



International Ergonomics Association

IEA NewsBriefs April 2020

I hope this message finds you well. Much has happened since our last IEA NewsBrief in early March. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has reached all corners of the world, our IEA member societies have responded quickly. As many of you already know, several events scheduled to be held through the summer have been canceled or moved fully online. Please view our updated IEA website at <https://iea.cc>, with a special note from the IEA officers on behalf of the Executive Committee about how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted IEA activities.

Below are a few additional important announcements. If you have any information you would like to share with our member societies, please reach out to me, your IEA NewsBriefs Editor, Erin Chiou (erin.chiou@asu.edu). Wishing you all good health in these extreme times.

COVID-19 RESPONSES

Japan Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

The Japanese Human Factors and Ergonomics Society has launched a discussion on ergonomics strategic plans against COVID-19 outbreak. For more information about their activities, please read the [message from Dr. Ryoji Yoshitake](#), President of JES.

Chartered Institute for Ergonomics and Human Factors

The Chartered Institute for Ergonomics and Human Factors has launched a podcast series in response to COVID-19. The [first episode](#) is focused on how to stay physically and mentally fit while working from home. Furthermore, on 31 March 2020, the United Kingdom's National Health Service (NHS) asked CIEHF to [produce guidance for manufacturers](#) new to designing and building ventilators in a context that requires rapid turnaround. CIEHF welcomes contacts from any members of IEA societies who have specific expertise and knowledge connected to the design, testing, and usability of ventilators. To provide input, please contact Dr. Noorzaman Rashid at CIEHF (noorzaman.rashid@ergonomics.org.uk). More information about the CIEHF response to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia

In the [latest issue of HFESA Connect](#), the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia's president, Stephen Hehir, shared his response to the pandemic and issued a call for action among its members, particularly to update areas of specialization and for those with knowledge of pandemic response or organizational pandemic management to reach out. For more

information about HFESA's response, please send an email to secretariat@ergonomics.org.au.

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

HFES [recorded](#) a townhall session organized around COVID-19, and moved its canceled Health Care Symposium to a first-ever virtual format to be held 18-21 May 2020. More updates will be provided soon on [their website](#). Recent posts on the new, online community established for HFES members [contain several discussions](#) about COVID-19, including a post with [several guidance documents](#): an overview of HF/E, reduction of stress and fatigue, disaster management, and communicating with the public. More information about these activities can be found in [a message from Dr. M. Susan Hallbeck](#), President of HFES.

International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)

The following is a special message from Dr. Peter Lachman, CEO of ISQua:

"As an international member based organisation, (the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) has members in more than 80 countries that have been affected by the pandemic. We took action before most, and closed our office on March 13 to begin remote working in anticipation of the pending lockdown. This anticipatory action allowed us to adapt rapidly to the new world of remote working. We have set up a resource centre on our website for our members and others, and are running a series of webinars on COVID-19, starting with relaying the experience of our partners and members in Italy.

We are continuing our normal activities remotely but are redesigning part of our services for education and conferences, taking into account the need to change how we reach our members. Most importantly we are supporting our members where we can – be it in networking or providing up-to-date information about COVID-19 and how to respond. We believe that HF/E is more important than ever, and we look forward to working together with IEA to bring human factors into the solutions for this crisis and for future healthcare delivery."

Resource page is <https://www.isqua.org/covid-19-research-page.html>. Please send any resources you think are of value to: plachman@isqua.org.

World Design Organization

WDO, an international non-governmental organization and the international voice for industrial design, has launched a special initiative for Designing for COVID19. They advocate for Design for a Better World. Please check this initiative at <https://wdo.org/covid19/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IEA Fellow Award Nominations Invited

The due date for [IEA Fellow Award nominations](#) is 30 April 2020. The IEA Fellowship is given to recognize extraordinary or sustained, superior accomplishments of an individual. Please consider nominating deserving colleagues and HF/E professionals. Given these strange times in a changed world, it is more important than ever

to recognize and acknowledge our leaders in the science and practice of HF/E.

ACEAD SEANES 2020 Update

[The call for papers for ACEAD SEANES 2020 has been extended to 20 April 2020.](#) The 2020 Joint Conference of the Asian Council on Ergonomics and Design (ACED) and the Southeast Asian Network of Ergonomics Societies (SEANES) theme is “Convergence: Creating Ergonomic Breakthroughs Through Partnerships,” to be held 2-4 December 2020 in the Philippines.

IEA2021 Update - Connect on LinkedIn

To stay connected with the people planning our 21st Triennial Congress of the International Ergonomics Association, please request to join our new LinkedIn Group, [IEA2021](#), in case you are not already on [Facebook](#). Call for sessions is now open: <https://iea2021.org/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HFES Summit: Guidelines for Safe and Healthy Work or School from Home

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) is producing a virtual one-day ergonomics summit to be held 15 April 2020 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (15:00-20:00 GMT). The summit will feature a group of seven renowned ergonomics experts who will provide state-of-the-art guidance for creating more comfortable, safer, and more productive home-based work and school environments. The [registration](#) fee for HFES members is \$39.95 and for nonmembers is \$59.95.

The Joint CIEHF/ODAM 2020 Conference Goes Virtual

The virtual conference to be held 28-29 April 2020 will consist of presentations and discussions over two days in the form of interactive webinars, with slideshows, podcasts, and videos. [Registration is open](#), and members of IEA Federated Societies receive a 20% discount off of the registration fee. Discount codes have been sent by email or are available from events@ergonomics.org.uk. [A partial refund will be provided](#) for those who paid for the original face-to-face conference. The ticket for the original face-to-face conference will be transferred to the virtual conference, and the cancellation fee will provide full, online access to the interactive webinars, online content, and a full digital version of the conference proceedings. CIEHF/ODAM would invites members of IEA societies to virtually attend this conference as it now reaches all around the world! <https://conference.ergonomics.org.uk/>

