

Dear all,

It is a great honour for me to receive this award and join a selection of highly esteemed scientists from the field of Life Cycle Assessment. I have been inspired by their work over the years and I can only hope that some of my work will be equally inspiring to new generations of LCA scientists.

It was a privilege to join this field 25 years ago. The science was young, the community was dynamic, and there were no old dinosaurs dominating it. There were many questions searching for answers, not least in the field of life cycle impact assessment that I joined after getting my PhD in terrestrial ecotoxicology, and I have enjoyed the possibility to address several of them, including:

- The assessment of ecotoxicity in LCA
- The introduction of spatial differentiation in characterization modelling and normalisation
- The assessment of the social sustainability dimension in a life cycle perspective
- ... and lately the introduction of an absolute sustainability perspective into LCA

SETAC-Europe has played a central role for me over all the years from my first SETAC LCA meetings in Potsdam 1992 to this day, offering a forum for scientific discussions with colleagues from around the world at conferences and in many scientific task forces over the years, in the last decade under the joint Life Cycle Initiative with United Nations' Environment Program. Here I have worked with many good colleagues and friends, and for their inspiration I am very grateful. It has been a privilege and I look forwards to the continuation in the years to come. I would have loved to stand here tonight with you.

I owe gratitude to my university, the Technical University of Denmark, and to the department of Management Engineering for their prioritization of our science and continued support over 20 years.

Last but not least I wish to acknowledge the collaboration of colleagues and staff in the Division of Quantitative Sustainability Assessment that I head at the Technical University of Denmark. Their talents have inspired me to keep on my toes and their support has allowed me to remain active in research to this day and satisfy my curiosity by moving into several new research themes over the years.

THANK YOU