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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### IEA Council Meeting Report

In response to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the IEA Council held its first virtual meeting in October 2020. More than 50 society representatives as well as the IEA officers and Executive Committee members attended one of two three-hour meetings. Everyone was able to view video recordings of both sessions. Ballots for voting items were submitted to participants ahead of the meeting to reserve as much time as possible for discussion. Business items included:

- Council approved *BRICSplus* as the newest IEA Network. This is a new type of IEA network, as the countries of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa are from different geographical regions, but comprise common interests and goals with respect to human factors/ ergonomics (HF/E).
- Council approved revised procedures for voting between Council meetings. In the current dynamic world situation, these procedures will enable us to be agile and to respond quickly to any necessary changes.
- Council voted to revise the requirements for Individual Sustaining Membership to make it easier for external partners to support IEA.
- A new Operating Procedure for the endorsement of HF/E certification programs was approved.
- Council approved three new memoranda of understanding: International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE); Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) and its Applied Ergonomics Society (AES); and Foundation for Professional Ergonomics (FPE). We look forward to productive collaborations with these external partners.

The next Council meeting will take place at the IEA2021 venue in Vancouver, Canada, in June 2021. See you there!

#### Spanish Translation of IEA/ILO Guidance Document

A draft document jointly prepared by IEA and the International Labour Organization (ILO), "Principles and Guidelines for Human Factors/Ergonomics (HF/E) Design and Management of Work Systems," [is available for](#)

[download on the IEA.cc website](#). The document is also now available in Spanish, "[Principios y Directrices de EFH para el Diseño y Gestión de Sistemas de Trabajo v1](#)." This document is intended to serve as a technical basis for the ILO to develop an international standard on workplace good practice on human factors/ergonomics. This document is a pre-published draft for public review; IEA President Kathleen Mosier welcomes any comments from all stakeholders: [president@iea.cc](mailto:president@iea.cc).

### **Update from Sociedad de Ergonomistas de Mexico, A.C. (SEMAC)**

The 26th International Ergonomics Congress was held virtually on the 24th and 31st of October this year. Many SEMAC colleagues and Latin American countries participated. More than 50 research papers were reviewed for the 13th indexed SEMAC.

### **Recent Activity from Unión Latinoamericana de Ergonomía (ULAERGO)**

The Latin American network formed by 12 countries has declared the 10th of October "Día de la Ergonomía Latinoamericana," or Latin American Ergonomics Day. The network has also published its first ULAERGO Bulletin, which will be featured on the <http://www.ulaergo.com/> website every 6 six months. To view the first issue, please visit: [http://ulaergo.com/archivos/boletin\\_10\\_10\\_2020.pdf](http://ulaergo.com/archivos/boletin_10_10_2020.pdf). A Portuguese version is also available [here](#).

## **EVENTS**

### **HKES Zoom Webinar - "Design Thinking Applications in Product Development"**

The Hong Kong Ergonomics Society ([HKES](#)) will host a webinar delivered by Mr. Peter Lau on **11 November 2020** at 6:15 PM HKT / 10:15 UTC. Mr. Lau has 20 years of user experience design and design thinking in Hong Kong, China, and in the U.S., leading more than 100 projects for several multinational companies. In this webinar, Mr. Lau will demonstrate how Design Thinking can help identify design opportunities for clients using real-case examples in safety products, smart-home products, aviation, and finance. To attend, please register at: <https://doodle.com/poll/nsx2rsg3r8ght5g6> and join the webinar via

Zoom: <https://hku.zoom.us/j/95198901456>. For questions contact: [enquiry@ergonomics.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@ergonomics.org.hk).

### **Indian Society of Ergonomics - 18th Annual International Ergonomics Conference**

The annual meeting of the Indian Society of Ergonomics, "Humanizing Work and Work Environment" (HWWE2020), will be held in virtual mode on **10-12 December 2020**, hosted by the Theem College of Engineering, Boisar, Mumbai. For more information please visit: <http://theemcoe.org/hwwe2020/home.html>



