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XIII International Conference on Mathematics, Science and Technology Education

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Abstract. This paper represents a preface to the Proceedings of the XIII International Conference on Mathematics, Science and Technology Education (ICon-MaSTEd 2021) held at the Kryvyi Rih State Pedagogical University, Ukraine, 12–14 May 2021. Background information and the organizational structure of the meeting, paper overview and acknowledgments of the contributions of the many people who made the conference a success are presented.

1. Background

The International Conference on Mathematics, Science and Technology Education (ICon-MaSTEd) is a peer-reviewed international conference, which covers research on mathematics, science and technology education, along with technology-enhanced learning, including blended learning, E-learning, ICT-based assessment, mobile learning etc. (see figure 1)

Since 2001, ICon-MaSTEd is the premier interdisciplinary forum for social scientists, academicians, researchers, professionals, policy makers, postgraduate students and practitioners to present their latest research results, ideas, developments, and applications [1]. There is urgent general need for principled changes in mathematics, science and technology education elicited by promising theories, models, tools, services, networks and communications.

There were 34 submissions selected. Each submission was reviewed by at least 3, and on the average 3.7, program committee members. The committee decided to accept 23 papers.

The spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has change conference organization. Therefore, the XIII International Conference on Mathematics, Science and Technology



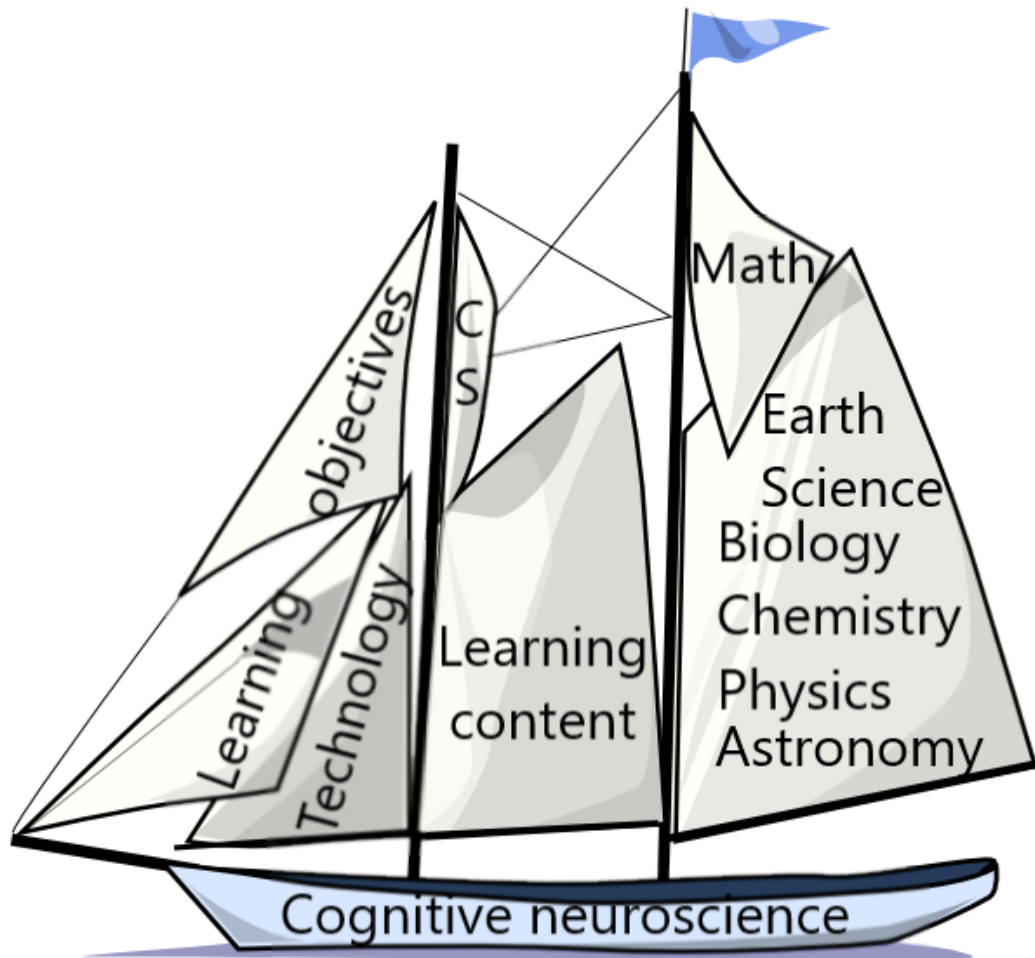


Figure 1. ICon-MaSTEd 2021 logo.

Education (ICon-MaSTEd 2021) took place 12–14 May 2021 at the Kryvyi Rih State Pedagogical University, Ukraine.

More than 100 attendees from 11 countries are joined to ICon-MaSTEd 2021 using Google Meet. The conference featured invited and contributed talks in a wide number of subject areas: Mathematics Education, Biology Education, Chemistry Education, Physics Education, Astronomy Education, Earth Science Education, Computer Science and Computer Science Education, Integrated Science Education, Technology Education, and Educational Technology.

The presentation slots were defined as follows:

- invites talks (30 min): 20 min presentation, 10 min question answering and discussion,
- other talks (20 min): 15 min presentation and 5 minutes question answering and discussion.

The full program with video record of talks is available at <https://easychair.org/smart-program/SS2021/> where details of the sessions, usually headed by one or more invited presentations.

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3. Proceedings structure

- 6 talks were presented in ‘Mathematics Education’ section: [2], [3], [4], [5], [6] and [7],
- 1 talk was presented in ‘Biology Education’ section: [8],
- 2 talks were presented in ‘Chemistry Education’ section: [9] and [10],
- 1 talk was presented in ‘Astronomy Education’ section: [11],
- 2 talks were presented in ‘Computer Science Education’ section: [12] and [13],
- 4 talks were presented in ‘Technology Education’ section: [14], [15], [16] and [17],
- 7 talks were presented in ‘Educational Technology’ section: [18], [19] and [20], [21], [22], [23] and [24].

4. Conclusion

XIII installment of ICon-MaSTEd was organized by Kryvyi Rih State Pedagogical University, Ukraine (with support of the rector Prof. Yaroslav Shramko), in collaboration with Kryvyi Rih National University, Ukraine (with support of the rector Prof. Mykola Stupnik), Institute of Information Technologies and Learning Tools of the NAES of Ukraine (with support of the director Prof. Valeriy Bykov) and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel (with support of the rector Prof. Chaim Hames).

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We are looking forward to excellent presentations and fruitful discussions, which will broaden our professional horizons. We hope all participants enjoy this conference and meet again in more friendly, hilarious, and happiness of further ICon-MaSTEd 2022. The next meeting in the series is the XIV International Conference on Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, 2022, Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine (<https://icon-masted.easyscience.education/2022/>).

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