UNESCO Chair on Engineering Education

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Abstract
After 80 years after the establishment of formal higher education in Iran, in spite of quantitative expansion, engineering education has also faced several ups and downs. Presently, over 1.4 million engineering students are studying in a few hundred higher education centers. In order to promote engineering education at a national level, it is essential to explore its current deficiencies and propose remedial means. This goal can only be achieved through well-organized research. One conceivable solution is establishing a center for the exchange of important findings in the field of engineering education among Iranian institutions and those of other countries, as well as relevant international organizations. In this respect, the establishment of the UNESCO Chair on Engineering Education was approved by United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This chair is a think tank mainly focused on future studies, accreditation, and cooperation between Iranian schools and those of the region and beyond that.

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