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Ladies and Gentlemen.

with this letter we are proposing Director and Professor Dr. Thomas Alexander for the position of Vice President – Treasurer of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA).

Prof. Alexander has been conducting multiple research activities in the field of human factors and ergonomics for more than 25 years. During this time, he has initiated, conducted and managed numerous R&D programs and projects, both, nationally and internationally. His topics have always focused on a human-centered design and application of new, innovative technologies. They included topics such as digital human models and simulation, virtual and augmented reality, smart information and communication technologies, physical and cognitive assistance and artificial intelligence. His work has made a significant contribution to a system-oriented, comprehensive approach.

In 2019, Professor Alexander became head of the division of Product and Work Systems at the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA). Since then, while still initiating and conducting research and development projects in his division, he has strongly supported the involvement of HVE topics in occupational safety and health, federal, non-legislative technical rules and national, European and international standards.

Professor Alexander has been closely involved in IEA and its many activities since 2006: First chairing a Technical Committee, and organizing annual conferences, then becoming a member of the Executive Committee as chair of the Science, Technology, and Practice Steering Committee (STP) and finally being elected as Vice President - Treasurer. He has been certified as a European Ergonomist in 2012.

In our view, Professor Alexander, has a high level of competence of HFE research and application as well as outstanding management and leadership. He is clearly dedicated to the field of human factors and ergonomics.

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Martin Schmauder Präsident GfA e.V.