



International Ergonomics Association

IEA NewsBriefs June 2020

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Recent global crises have shown us that we need to maintain safe physical distances for the foreseeable future, and, when feasible and necessary, we must also work to remain connected across communities. Wishing everyone good health, safety, and security.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IEA Fellow and Award Nominations (Friendly Reminder)

Due to the highly unusual circumstances in the world this year, the deadline for [nomination of IEA Fellows](#) is extended to 30 June 2020. This is also the deadline for submissions for the [IEA Tsinghua Award](#) and the [IEA Kingfar Award](#).

Input Requested on HF/E Principles and Guidelines Document

IEA announces the publication of a draft document on Principles and Guidelines for HF/E Design and Management of Work System, prepared over the past 20 months (August 2018 - April 2020) by a dedicated team of experts from IEA, its member societies, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and other partner organizations. The completed document is to serve as a technical basis for the ILO to develop an international standard on best practices in human factors/ergonomics in the workplace. This draft version is pre-published by IEA and can be downloaded [here](#). We welcome comments from all stakeholders. Please send comments to Kathleen Mosier at president@iea.cc.

Call for Practitioner Submissions - IEA2021

IEA2021 is interested in spotlighting applied presentations, such as ergonomics projects. We very much look forward to receiving practice-related proposals starting 26 June 2020 - 25 September 2020. Please help us promote this initiative and think about applied work you may wish to share with fellow practitioners or researchers.

Visit <https://iea2021.org/technical-program-info> and [IEA2021 LinkedIn group](#) for more information.

Call for “Storytelling COVID-19”

IEA in collaboration with Scientific Association Hospital & Clinical Risk Managers (HCRM) and the Italian Agency for Healthcare Services (Agenas) is promoting a call for the collection of digital resources developed in recent months to tell the story of the ongoing health emergency following the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. It will be a participatory and artistic appointment that consists in giving space to creativity through images, videos, and sounds on the pandemic theme.

The competition is open until 31 August 2020.

Participants can be health workers from any of the countries affected by the pandemic. To share your story use the description form (downloadable [here](#)) and send it back to Sara Albolino at: albolinos@aou-careggi.toscana.it and sara.albolino@gmail.com

PANDEMIC PURSUANCE

ICOH-IEA Joint Statement at the 73rd World Health Assembly

The International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) and IEA have published a joint statement on the WHO website for the 73rd World Health Assembly held virtually from Geneva, Switzerland: “The COVID-19 pandemic has once again demonstrated the need for and value of occupational health, Human Factors/Ergonomics services.” This initiative was supported by the tri-party memorandum of understanding among IEA, ICOH, and the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA). Read the full statement [here](#).

CIEHF Guide for How to Create a Safe Workplace during COVID-19

The Chartered Institute of Ergonomics & Human Factors launched a 7-step [guide](#) in collaboration with members of the British Occupational Hygiene Society, Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Chartered Society of Designers, and many other allied professional bodies. The guide, which has been well-received across industry sectors, was discussed during a free virtual session hosted by CIEHF on 10 June 2020. For more information about this free resource and others related to COVID-19, please visit their [webpage](#).

Société d’Ergonomie de Langue Française (SELF) Response

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the French-speaking ergonomics society, [SELF](#), has been involved in various operations and supports the non-profit initiatives carried out by its members:

- As of mid-March, SELF has made all 20 of its previous congress proceedings freely accessible to students.
- The “Junior Practices in Reflection” committee has adapted a weekly forum for new practitioners to discuss the impacts of this special context on their professional practices.
- SELF has also participated in setting up and carrying out a survey conducted within its network of ergonomics organizations. This survey aims to gather testimonials from ergonomists on how they experience this

unprecedented situation, in the diversity of their practices. The publication of the synthesis of these testimonies will be announced on the SELF website.

- Additionally, SELF has engaged in several communication initiatives; publicizing solidarity operations such as “[Ergonomes Solidaires](#) - Ergonomists in Solidarity,” a hotline for those directly affected by the ongoing upheavals in the workplace; and is assembling a series of contributions to the debates on the health crisis and its consequences on work.
- Finally, members of the SELF Board of Directors co-authored a position paper with the presidents of ARTEE and CE2, entitled, “Health crisis. Work crisis. An opportunity amidst the chaos?” ([English and French version](#))

SELF notes that the [annual congress](#) initially planned in September 2020 is postponed to 11-13 January 2021.

HFESA Compiled Resources

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia Inc. has set up a [resource library webpage](#) centered around telecommuting, home-based working, and the COVID-19 pandemic. This curated list includes links to official reports, guidance documents, recorded webinars, YouTube videos, research articles and news articles, from people and institutions around the world.

Chinese Translation of JES Teleworking Tips

In collaboration with the Japan Ergonomics Society, the Chinese Ergonomics Society, CES, has translated the “Seven Practical Tips for Teleworking” guidance document. Find the Chinese translation version on our [IEA COVID-19 resources webpage](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

HFES Webinar on Diversity and Inclusion

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society is hosting a webinar on “Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Webinar Series: Listening and Acting” on 17 June 2020 at 12 PM EST. Featured panelists are: Dr. Carolyn Sommerich, the current HFES Diversity Committee chair; Dr. Rod Roscoe, a co-editor of the recent volume, “Advancing Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice through Human Systems Engineering” (CRC Press); and Dr. Jay Jones, a civil rights lawyer and social scientist who has worked as a diversity and inclusion consultant/advocate for over 25 years. Non-members and members can register for upcoming webinars [here](#).

