

**Welcome Address on 10. December 2020:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Research and Education in Mechatronics REM
- 12<sup>th</sup> France-Japan Congress of Mechatronics
- 10<sup>th</sup> Europe-Asia Congress of Mechatronics

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues,

I am very happy to welcome you to this joint international conference: the 21<sup>st</sup> REM conference and the MECATRONICS conference of our friends from France and from Japan. We had these joint events already in Paris 2012 and in Compiègne 2016.

Due to Corona we have to find new ways in holding this meeting. I like to thank you all for your participation in this event. Furthermore I would like to express my sincere thanks to Krzysztof Kluszczyński and to Tomasz Węgiel for organizing this engineering meeting at Cracow University of Technology.

As you know one important part of a conference are the coffee breaks and the social evening. This is the basis for having intensive contacts to other Mechatronics experts. Unfortunately in 2020 we don't have this part.

So I hope that you have good discussions on the presented 64 papers and continue to have contact with your colleagues.

I myself as retired professor, but still teaching Mechatronics to German and to Chinese students, and as Honorary President of REM I like to ask you to find one or two colleagues who are interested in organizing the following REM conferences. Please contact me and Krzysztof if you are interested in facilitating the further follow-up of these conferences.

My wish was for 2020 to visit the very nice city of Cracow. But I will have to postpone this visit.

Thank you very much for all your support. Have an interesting conference with many new ideas in the field of Mechatronics. I hope to meet you again next year in person. Thank you very much.