2020 has been a challenge in many ways. Besides the dangerous effects and tragic consequences of catching the COVID-19 virus, personal survival as well as company survival were major issues that we had to tackle. I am happy to report, we all survived and our company actually managed to make further advances:

- Successfully completed several industrial projects in China, Middle East and USA;
- Started new industrial projects that will keep us busy for most of 2021;
- Added new software products (ProREFD) to our PSE for SPEED software package*;
- Exploited new opportunities for virtual lectures, workshops and special short courses;
- Sponsored and helped in the organization of ICChE 2020 at BUET, Bangladesh (19-22 Dec);
- Continued research collaboration with partners from many universities in many countries. Published more than 15 peer-reviewed journal articles with “PSE for SPEED” affiliation.

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- software tools for data (properties of solvents, fragrances, ionic liquids, refrigerants, ...); estimated properties of pure compounds and/or mixtures; process flowsheet synthesis-design (including automatic creation of input files for commercial process simulators); model development; chemical product design; and, tailor-made software tool customized for your needs;
- educational versions of our software, free of charge, for use in education and non-commercial research purposes. Visit the link for more details: [https://www.pseforspeed.com](https://www.pseforspeed.com)

Dr. Anjan K Tula (Zhejiang University) and Dr. Lei Zhang (Dalian University of Technology) continues to serve as sub-contracted consultants for industrial projects and in PSE for SPEED research projects, where Prof Fengqi You (Cornell University), Prof Jay H Lee (KAIST), Prof Suttichai Assabumrungrat (Chulalongkorn University) and Prof Mario Eden (Auburn University) have also contributed.

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* PSE for SPEED software package consists of ProCAPE (property prediction); ProCAPD (chemical product design); ProCAFAD (process flowsheet synthesis-design-analysis); ProCACD (process control toolbox); ProREFD (refrigerant selection and process verification); ECON (process economic analysis); LCSOft (LCA assessment); MoT (modelling toolbox) & ICAS (integrated computer-aided system) – covering a wide range of application areas & problems. A new tool on Chemical Substitution is under development. Test versions of any of the above tools will be provided on request.