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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **IEA 2021 Updates - Congress Moving Fully Virtual and Top Ten Tracks**

The IEA 2021 planning committee recently made the very difficult decision to cancel the in-person portion of the meeting. Read more about this decision [here](#). Delegates can register at the current virtual conference rates until **18 February 2021**. On 19 February, rates will increase for IEA members and nonmembers. The rates for student delegates and delegates from OECD low- and middle-income countries will remain unchanged. Delegates who have already registered for the virtual conference are automatically registered for the full Congress. All in-person registrations will be changed to virtual and if already paid, then refunds will be issued within 4-6 weeks. If payment has not been received, new invoices will be issued. Finalized registration rates are available [here](#).

There are over 30 exciting tracks being organized for the IEA Congress (**13-18 June 2021**) covering a wide range of topics in HF/E, in addition to special sessions. The top ten tracks that received the most submissions are:

1. Healthcare Ergonomics
2. Musculoskeletal Disorders
3. Transport HF/E
4. Activity Theories for Work Analysis and Design
5. Organizational Design and Management
6. Health and Safety
7. Covid 19
8. Biomechanics
9. Ergonomics in Design for All
10. Work with Computing Systems

All of the tracks are outlined on the [IEA2021 website](#).

#### **IEA Awards Deadline Extension**

Yushi Fujita, Chair of the IEA Awards Standing Committee, has announced that the deadline has been extended to **31 March 2021** for these Triennial Awards:

- The IEA Distinguished Service Award
- IEA Ergonomics Development Award
- IEA/Elsevier John Wilson Award

For more information, please

visit: <https://iea.cc/awards/iea-triennial-awards/>. We hope that your society will consider nominating qualified candidates for these prestigious awards. For additional information, please contact Yushi Fujita, Awards Standing Committee Chair, at [pastpres@iea.cc](mailto:pastpres@iea.cc)

### **The First IEA Webinar on “Preparedness and Pandemic: The role of human factors and ergonomics in responding to the emergency COVID-19 in healthcare”**

Human factors and ergonomics (HF/E) specialists have supported healthcare organizations responding to the COVID-19 emergency in many ways, including how to foster strategic dimensions of preparedness through quality and safety. This webinar is planned for **March 4, 2021, at 17:30 UTC**, and will explore the HF/E contribution from multiple points of view.

The webinar will be hosted by *Sara Albolino* (IEA Secretary General), *Michelle Robertson* (IEA EC member), and *Giulio Toccafondi* (Centre for Clinical Risk Management and Patient Safety Tuscany Region, Co-Chair IEA Healthcare Ergonomics Technical Committee) and will feature panelists from around the world:

- **Ian Findlay**, South Africa (anaesthetist and ergonomist representative of Ergonomics Society of South Africa)
- **Tommaso Bellandi**, Italy (Department of Patient Safety Northwest healthcare Trust Tuscany and President of SIE Italian Ergonomics and Human Factors Society)
- **Sylvia Pelayo**, France (Univ. Lille, CHU Lille and Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française- SELF)
- **Martha Patricia Caro Gutierrez**, Colombia (Centro de estudios de Ergonomía Departamento de Ingeniería Industrial Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)

Registration (no charge) is available at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mWNMIeksSSWLbvInEI-DLQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mWNMIeksSSWLbvInEI-DLQ)

### **Indian Society of Ergonomics Latest Newsletter Posted**

The Indian Society of Ergonomics (ISE) has disseminated their quarterly newsletter issue, Vol. 24, No.4, covering October - December 2020. Read their latest issue to learn more about the Humanizing Work and Work Environment (HWWE 2020) conference held this past December, and other notable achievements. More information about the ISE and its most recent newsletter issue can be downloaded from this page: <https://iea.cc/member/indian-society-of-ergonomics-sei/>

### **PANDEMIC PURSUANCE**

#### **COVID-19 Resources from CIEHF**

The Chartered Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors (CIEHF, UK) invites you to examine and use their assembled COVID-19 resources at: <https://covid19.ergonomics.org.uk/>

### **EVENTS**

### **IHF/ISQua virtual conference on Hospital Workers' Wellbeing Matters**

Recognizing the pivotal importance of information exchange between industry leaders in addressing the mental health problems among hospital workers and other health service providers from working in a prolonged crisis situation, the International Hospital Federation (IHF) and the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) are hosting the virtual conference "Hospital Workers' Wellbeing Matters" on **23 February 2021**. The event will focus on:

- Global perspectives on hospital and health system employee wellbeing
- Good practices and innovations from hospitals around the globe
- Successful programs from other industries

More information about the speaker lineup and registration rates for the event are available [here](#). Questions about this event can be directed to: [forum@ihf-fih.org](mailto:forum@ihf-fih.org).

### **INCOSE/HSI and IEA Joint Conference - Call for Papers**

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) together with IEA will jointly organize the International Conference on Human Systems Integration, HSI2021, as a hybrid event to be held **17-19 November 2021**. Proposal submissions, including full research papers, industry track, early-stage research, posters, abstracts, panels, workshops, and poster demos are due **22 March 2021**. For more information please see the [HSI2021 Call For Submission](#) page.

