

Dear Members of the IEA Council,  
dear colleagues and HFE enthusiasts,

It is really a pleasure and an honor for me to candidate for a second term as Vice President - Treasurer of the IEA. I have been involved in many IEA and IEA activities for a long time, starting with a first presentation and organizing a series of sessions during the world congress in Maastricht in 2006, initiating a Technical Committee (on Digital Human Modeling and Simulation) directly afterwards, and being very much involved in the following triennial IEA world congresses in Beijing, Recife, Melbourne, Florence, (virtual) Vancouver and, now, Jeju. During this time, I always enjoyed working together with other experts in our domain, sharing ideas, thoughts and challenges with other HFE-enthusiasts and experiencing a truly free exchange of ideas with many discussions with great people which became friends. IEA was, has been, is and will truly be a global organization with and for an international community, involving people with different backgrounds from different disciplines, truly representing the different regions of the world. And we all share the same goal: To elaborate and advance HFE science and practice, and to expand its scope of application and contribution to society to improve quality of life. I was very happy and am still honored to be a part of it, and to be a member of the Executive Committee since 2016, when I became chairperson of the STP standing committee and, even more, when I was elected as IEA Vice President – Treasurer in 2021. This is what I want to continue during the next term.

During this time, I have conducted many national and international HFE research activities, first at a Fraunhofer Institute, and afterwards at the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA). I am Director and Professor there and currently leading the division “Products and work systems”. The division involves about 90 persons, most of which have an academic background. We initiate and manage HFE-related research and development projects and programs with a strong focus on safety and health at work and human-centered work design. We also conduct our own research activities in laboratories and by intervention studies. Innovative topics are our daily business. We cooperate closely with many universities and research institutes, and also with practitioners and the social partners, employers and unions. As a federal institute, we advise the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and are involved in international intergovernmental activities in the context of the ILO, G7, G20, UN and WHO, just to name a few.

For the next term, I would like to continue my work, to focus on building a solid and reliable (financial) base for future developments. This will also include to a practicable financial planning e.g. as a forecast or a similar format. It also refers to quality assurance of several core processes for IEA management and accounting. My experience from the first term will help me continue this in the future.

Best



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