

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **World Health Organization (WHO) renews official relations with IEA**

At the 146th session of the World Health Organization, the Director-General and Executive Board decided to maintain official relations between the International Ergonomics Association (IEA) and WHO. Sixty-six professional organizations were recognized as official Non-State Actors. In making the decision, the Executive Board commended the continuing dedication of the IEA in supporting the work of WHO. The approved collaborative project between WHO and IEA is creating a joint document with practical guidelines and case studies in “Applying HFE to Healthcare for Patient Safety” by January 2023. Leading the effort are IEA's Communication and Public Relations Committee; the Center for Clinical Risk Management and Patient Safety, Tuscany Region, WHO Collaborating Centre, including the scientific collaboration of ISQua. Please contact [Dr. Michelle Robertson and Dr. Sara Albolino](#), with any questions

#### **IEA participates in WHO Decade of Patient Safety**

As part of the role of official Non-State Actor with WHO, IEA was invited by Dr. Neelam Dhingra-Kumar to represent the human factors/ergonomics perspective at a three-day global consultation to kick off development of the Global Patient Safety Action Plan for “A Decade of Patient Safety: 2020-2030.” The plan is a commitment from WHO, international health agencies, and Member States to organize and roll out definitive action to reduce the overall burden of patient harm due to unsafe health care and will be based on the guiding principles of equity, sustainability, and accountability.

#### **IEA Collaboration with International Labour Organization**

IEA was asked by Dr. Shengli Niu of the International Labour Organization (ILO) to develop a collaborative document outlining “Principles and Guidelines for HF/E Design and Management of Work Systems.” The document highlights the importance of HF/E in work systems and is under final review before being published on the IEA and ILO

websites. Watch for it soon...

### **Recognizing Future Healthcare Leaders**

The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) is seeking recommendations for early-career healthcare professionals who are budding leaders to present their innovative work on the main stage of [ISQua's 37th International Conference](#) in Florence this year. Three successful presenters will be selected to join the stage with Dr. Trish Greenhalgh, an Internationally recognised academic in primary health care and implementation science. Please send your recommendations (you may self nominate) including the candidates' short biography by mid-April to [conference@isqua.org](mailto:conference@isqua.org).

### **HFE Women Award Nominations**

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Women's Organization for Mentorship and Networking (HFE WOMAN) is accepting nominations for its 2020 award, *HFE Woman of the Year* and *HFE Mentor of the Year*, through 5 June 5 2020. These awards are presented annually during the HFE WOMAN luncheon at the HFES annual meeting. More information about how to nominate can be found [here](#).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HFES Town Hall Webinar on Facing the Coronavirus (COVID-19): Human Factors Considerations.**

Following the difficult decision to cancel the HFES healthcare human factors symposium, the organizers aim to discuss and learn about how the human factors community can and should address public health crises, such as the one we are now facing. More information about the cancellation announcement is available [here](#). [Register](#) for the town hall webinar to be held 11 March 2020, 2 PM EST.

### **MSD Prevention in the Paramedic Sector II: Launching a National Ambulance Design Standard**

Join members of CRE-MSD, Canadian Institute for Safety, Wellness & Performance, CSA Group, Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, and the Paramedic Association of Canada for the launch of the new Ergonomic Design Standard for Ambulances and Related Equipment - CSA D500. CRE-MSD is pleased to offer this as a FREE event. Space is limited, so be sure to register early using [the online registration form](#) by 20 March 20 2020.

### **Adverse Outcomes Associated with Occupational**

## **Exposures to Whole Body Vibration: Making a Health, Safety and Business Case**

Presented by Dr. Peter Johnson, this webinar will demonstrate how adverse health and safety outcomes can result from occupational exposure to whole body vibration (WBV) and how methods to reduce WBV exposures can improve operator health and safety and company profitability. [Registration is required](#) to attend this free webinar.

### **CHI 2020**

The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems will be held 25-30 April 2020 in Oahu, Hawai'i, USA. [Registration](#) is open. The current expectation is that CHI2020 will be held as planned. Any changes to the status of the conference will be updated on [this website](#).

