



International Ergonomics Association

## IEA NewsBriefs February 2020

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **2020 Council Meeting**

The 2020 IEA Council meeting will be moved to a new location due to the uncertain status of the coronavirus in China. We encourage IEA Member Societies to [submit a proposal](#) to host the 2020 Council meeting to [iea\\_secretariat@icloud.com](mailto:iea_secretariat@icloud.com). Deadline for proposals is March 6.

#### **IEA Outreach**

IEA Congress Technical Program Co-Chair, Professor Patrick Neuman, is participating in the EurOMA Sustainability Forum 2020, discussing “Building a research agenda for socially sustainable supply chains: Addressing the often overlooked working environment.”

#### **Discontinuation of Liberty Mutual Medal**

We are sad to announce the termination of the [IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal](#) and sponsorship of IEA conferences and programs. The award was instituted in 1998 and continued for more than 20 years until 2019. IEA thanks Liberty Mutual for sponsoring this generous and prestigious award, which recognized outstanding contributions to the field of occupational safety, and for their counsel and financial support over the years.

#### **IEA 2021 on Social Media**

If you use Facebook, please follow and “like” our [IEA 2021 Facebook group](#). More information about IEA 2021 will be posted on this forum.

#### **Ontario’s New Musculoskeletal Disorders Prevention Guideline and Case Studies**

See what has been done and what is new with the MSD Prevention Guideline Site’s [Year in Review](#). Submit your case study or read what others have submitted [here](#).

### CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS AND SPECIAL ISSUE PAPERS

**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Invites  
Award Nominations**

[HFES](#) Full Members and Fellows are [invited to submit nominations](#) for eight prestigious awards, including the Hal W. Hendrick Distinguished International Colleague Award, to be presented at the [HFES 64th International Annual Meeting](#) in October. Nominations must be received by 31 March 2020.

### **Calls for Special Issue Papers**

Eduardo Salas is leading efforts for a planned special issue of *Human Factors* on “Human Factors and Ergonomics Theories, Methods, and Applications in Healthcare.” Contributions from disciplines outside of, but related to, human factors are encouraged. The [deadline for submissions](#) is 31 August 2020.

A [planned special issue on Human Readiness Levels](#) (HRL) will be published in *Ergonomics in Design* and guest edited by Holly Handley, Judi See, and Mica Endsley. The HRL Scale is being developed as an adjunct to current Technology Readiness Level (TRL) scales widely used across government agencies and industry. The deadline for submissions is next year, 15 January 2021.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ISQua 2020**

Registration for the International Society for Quality in Healthcare is [now open](#). The call for papers for English submissions is now closed, but papers in Italian will be accepted up to 28 February 2020. The event will be held in Florence, Italy, from 30 August - 2 September 2020.

### **ErgoWork 2020**

The International Conference on Ergonomics and Workplace Management will take place 18-20 June 2020 in Timișoara, România. The recently established Romanian Society on Ergonomics and Workplace Management (ErgoWork) is organizing its [first international conference](#). The Federation of European Ergonomics Societies (FEES) endorses the conference to support the new society and the visibility of Romanian ergonomics at the international level. A discounted registration fee is available to members of FEES societies. The deadline for paper submission is 2 March 2020.

### **APHIRM Toolkit Workshops**

This highly interactive workshop for health and safety professionals provides participants with the skills to implement APHIRM in their organizations. Please note, you are required to bring a device to access the toolkit during the workshop. [Register](#) for one of the workshops in Adelaide (10 March 2020), Melbourne (18 March 2020), or Brisbane, Australia (22 April

2020).

### **11th International Conference on Managing Fatigue**

This biennial conference began in 1992 and has since alternated between Fremantle, Western Australia, and various locations in the USA. Although the main emphasis of the meeting has been on fatigue in transportation, sessions are also devoted to other domains with significant fatigue risk. [Register](#) to attend the event held 16-19 March 2020 in Fremantle, Western Australia.

### **Musculoskeletal Disorders Symposium**

[Registration](#) is open for the MSD Symposium to be held 24-25 March 2020 in South Brisbane, Australia. The symposium focus is "*Safety by Design*," with information on designing out hazards, incorporating effective risk controls, and designing in efficiencies at the outset to protect workers from harm, improve their health and wellbeing, and increase productivity.

### **AAMHP 20th Anniversary Conference: EveryBODY Matters**

The Australian Association for the Manual Handling of People aims to promote the improvement of training and practice in the manual handling of people. [Call for abstracts](#) closes 28 March 2020. The conference will be held 9-11 September 2020 at Stamford Grand on the Beach in Glenelg, South Australia.

### **12th International Closing the Gap Indigenous Health Conference**

The conference is held biannually and hosted by Indigenous Conference Services (Australia) with a great lineup of First Nation speakers from Australia, New Zealand, and the USA.

[Call for papers is now open](#) (deadline TBD). The event will be held 27-29 July 2020 in Sydney, Australia.

