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PATT is the acronym that has now been used for almost 30 years to indicate a series of conferences and sessions at ITEEA Annual Conferences in which researchers in technology education from different countries present and discuss research studies in their field. At the 74th Annual ITEEA Conference, held in Long Beach, CA, March 15-17, 2012, PATT sessions were held and in these Proceedings the written papers have been collected and edited. Those who were there will remember the stimulating experience we had when listening to each other's presentations and having excellent discussions. For those who were not there, these Proceedings offer the opportunity to get to know the interesting work that was presented and discussed.

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We look forward to continuing the series in Columbus, OH, in 2013.

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