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Dear IEA Council Members:

It was stimulating to see many of you at our annual council meeting in Bruges earlier this month. It was invigorating to be around so many good friends who are dedicated to the profession. Some of the news in this issue may cover items that were already discussed at our meeting. For those who were not able to join us I hope this brings you up to speed. We are extremely grateful for FEES and their conference organizers to allow us to hold our meeting jointly with their first European Conference on Ergonomics.

Highlights from Council Meeting

The Ad Hoc Committee's report on governance generated three proposals for change. The first entails title changes for the Secretary General and Treasurer to Vice President and Secretary General and Vice President and Treasurer. This is an important change that better reflects the officers division of labor and the scope of work required of an organization of our size with the resources we have. We are taking council's advice and providing more details for changing the role of the Past President and creating a new President-Elect position. These are small but important first steps toward modernizing our 53-year-old governance structure to more accurately represent how we operate as a team today. The EC is grateful for Council's guidance on this matter.

The Executive Committee gave individual reports about their actions and the initiatives undertaken to achieve our strategic objectives. You can find details about these in the individual reports that were circulated earlier. If you need copies, please contact Eric Wang at mywangeric@gmail.com.

Sheng Wang from the Chinese Ergonomics Society (CES) was not able to attend our meeting as originally planned. We were to hear his final report on the 2009 IEA Triennial Congress. In his absence, Eric Wang gave us a high level overview of the meeting and accepted a plaque on behalf of the IEA to CES for their work.

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We also heard reports about the upcoming IEA Triennial Congress in 2012 from Marcelo Soares (ABERGO) and 2015 from Mike Regan (HFESA). The meeting organizers heard Council's questions and concerns and will explore these issues to ensure a successful event. We look forward to two more successful Congresses.

The next IEA council will be held in conjunction with the 10th ODAM conference in Grahamstown, South Africa. Dates have tentatively been set for 2-3 April 2011. There was a close vote among three attractive alternatives in South Africa, Spain and Turkey. We are extremely grateful for the three proposals that were put forward to hosting our annual meeting. Look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Attendees to the IEA Council Meeting in Bruges Belgium

IEA 2012 Website Available Now!

We are pleased to announce the activation of the website for IEA2012 <http://iea2012.org/>. Here you can find dates, details and destinations that will allow you to plan for your professional and personal needs. Advanced

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planning for the upcoming Congress is especially important because it will be held not long before the Brazilian Carnival, which attracts many visitors from around the world.

The Triennial Congress is the most important event for IEA and it brings together the largest gathering of international scholars, researchers and practitioners. The theme of this Congress challenges our ability to marshal our resources to satisfy human needs sustainably. This raises important questions about what we do individually and collectively, and how we can contribute meaningfully to our interconnected future.

The Organizing Committee, headed by Professor Marcelo Soares, has made progress on this meeting and we are pleased with the advanced planning. The venue in Recife has many historical, tourist, and cultural offerings that add to the attractiveness of this meeting. By planning ahead you can take advantage of the professional and personal benefits of this important meeting. We are finalizing an electronic paper submission and review system for your convenience. We will announce this system as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, keep these dates in mind to submit your proposals on time. Go to the website and discover the exciting possibilities.

<http://iea2012.org/>

Deadline for paper submission

(scientific research and technical case study paper)

Deadline to submit abstract(s)	15 April 2011
Notification of acceptance	30 June 2011
Deadline for full paper(s) submission	31 August 2011

Deadline for poster submission

(scientific research and technical case study poster)

Deadline to submit poster(s)	30 June 2011
Notification of acceptance	31 August 2011

Deadline for Special Sessions, Symposia and Company case study

Deadline	30 June 2011
Notification of acceptance	31 August 2011

New Publications Available

[Ergonomic Checkpoints](#). ILO has just released Ergonomic Checkpoints (2nd Edition). We are very pleased with this new publication, that together with the 1st edition and the upcoming Ergonomic Checkpoints for Agriculture (in 2011), form a coherent family of products that makes the science and practice of our discipline more accessible to many more people. You can learn about this second edition at: http://www.ilo.org/global/What_we_do/Publications/ILOBookstore/Forthcomingpublications/lang--en/docName--WCMS_120133/index.htm. Unfortunately, because of a communication error, the 30 copies that

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Shengli Niu sent from Geneva were not available to our council members in Bruges. You can order your own copies by writing to: pubvente@ilo.org.

Ergonomic Guidelines. This useful guide for implementing ergonomics in occupational health and safety programs has been getting warm receptions wherever we have introduced the product. This is a joint publication from the IEA and the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH). To order a copy contact ergonomia Verlag (info@ergonomia.de).

ISO Focus+ Interview. We received a request for a guest interview from ISO for their publication ISO Focus+, which featured accessibility in the September 2010 issue. It was a tight time line and it required an immediate response. With great help from the Executive Committee and other subject matter experts, I was able to respond in time to meet the publication deadlines. Special thanks to Tom Stewart (U.K.), Harald Weber (Germany), Takashi Yokoi (Japan), Tomas Berns (Sweden), and Marcelo Soares (Brazil) for their expertise and support. The Executive Committee's responsiveness and support were invaluable in meeting this tight timeline. The interview will be published in the September 2010 issue. http://www.iso.org/iso/iso-focus-plus_index/iso-focusplus_2010/iso-focusplus_2010-08.htm

Ergonomic Checkpoints for Human Care Work

The Human Ergology Society has offered to champion an ambitious first step in extending ergonomics to those workers, families and individuals who care for others in health care facilities and also in the myriad of situations where humans may need assistance. This project is expected to be completed by the end of 2011 and will add to the clearly definable family of products that IEA has championed in the area of checkpoints. We thank President Maie of the Human Ergology Society for their foresight and generous offer. They will be working with Barbara Silvestein, Chair of the International Development Committee and contributor to previous checkpoints, to drive this project to completion.

Good Practices Database

One of the three major projects that Yushi Fujita is undertaking as Chair of the Professional Standards and Education Chair is the development of a Good Practices Database. Modeled after a project begun by the Japanese Ergonomics Society (JES), this project will document best practices from around the world in a number of areas. There are currently several databases around the world at university and other websites documenting these best practices. There is also a project between the Japanese and Taiwanese Societies to translate these best practices into Chinese and make it accessible to more people. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact Yushi Fujita y.fjt@technova.co.jp.

IEA Historian

I recently met with Patrick Waterson from Loughborough University in the U.K. after he responded to my call regarding the position of IEA Historian. Patrick has an interest in the history of ergonomics and the IEA. He has

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a good start on people and events in the U.K. and parts of Europe. He is looking to establish a collaborative relationship with others who have the same interest to document our common heritage across time and cultures. He was at the HFES annual meeting in San Francisco and has met several people from the US who have given him a good start.

The output of all of this may culminate in a special session at the IEA meeting in Recife, Brazil. Patrick is contemplating journal articles and a book to follow Ilkka Kourinka's important work. If you would like to collaborate or contribute to this work, please contact our Historian right away. P.Watson@lboro.ac.uk.



Secretary General Eric Wang receiving IEA Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of The Chinese Ergonomics Society for organizing the 2009 IEA Congress

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Participants in the NES Safe Work Workshop:
Kari Anne Holte, IEA STP Chair Karen Jacobs, Bo Veiersted, and Therese N. Hanvold

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IEA Past President presenting Ergonomic Checkpoints to Kai Olsen at NES Meeting

Announcements About Upcoming Events

10th ODAM, in Grahamstown, South Africa. Matthias Göbel, organizer of this event, has sent a message concerning submission of papers to ODAM. Since we will be meeting there for our next council meeting you may want to take advantage of this extension. I would like to draw your attention to the deadline for submissions that has been extended to 1 November 2010. This will allow representatives to still hand in proposals for the ODAM conference. Please visit <http://www.ODAM2011.net> for further information or send a 200-word proposal including your contact data via email to odam@ru.ac.za.

HEPS 2011. The International Conference on Healthcare Systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety (HEPS) 2011 conference will be held in Oviedo, Spain from 22-24 June. The organizers have asked me to announce that there

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is a reduced fee for attendees from Industrially Developing Countries (IDCs) and there are group discounts available. You can get more information at: <http://heps2011.org/>.

Congratulations to Valerie Garwon from HFES on becoming the newest IEA Fellow. Her application was received from the HFES, approved by the required number of Fellows and the Executive Committee. Warm congratulations from the ergonomics community around the world.

Important Upcoming Events

- ♦ [Pan-Pacific Conference on Occupational Ergonomics \(PPCOE 2010\)](#)
7-10 November 2010, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
- ♦ [SEANES](#)
14-17 December 2010, Cebu, Philippines
- ♦ [The 10th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organisational Design and Management \(ODAM 2011\)](#)
4-6 April 2011, Grahamstown, South Africa
- ♦ [Ergonomics & Human Factors 2011](#)
12-14 April 2011, Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire, UK
- ♦ [Healthcare systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety conference 2011 \(HEPS 2011\)](#)
22-24 June 2011, Oviedo, Spain
- ♦ [The 2nd East Asian Ergonomics Federation Symposium and Asia Ergonomics Summit 2011 \(2nd EAEFS & AES 2011\)](#)
5-8 October 2011, Hsinchu, Taiwan, ROC

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