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Welcome to Puerto Rico and to the International Conference on Engineering Education 2006 (ICEE 2006). On behalf of the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus and the ICEE 2006 local organizational team, it gives me great pleasure to salute you. This is the first time that this major annual event has moved to Latin America or the Caribbean…we feel much honored.

This important international event will bring about a greater exchange of ideas, as well as collaborations in education, scientific research and outreach. For many of you, this may be your first visit to the region. We are eager to show you Puerto Rico, share our culture and our values with you. And we know this will be the first of many visits to Puerto Rico in the future…”los esperamos”.

At the same time we are looking forward to strengthen our hopes, dreams, visions and actions in engineering education. The various post-conference workshops, along with the high quality presentations from the different regions of the world, and the specially invited keynote speakers, will add to a rewarding experience and the overall learning and enhancement of knowledge…our goal is to continue the tradition of ICEE conferences.

I would like to particularly thank the support provided by the sponsors of this event…true friends of ICEE: Hewlett Packard, Raytheon, Motorola, Microsoft, UPRM-UW PREM, the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau and Virginia Tech. I would also like to convey our appreciation to the various exhibitors who have joined us for this event.

Bienvenidos…

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