



International Ergonomics Association

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This month, did you know, we are observing Global Ergonomics Month? It is a worldwide designation to raise awareness of ergonomics and human factors. Please send us your Global Ergonomics Month activity to be highlighted in the November NewsBriefs!

We also have a few updates and reminders for the IEA2021 Triennial Congress, and several upcoming virtual events to join. In addition, IEA will hold its first virtual Council meeting on **20 October 2020**. Please check back in the November NewsBriefs for a report.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IEA2021 Updates: Deadline Extension, ePosters, and Student Thesis Competition

In response to several requests, the abstract submission deadline has been extended. The abstract portal will close at 07:00 UTC on **17 October 2020**. The 21st Triennial Congress of the International Ergonomics Association will be a hybrid event. Proposals can be submitted for either the in-person or virtual conference. Abstracts of maximum 900 words are invited to be submitted per the instructions at <https://iea2021.org/call-for-papers>.

IEA2021 now welcomes ePosters, an innovative and dynamic part of the Technical Program, which will be accessible by all delegates. An ePoster is a 3-5 minute dynamic, narrated, video poster presentation of 4-5 slides. Presenters and participants will be able to communicate directly to ask questions about the research, or to just make a connection. For more information about how to submit an ePoster, please visit <https://iea2021.org/eposter-requirements>. We look forward to receiving your proposals.

For the first time in IEA's history, IEA2021 is also hosting a "pecha kucha" student thesis competition. Pecha kucha is a presentation format in which presenters are restricted to showing 20 slides for 20 seconds each, with a total of six minutes and 40 seconds to speak. To pre-qualify, please email a one- to two-minute video on your ergonomics-related thesis, including a brief background and methods, main findings, and the impact of the research, to IEApechakucha2021@gmail.com by **15 December 2020**. The best 10 entries will be selected to present their thesis, pecha kucha style, during a special session at the Congress. Click [here](#) for more details

about the competition.

IEA Triennial Awards

An important function of the International Ergonomics Association is to award formal recognition to members of Federated Societies who have made outstanding contributions to the field of human factors/ergonomics on an international level. All awards are presented during the IEA Triennial Congress. The IEA Awards Committee is receiving nominations for IEA Triennial Awards until **11 January 2021**. Click on the awards linked below for application information.

- [IEA Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [IEA Triennial Outstanding Educators Award](#)
- [IEA Award for Promotion of Ergonomics in Developing Countries](#)
- [IEA Ergonomics Development Award](#)
- [IEA Human Factors and Ergonomics Prize](#)
- [IEA/Elsevier John Wilson Award](#)
- [The IEA President's Award](#)

October is Global Ergonomics Month

October is the designated Worldwide Month of Ergonomics and Human Factors. Several IEA Federated Societies and Networks are actively involved in promoting human factors and ergonomics (HFE) among local communities, industries, government agencies, and schools. Typically, planned events and outreach activities are community-based, targeting key stakeholders at various levels, such as industries, schools, government, and society. These are designed to encourage the exchange of HF/E ideas and practices through various formats:

- providing information and materials
- distributing case studies
- highlighting methods and discussions of experiences
- design competitions
- providing community services

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Global Ergonomics Month Activity - "Work Shouldn't Hurt"

One Global Ergonomics Month activity, joint with CRE-MSD (Centre of Research Expertise for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders) and ACE (Association of Canadian Ergonomists), will raise awareness of ergonomics and musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) hazards in workplaces. The Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development and its health and safety system partners will be hosting a number of activities during October. Some highlights of these activities, hosted by several Federated Societies, Networks, and related organizations can be found [here](#).

EVENTS

ACE 2020 Virtual Summit - Registration Open

Registration for the Association of Canadian Ergonomists

(ACE) 2020 Virtual Summit, to be held on **21 October 2020**, is now open. The summit will virtually unite professionals from coast to coast on innovative opportunities that combine ergonomics with Industry 4.0. The event will open at 15:00 UTC to allow time to virtually network and to explore the exhibits. At 16:00 UTC the three-hour event will commence with all presentations from the five speakers being available “on demand” (in English and French) immediately after they are launched live. The event will conclude with a lively panel discussing the impacts, challenges, and opportunities that the COVID-19 world presents to ergonomics and human factors professionals. For more information about this event and to register, please click [here](#).

Understanding the Well-Being of LGBTQI+ Populations

Please join the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on **21 October 2020**, at 17:00 UTC for the release of its new report, “Understanding the Well-Being of LGBTQI+ Populations.” This report will review the available data and future research needs relevant to persons of diverse sexualities and genders, and persons with differences in sex development. The webinar will include an overview of the study process and discussion of the report's findings, conclusions, and recommendations. To register (for free) please visit: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-well-being-of-lgbtqi-populations-report-release-webinar-tickets-123751870175?ct=t\(Well-being-LGBTQI+Populations\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-well-being-of-lgbtqi-populations-report-release-webinar-tickets-123751870175?ct=t(Well-being-LGBTQI+Populations))

Ergonomics & Human Factors 2021 - Call for Submissions Open

Next year's EHF2021 conference will be a four-day, hybrid online and face-to-face event encouraging global participation on **19-22 April 2021**, with three days of online content, followed by one day at a London venue. Organized by the Chartered Institute of Ergonomics & Human Factors (CIEHF), the call for submissions covers six themes -- health and social care, transportation and mobility, the future workplace, the built environment, sustainable living, and the future human -- as well as any other area of ergonomics. The submission portal is open now until **1 November 2020**. For more information please visit: <https://conference.ergonomics.org.uk/>

2021 IISE Annual Conference & Expo - Call for Submissions Open

The Modeling & Simulation Division of the Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers (IISE) invites you to submit your abstract to the Modeling & Simulation Track at the 2021 IISE Annual Conference & Expo, to be held **22-25 May 2021** in Montréal, Canada. Abstracts are welcome in all areas related to modeling and simulation such as methodological advances, simulation applications, human factors and human-computer interaction, virtual reality and training, and simulation education. Abstracts will be refereed, and authors of accepted abstracts will present their work in a conference session. Regular sessions will be 80 minutes and include up to four presenters. Authors of these abstracts will be encouraged to submit an optional six-page paper for

double-blind peer review for the conference proceedings. The deadline to submit a 250-word abstract is **15 November 2020**. For more information please visit: <https://www.iise.org/Annual/details.aspx?id=50923>

Applied Ergonomics Conference - Call for Poster Abstracts

The 24th Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference will be held **22-25 March 2021** at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The Applied Ergonomics Society (AES), a society within the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE), supports the Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference and Expo, where attendees gather from around the world to share best practices with other professionals in ergonomics, healthcare, safety, human resources, and risk management. Poster presentation abstracts are being accepted until **30 November 2020**. Submission details are available [here](#).

