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## Preface

Decision making is an important issue in technology education. What we hope to accomplish by teaching about technology is that pupils and students learn to make decision with respect to the way they allow technology to have an impact on their life and perhaps other people's lives as well. This PATT-14 conference had as its main theme this aspect of technology education, and in this we followed the example of the Annual ITEA conference, in which the PATT-14 conference was embedded.

The conference was attended by a group of quite different nationalities. All continents were represented, and this gave discussion a rich dimension, which is one of the aspects that makes PATT conferences attractive to many. We strive hard to maintain this character of PATT conferences as well as their atmosphere of open discussions and exchange of information.

As usual the Proceedings of this PATT conference are made available to those that were not able to attend, but are interested in what was presented and discussed. We hope that many colleagues will use the Proceedings as a resource of information and food for further thought. We want to thank ITEA for supporting and organising the conference and for providing space on their website for the Proceedings.

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