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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free IEA Webinar on Certification

Mark your calendar for a free webinar that will provide answers on how to get certified and information on how certification systems around the world are linked via the IEA endorsement system. Experts from certification bodies in New Zealand, Europe, Brazil, South Africa, and the USA will explain their procedures and requirements. The webinar will be held on **15 October 2021** from 18:00 to 19:30 UTC. Register

here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_26A_pUYwRLuWgEKVKn-K1Q

World Patient Safety Day

17 September 2021 was the third year celebrating [World Patient Safety Day](#) with the World Health Organization (WHO). The slogan promoted by WHO this year was, "Act now for safe and respectful childbirth!" with the theme "Safe maternal and newborn care." The contribution of ergonomics and human factors (HFE) is fundamental to achieving these goals. In the strategic Global Patient Safety action plan for 2021-2030 issued last January by WHO, HFE is recognized to be essential for developing safe, effective, comfortable, and resilient healthcare systems. World Patient Safety Day was established in 2019 to enhance global understanding of patient safety. The IEA community stands together with WHO in the promotion of this crucial objective for people's health. For more information about the Global Patient Safety action plan, World Safety Day, and to access a list of HFE case studies in patient safety, please visit: <https://iea.cc/world-patient-safety-day-september-17/>

IEA Leadership Meeting with STP Experts

On 30 August IEA president Jose Orlando Gomes and vice-presidents Maggie Graf and Thomas Alexander met the chairs of the [IEA Technical](#)

[Committees \(TCs\)](#). Together with the new chair of the Science, Technology, and Practice (STP) Committee Nancy Black, the co-chairs Rosemary Seva and Andrew Thatcher, and Myung Hwan Yoon as chair of the IEA 2024 World Congress, they shared their ideas and plans for the next three years. They thanked the TC chairs and many TC volunteers from all over of the world for their commitment during the past term. The meeting was very successful and will be repeated in the future.

Foundation for Professional Ergonomics (FPE) Impact Grants

The [Foundation for Professional Ergonomics](#) (FPE) is pleased to announce the availability of the FPE Impact Grants to support small projects developing professional ergonomics around the world. Funding preference will be given, but not limited to, applicants from developing countries (as defined by the United Nations) or proposals that help to develop or grow professional ergonomics in developing countries. The FPE Impact Grants are intended as seed funding for small (pilot) projects that could lead to (but not required) more extensive funding opportunities from other sources in the future. The expected budget of a single proposal should be between USD\$500 and \$2,000 and must not exceed USD \$2,500. The deadline for submission is **15 November 2021**, with awards given before the end of the year, 31 December 2021. Send proposals to Waldemar Karwowski, wkarwowski@gmail.com or Harvey Cohen, harvey@erroranalysis.com. The general format for proposals can be downloaded at: <https://www.ergofoundation.org/media/attachments/2021/09/10/fpe-impact-grants-template-2021.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

HFES 65th International Annual Meeting

This year's [Human Factors and Ergonomics Society](#) (HFES) Annual Meeting, an IEA-endorsed event, will be held **4-7 October 2021** at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Maryland, USA with an online component held **25-28 October 2021**. HFES plans to expand on the successful networking activities introduced at the first fully virtual meeting held last year, and is excited to highlight the innovative work in its two newest Technical Groups, Cybersecurity and Human-AI-Robot Teaming. HFES also plans to grow the embedded Practitioner Track, with a strong emphasis on sharing hands-on and applied project findings. Welcome to the 65th Annual Meeting of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society in one, or hopefully both, meeting formats. For registration and other information, please visit: <https://www.hfes2021.org/register>

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