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Wishing all our members who observed the tradition, a very happy new year. To include an item in future IEA NewsBriefs, you may reach the IEA NewsBriefs Editor at: erin.chiou@asu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Croatian Ergonomics Society Assists in Earthquake Relief

In the wake of a devastating earthquake that affected Croatia on 29 December 2020, the Executive Board of the Croatian Ergonomics Society (CrES) decided to become one of the humanitarian organizations that will collect donations from abroad for areas in Croatia that were affected. Individuals and organizations may assist using information in [this document](#) (downloads a docx file). The CrES Executive Board thanks you for your help, on behalf of the people living in earthquake-affected areas in the Republic of Croatia.

IEA Statement at the WHO EB148 Session on Global Action on Patient Safety

IEA participated in the virtual World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board 148th session held in Geneva, Switzerland. IEA made a statement to the WHO Executive Board on 21 January 2021 regarding our support and joint working activities concerning agenda item number 5, "global action on patient safety." The IEA statement presented by Dr. Michelle Robertson, International Ergonomics Association (IEA) Chair of Communications and Public Relations, can be viewed here: <https://www.who.int/about/governance/executive-board/executive-board-148th-session> (Session 7, Item 5 - Global action on patient safety, 2:28:20 mark). The full written statement can be found [here](#).

IEA2021

Exhibit Opportunities at IEA2021

Registration is now open for both in-person and virtual exhibit booths. Select one or both to get more brand exposure than ever before. Plus, virtual booths are an inexpensive, logistics-free way to reach the global HF/E community and booths remain online for 30 days. Advantage rate discounts now in effect until **26 February 2021**. For more information please visit: <https://iea2021.org/exhibit-opportunities>

IEA2021 Registration Now Open

Register today to attend the 21st Congress of the International Ergonomics Association to be held 13-18 June 2021. Don't miss this exciting and unique Congress.

The nearly 1,000 contributions will be more versatile and accessible than ever before. The Congress is hybrid, comprising both an in-person conference and a virtual conference. You can register for either, but unless you know for certain you will not be able to travel to Vancouver, we encourage you to register for the in-person event. In-person delegates will also have access to the satellite virtual conference. If you need to change at a later date, you will receive a refund for the difference in fees. Advantage rates in effect until **15 March 2021**. Please visit: www.iea2021.org

IEA Congress Keynote Speakers

When COVID-19 struck, doctors realized their pulse oximeters were not working well for people with brown and black skin. When a Swedish town planned its transport system, a gender analysis revealed oversight of the needs of working mothers. Ergonomists see these situations every day. Dr. Karen Messing, Professor Emerita of Ergonomics at the Université du Québec à Montréal, will be one of eight keynote speakers to present at the Congress of the International Ergonomics Association on 13-18 June 2021. Dr. Messing will draw from her extensive background in ergonomics, genetics, and gender sensitive analyses to explain how failure to take account of collective aspects of work and its complexities can lead to increased risk.

For more information about the distinguished IEA2021 keynote speakers, please visit their profiles here: <https://iea2021.org/news-briefs?blog=y&blogcategory=Speakers>

- “Forgotten or ignored? Why women (and others) may be left out of the 4.0 economy and what ergonomists can do about it” by Dr. Karen Messing (Canada)
- “Human Systems Integration: The Right Mix of Technology, Organization and People” by Dr. Guy André Boy (France)
- “The Hidden Power of Affective Products and Environments” by Dr. Rosemary R. Seva (Philippines)
- “An Architecture of Inclusion” by Professor Fionnuala Rogerson (Ireland)

PANDEMIC PURSUANCE

Paper on Testing School Children for COVID-19

The International Engineering and Technology Institute’s Transactions on Ergonomics and Safety journal (IETI TES) recently published a paper, "[Work in schools in the pandemic – a proposal of a method for children testing on COVID-19 virus](#)" as part of an IETI TES [special issue on COVID-19](#). The paper was submitted by the Ergonomics Society of Serbia, as a contribution to the IEA COVID-19 Resources page, which can be found here: <https://iea.cc/covid-19-resources/>

IEA/ISQua Collaborative Supplement

IEA is pleased to announce the publication of an ISQua/IEA collaborative supplement of the International Journal for Quality in Health Care, Volume 33, Issue Supplement 1, January 2021. The supplement covers human factors/ergonomics issues and contributions to the challenges of COVID-19 and can be found

at https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/issue/33/Supplement_1

EVENTS

Free seminar on "Practical Management of 'COVID-Normal' in Workplaces"

La Trobe University Centre for Ergonomics and Human Factors is hosting a free online seminar on practical management strategies for working in "COVID-Normal" on 8 February 2021, at 2:30 UTC. A series of expert speakers will give short presentations with practical examples of dealing with issues related to working in the "COVID-Normal" environment in different occupations, industries, and work arrangements. This seminar will be recorded. After registering, you will receive the Zoom link for the seminar on **1 February 2021**. The registration link (which should convert the event to your local time) can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/practical-management-of-covid-normal-in-workplaces-tickets-131292317857>

