

## Year-end letter by Prof. Themelis to members and friends of WtERT

The Global WtERT Council studies encompass both recycling and post-recycling options for sustainable waste management. This year has seen some giant steps towards growth of the global WTE, as exemplified by dozens of new plants in China and others under construction in Australia, Ethiopia, Ireland, Lithuania, and U.K. Over the years, the WtERT partners have made presentations and published papers in these and many other countries and, of course, it is rewarding to see that the seeds we planted have advanced the concepts of sustainable waste management worldwide. One of the obstacles has been the lack of adequate public information. We have entered the social media arena and I recommend that GWC members start visiting our Facebook and Tweeter pages as well as our web pages at [www.wtert.org](http://www.wtert.org), [www.wtert.eu](http://www.wtert.eu).

At Columbia, we have instituted a senior/graduate course on the thermal processing of wastes and biomass. This course has received very high student evaluations and is available for remote studies through the Columbia Video Network (CVN). Also, our WTE Guidebook has been translated in four languages and can be used as the textbook at universities who want to introduce such a course in their curriculum.