

The Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) was initiated in 1975 by industry. The innovators recognized the need of partnering with academia to keep the quality of graduating students high. The CIEC is one of the best opportunities to meet with our industry partners to go over relevant topics.

The 2008 CIEC was held in New Orleans. Originally, New Orleans was to host the 2006 CIEC but Hurricane Katrina changed things a bit. ETD member Ken Rennels was Conference Chair in 2006 and did an amazing job getting things moved to San Antonio. ETD attendance for the 2008 conference was down a bit being less than a ¼ of the total attendance. Usually, ETD attendance is usually the greatest of the four divisions.

The 2009 CIEC is scheduled for Feb. 4th through the 7th in Orlando. Dr. Janet Dong, the CIEC ETD Program Chair, has put together an impressive program with lots of interesting topics. Please join your ETD friends at this important conference. Note that CIEC is managed completely by volunteers which keep costs down. In fact, CIEC is one of the largest producers of funding for the four divisions who attend (ETD, CPD, CIP, and CED). Without your attendance and support, ETD funding would be lower.

Finally, the 2010 CIEC is scheduled for Palm Springs. Management of the conference rotates amongst the four divisions and ETD is responsible for 2010. Let's make the 2010 CIEC the best ever with your support. The theme for the 2010 CIEC is "Preparing the Workforce for the Global Environment." I encourage you to begin developing ideas for plenary, presentations, and / or workshops.

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