

CDIO 2016 WELCOME KEYNOTE

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Welcome to Turku!

Turku University of Applied Sciences is proud to organize the CDIO conference 2016. We have been part of this successful network initiative from 2007. By organizing the conference we hope to be able to share some valuable lessons we have received from CDIO during these nine years.

We **conceive** the conference as a meeting place for professionals interested in re-designing engineering education. As the surrounding working life has changed quickly, our pedagogical methods must also evolve. In Turku, we call our approach for modern learning *innovation pedagogy*. The conference is **designed** as a venue of sharing and co-creation. While the presentations create the platform, it is the discussions and meetings in between that will become the key contents of the conference. Thus we have created numerous spaces in which to meet and greet, mix tested ideas into new approaches and build new futures together.

By the beginning of the actual conference the key features have already been **implemented**. We received over 200 paper and project-in-progress proposals out of which 103 were accepted as full papers after a rigorous blind review process. The venues were organized according to the most important points proposed in the papers. We do hope that you will be able to get the most of your conference. However, **operating** is always the ultimate test. We have planned for all the eventualities we were able to think of, but there is always an odd chance for something unforeseen to happen. In those cases, please, let us know immediately how we can improvise on the spot. The members of our inspiring community are keen to find ways to make the conference a positive experience for all of us.

I wish all the guests of CDIO conference 2016 a thought-provoking and cheerful experience from which you will get some new insights to take home.