

## IEA'S FUTURE OF WORK TASK FORCE

At the April 2022 EC meeting we proposed the following work programme for the 2022-2024 period.

- 1) Establishment of Task Force with regional representatives. This strategy has not worked as anticipated. We had expected to develop a network of 5 to 7 regional representatives that would oversee the Task Force programme in their respective region. To date we have only received a single nomination, from the US. As a consequence, we have re-developed the regional representatives to take a more organic approach based on responses and reactions to the webinar series.
- 2) 2022 Webinar series. The webinar series has launched with a webinar presentation entitled "The challenges for HFE from the future of work: examples from Down Under" by Prof. Tim Bentley (established researcher, Australia) and Dr Nicola Green (emerging researcher, New Zealand). Their webinar was based on their paper published in *Ergonomics* entitled "State of science: the future of work – ergonomics and human factors contributions to the field". The webinar was held on 17 August 2022 and was attended by approximately 60 people from around the world.

Two further webinars are being planned at present and we hope to have them presented by the end of 2022.

We are developing a webinar from China scheduled for late October or early November. The Chinese Ergonomics Society has established a special group of emerging researchers in HFE and is inviting representatives from a variety of industrial sectors. The webinar will be organized jointly with onsite group meetings (Onsite: Chinese language; Online: English), and will focus on two topics: (1) identifying the emerging Future of Work forms in the context of AI, robots, and post-COVID; and (2) Identifying the potential HFE issues and discuss how HFE may contribute to success.

Currently we are in conversation with Elina Parvainen (Finland), Prof. Arto Reiman (emerging researcher, Finland), and Prof. Jan Dul (established researcher, The Netherlands) about delivering a webinar based on perspectives about the future of work from Northern Europe. This seminar emerges from work produced for the ERGO2030 project that was funded by the Anita and Olavi Seppänen Memorial Foundation.

- 3) 2023 Webinar series. Webinars by prominent E/HF industry stakeholders (e.g. the ILO, the EU Beyond Work programme, the World Refugee Programme). We have not made progress with this point as it is only scheduled to begin from 2023.
- 4) 2023-2024 Opinion piece production. Information is currently being collected from the webinars and associated documents.
- 5) 2023-2024 Special Issue production curated by Andrew Thatcher and Wei Zhang. Planning has not begun on this item yet.

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