

Editor's Corner

No Sidelines in Clinical Engineering

The Momentum of a Global Milestone

The Global Clinical Engineering Alliance (GCEA) has just concluded an extraordinary milestone event — the 6th International Clinical Engineering and Health Technology Management Congress (ICEHTMC) — held in Shenzhen, China, often called the Silicon Valley of China.

This Congress redefined expectations for professional gatherings in our field: over 400 abstracts, six daily parallel conference rooms, 100+ posters, and a vibrant program of workshops, panels, and roundtables. The venue became a true magnet for innovation, hosting eight additional conferences on related topics, transforming Shenzhen into the global capital of clinical engineering for one remarkable week.

During the same Congress, GCEA conducted its Annual Members' Meeting, held officer elections, and released its comprehensive Annual Report – “[The State of the Alliance](#).”

Participants joined both in person and virtually from nearly 100 countries, reflecting a truly global community. The event achieved an unprecedented 3,000,000 online touches through its live streaming broadcast — a testament to the reach and relevance of clinical engineering worldwide.

“On the clinical engineering playing field, everyone is a player — not a watcher, not a fan.”

— **Dr. Yadin David**, Opening Ceremony Keynote

Celebrating Progress and Setting New Directions

At the Opening Ceremony, several key announcements underscored the dynamism of our profession:

- Expansion of the [GCEA Awards Program](#) — adding new categories for innovation, leadership, service, and education.
- Launch of the Global MedTech Alliance — connecting inventors, manufacturers, distributors, users, and patients to accelerate equitable access to technology.
- Publication of a new book *The Essence of Intelligent Systems* by Dr. Ricardo Silva, Chair of the Awards Committee, showcasing the scholarship and creativity of our field.

The Global Clinical Engineering Journal was proud to support the Congress by publishing the Congress Proceedings and inviting presenters to further contribute to a Special Issue. Together, these initiatives mark the coming of age of the clinical engineering discipline — a recognition that our collective expertise shapes modern healthcare.

A Living Global Community

Today, GCEA embraces more than 50,000 members worldwide, representing every continent and every healthcare system model. We are not a static organization but a living network of professionals advancing healthcare, safety and innovation together.

Our initiatives demonstrate this vitality:

| Program | Purpose / Impact |
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| Healthcare Technology Foundation (HTF) | The world’s only global foundation dedicated to create evidence for better patient safety through technology. |
| GCEA Awards Program | Promotes excellence, collaboration, service, and visibility of past for future CE professionals. |
| Professional Development & Education Committee | Delivers multilingual webinars, books, guides, and structured training opportunities. |
| Global Clinical Engineering Accreditation Program (GCEAP) | Establishes measurable standards of excellence for CE departments worldwide. |
| Global Clinical Engineering Journal (GCEJ) | Provides a platform for scholarly sharing knowledge, innovation, and the voice of the profession. |

Together, these programs show that GCEA is not a static organization — it is a **movement**, connecting expertise with purpose and passion.

Is This Our Inflection Point?

After such success, one question remains:

Was the 6th ICEHTMC Congress an isolated triumph — or an inflection point for our discipline?

While our membership surpasses 50,000, fewer than **1%** submitted abstracts to the Congress. Many remain **on the sidelines** — perhaps due to time, low confidence, or competing priorities. Yet clinical engineering is like a team sport that only succeeds when everyone participates.

“Our achievements should not be measured by numbers alone but by how deeply each of us engages.”

We must move from spectatorship to stewardship. Every professional voice adds dimension to the dialogue — every contribution advances global healthcare.

Volunteerism: The Power Behind Progress

GCEA and this Journal exist because of **volunteers**. Every webinar, guideline, award, and publication represents someone’s dedication. These acts of service — often invisible — are the lifeblood of our profession.

Now is the time for each of us to ask:

What can I give back? How can I make an impact?

You can:

- Join a committee or working group.
- Submit a manuscript or share a case study.
- Mentor a young professional.
- Organize an event for Global CE Day.
- Contribute ideas to strengthen GCEA’s mission.

Every act of engagement brings us closer to our vision: a world where healthcare technology is safe, effective, and accessible for all.

Erasing the Sidelines Forever

The 6th ICEHTMC proved what is possible when we unite. Our challenge now is to sustain the momentum — to

ensure that every clinical engineer, from every region, feels ownership in this global effort.

I invite you to join this movement. Write to me. Share your ideas. Let's make it easier for every professional to participate, contribute, and lead.

Together, **we will erase the sidelines forever** — transforming this Congress from a moment of pride into a lasting turning point for the discipline of clinical engineering.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your commitment, your service, and your belief in the power of collaboration.

Let's continue, **together we can build a better future for Global Clinical Engineering.**

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