

Editorial

In total, 96 contributions (including keynote presentations) have been submitted to this Conference of which 84 have been selected after a rigorous review process for Oral and Poster presentations. Because of time constraints for the Conference, other contributions are compiled in the proceedings in both hard bound form and on CDs.

The Proceedings incorporate the contribution of papers into several sub-themes as grouped in the Conference programme. These are: Information and Communication Technology; Biodiversity – Usage of Flora and Fauna; Engineering and Food Safety; Environment, Natural Resources and Renewable Energy; Applied Mathematics and Its Applications; Management Practices and Industry Studies; Medical Science and Research; Social Science Issues, and related topics. All papers were selected according to their respective focuses and outcomes. These encompassed the work carried out by researchers, scientists, professionals, and practitioners from a wide range of institutions, government and non-government organisations from within Trinidad and Tobago, the Caribbean region, South America and other countries including the USA, the UK, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, France and New Zealand.

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