

# 3<sup>rd</sup> International Electrical Engineering Conference - ASPIRE 2018

9 – 10 February 2018



10 Feb 2018 – Karachi: 3<sup>rd</sup> International Electrical Engineering Conference 2018 was held at IEP Center Karachi on 9-10 February 2018. The conference was organized by Department of Electrical Engineering, NED University of Engineering and Technology in collaboration with IEP Karachi. Several Universities including NUST PNEC, Baharia, PAF KIET, SSUET, Hamdard, DHA Suffa, DUET, BUITEMS, UIT and IIEE partnered in the initiative.

This year's conference theme was ASPIRE – Aspiring Pathways in Electrical Engineering. Conference key note was delivered by Dr. Fady Al Najjar from UAE University. Speaking on the occasion, he showcased his state of the art contributions in Robotics with applications in Rehabilitation. Conference was also attended by Mr. Owais Zahid from Autodesk Singapore, Dr. Faraz Hasan from Messe University New Zealand, Dr. Bazzaz from CASE Islamabad, Engr. Danish Zahoor, CEO Barqtron Engineering and Engr. Mansoor from K Electric as Invited Speakers. Dr. Zeeshan Zia from Microsoft also spoke on the occasion.

Engr. Jawed Salim Qureshi, Chairman Pakistan Engineering Council, who was also the chief guest of the conference, spoke about the importance of technical conferences and appreciated the work done by NED University and IEP to promote industrial academia synergistic activities.

Dr. Sarosh Hasmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor NED University, who was the Guest of Honour of the event, stressed on increased industrial representation in such events. He however appreciated that at least one of the talks in each of the seven sessions belonged to industrial sectors.

Dean, Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Prof. Dr. Saad Ahmed Qazi, highlighted the need for transforming conference networking into tangible and meaningful endeavors through consistent engagements and interactions.

Engr. Amer Zia, Head of Distribution Operations K Electric, who was the chief guest of the closing session, spoke about the speed with which technology is transforming and the subsequent actions needed to be taken by academia and industry for keeping abreast with the state of the art.

Chairman Electrical Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Ali Memon, thanked the presenters, universities, session chairs, conference organizers and student volunteers for making all out efforts to make the conference a success.

Chairman IEP Karachi, Prof. Dr. S F A Rafeeqi, Conference Chief Organizer and Vice Chairman IEP Karachi, Engr. Sohail Bashir, Secretary IEP, Engr. Ayaz Mirza and Conference Secretary, Dr. Muhammad Ali Baig also addressed the conference.