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Polito elected to International Council

Singapore – October 18, 2010 -- Today in Singapore City, Singapore Cath Polito was unanimously elected to the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) Council. Polito, Executive Director of the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education at the Cockrell School of Engineering in the University of Texas at Austin is still in Singapore attending the IACEE annual conference.

"I am honored and excited to become a part of the IACEE Council at this pivotal time in the organization's history," stated Polito. "This is a momentous occasion with the convergence of five international engineering educating entities that have agreed to combine forces to respond to two major global challenges: clean potable water and renewable energy." The IACEE conference has attendees from over 20 countries who have gathered to share ideas with each other and four other international organizations.

The five organizations currently in Singapore are: The American Society for Engineering Educators (ASEE), the Global Engineering Dean's Council (GEDC), the International Association for Continuing Engineering Educators (IACEE), the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies (IFEES), and the Student Platform for Engineering Education Development (SPEED).

This coming Thursday, the president of IACEE – Nelson Baker, along with the presidents of the four other international groups will sign a worldwide declaration to respond to these grand challenges, with the intent to post the declaration via the web and charge engineers worldwide to respond to this call to action. To formalize action on those challenges, for her part on the Council, Polito will focus on Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

About the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education

The University of Texas at Austin's Cockrell School of Engineering is one of the Top 10 distinguished engineering schools in the country. Our professional development department, the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education, provides busy engineers with immediately applicable, real-world knowledge through individual courses, master's degrees and on-site custom courses. What Starts Here Changes The World. Learn more at www.UTclee.org

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