need to navigate the **limited TE literature**, with concerns of quality and opportunity for differentiation and contribution.

I recommend three areas of focused dialogue and improvement and ask members join in conversation led by a few special committees, who will prepare ISTE dialogue on topics prioritized from open sessions.

### Topics

1. **Community:** interactions amongst members in between the annual conferences, including strategic communications, events, and collaborations
2. **Contributions:** academic and professional publications, fellowships, standards
3. **Governance:** to explain the current society organization, membership, and rules

**In July 2025, at Monterrey, two ISTE workshops tied to topics 1 and 2.**

### Objectives

1. To involve members, beyond the board, in the strategic evolution of ISTE.
2. To facilitate effective dialog grounded in evidence and preparation.

I look forward to seeing you all at TE2025!

**Bryan R. Moser**  
ISTE President

## Have a Say!

A friendly reminder to complete this survey as it will greatly help us understand how to best serve you and our community.

The survey can be accessed [here](#).  
Alternatively, see the flyer on the right for the survey QR code.  
Results and next steps will be shared at the ISTE Workshop next month!

Thank you and see you. 😊

Best,  
The ISTE Strategic Communication Team



## On Being Transdisciplinary and Working Cross-Disciplinary

If it is not yet obvious, we are big fans of Professor Glenn Parry's *The Good Professor Podcast*. In many of these episodes, we are frequently reminded that in navigating today's complex societal and technological challenges, simply working within disciplinary silos is no longer sufficient. Hence, transdisciplinary engineering is a must. But what does "transdisciplinary" (TD) really mean? In the episode [Stay in Your Lane: Perceptions of Transdisciplinary Engineering](#) which is based on a [paper](#) by Hannah Gooding, Susan Lattanzio, Glenn Parry, and Linda Newnes, key characteristics of TD research are identified: integrating knowledge across disciplines, involving stakeholders beyond academia, focusing on problem-solving, and striving toward a unity of knowledge.

Ah... Working across disciplines... A woe that is as old as time, it seems... The episode [Managing a Team with Different Skills; Cross Disciplinary Working](#) grounded in [research](#) by Hannah Gooding, Glenn Parry, and Esat Alpay dives deeper into what it actually takes to collaborate effectively in a transdisciplinary way. While multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches build foundational competencies like openness, integration, and coordination, TD goes further. It demands systems thinking, reflexivity, and a willingness to embrace ambiguity while co-creating with diverse stakeholders.

Together, these discussions challenge us to reflect not just on how we collaborate, but also on why we do so.

## Transdisciplinary Publications

Hooked? Here's your next reading list.

- Slinger, Jill, and Susan Taljaard. "Transdisciplinary learning across case studies." Delft Academic Press, 2020. ([here](#))
- Romera, A. J., et al. "Freeing transdisciplinarity from the project straightjacket: reframing the problem." *Social Sciences & Humanities Open* 11 (2025): 101483. ([here](#))

## **ISTE Membership**

Since the last newsletter we have grown from 255 to 263 members (22 June 2025). Please continue to promote the Society through your networks and if you see any opportunities for us to reach new audiences, please let us know.

### **Vanja Djinlev**

Vanja Djinlev holds a doctoral degree from ETH Zurich, where he conducted research at the Transdisciplinary Lab (TdLab) within the Department of Environmental Systems Science. His work focuses on citizen inclusion in the energy transition, with a particular emphasis on the social dimensions of energy systems and the design of just, inclusive, participatory transition pathways. Trained as an energy and mechanical engineer, he applies transdisciplinary methods to bridge technical and social perspectives, using tools and methods to engage diverse stakeholders in collaborative processes for knowledge co-creation. He is currently a researcher at Empa (the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology), working on crafting integrated, transdisciplinary model-informed policies for Positive Energy Districts across Europe.

## **Other News**

ISTE LinkedIn Group: Members have increased from 141 (24 March 2025), to 166 members (22 June 2025). To access the group, click on this link: [ISTE LinkedIn Group](#).

*We are keen to hear from our members. If you have anything you would like to include in the next edition of the ISTE newsletter, please email [sl2091@bath.ac.uk](mailto:sl2091@bath.ac.uk)*