

Welcome to Edinburgh,
Scotland's inspiring capital!



Edinburgh Convention Bureau
Inspiring Conferences



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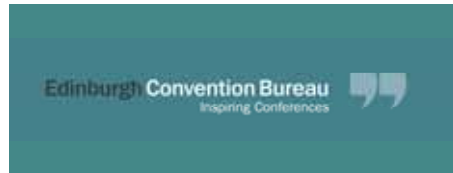
The Partners

THE ERGONOMICS SOCIETY (ES), THE EDINBURGH CONVENTION BUREAU (ECB), THE EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE (EICC)



The Ergonomics Society has organised conferences for its members since 1950 and since 1983 with published proceedings, including 2 successful IEA Congresses. The experienced staff in the Society office now organise 4 conferences per year; ranging from a one day student conference to a 3 day annual conference with refereed papers and printed proceedings, plus a 3 day single stream conference. Increasingly our conferences are attracting more non-members owing to our reputation for providing an excellent programme of high quality speakers with a high quality delivery of administration for delegates. With the provision of well-trained office staff, we aim to build on our successes of the past to ensure we continue to achieve our record of no event cancellations. Delegate feedback has always placed conference administration at the top of the score board. Excellent results have been achieved partly as a result of the provision of up-to-date office IT which ensures valuable communication with delegates and authors.

In entering into a partnership with Edinburgh Convention Bureau (ECB) and the Edinburgh International Conference



Centre (EICC), we are using our knowledge and experience of holding conferences for the ergonomics community in conjunction with a bureau and a venue with vast experience of organising conferences. A demonstration of their proven track record is in their portfolio, which is included at the end of the bid document. This venue can offer a wide range of large and small rooms suitable for the different types of sessions required. Whether it's a plenary in the main auditorium holding 1200, a symposium for 300, or a panel sessions in one of the many session rooms, there is a wide choice of facilities all under the one roof.

What is the ECB? The role of ECB is to raise the profile of Edinburgh as an inspiring conference destination and to work as a catalyst between the conference industry and all the venues and services that this membership organisation offers.

Driven by integrity, professionalism and innovation, the ECB (a non-profit organisation), works closely with its main funding partners, the City of Edinburgh Council and VisitScotland, and with Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh & Lothian, to ensure a co-ordinated and focused approach to the marketing of the city as a conference destination.



Conference Programme

The date chosen subject to approval by the Executive Committee is Sunday **2nd August – Friday 7th August 2015**. This is in line with the UK's academic calendar and a week before the Edinburgh Festival which will give delegates a unique opportunity to stay for a second week and enjoy the world renowned Edinburgh Festival.

The Welcome reception on the night before the conference starts will be held at the Assembly Rooms. This will be an evening of light refreshment and Scottish hospitality.



(Assembly rooms)

We understand that an organising committee and a scientific committee is to be set up and that the scientific committee is tasked with the responsibility of putting the programme together from the submitted papers and requests from Chairs. The Scientific Committee will decide on the Plenary Speakers who will be from both Europe and the rest of the world. In view of the

Ergonomics Society's links to the offshore Oil & Gas Industries, we would like to propose a session on Human Factors in the Oil & Gas Industries. We hold a 3 day conference each year on this subject and would be confident of a good response from this industry. We would anticipate an increase in attendance from previous years and are working towards a total delegate attendance of 1800 to 2000.

The UK has the largest number of ergonomics consultancies in Europe and to encourage our consultancies to take part in the congress as exhibitors or sponsors, we would like to suggest a consultancies' day. This would be a day of presentations and demonstrations from a wide range of experienced consultants.

On Wednesday of the conference week, there will be a banquet in the evening which will take place at the Dynamic Earth.

(Our Dynamic Earth)



This venue offers a multi-sensory experience which takes you on a voyage of discovery to the centre of the earth. This is a wonderful venue offering a memorable banqueting experience.

There will be a wide range of educational and social tours available throughout the congress; these are available within a 1 hour journey of Edinburgh. Agreement in principle for hosting these visits has been obtained from a number of organisations detailed on page 5.

Conference Programme

Educational visits confirmed

Host

INEOS
Edinburgh Airport
User Vision
Institute of Occupational Medicine
B & Q
Ninewells Medical School
Royal Bank of Scotland
The Risk Factory
Johnson & Johnson
Northern British Distillery
Balfour Beatty

Topic

Chemical Processing
Air Traffic Control Tower
Usability Laboratory
OM Research Laboratory
Warehouse, Manual handling
Surgeons' simulation skills laboratory
Work-life balance
Risk Assessment
Suture manufacture
Ergonomics in distilling
Ergonomics in Construction

(Edinburgh Airport Air Traffic Control Tower)



(Harvey – The Cardiology Patient Simulator
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee)



Conference Administration

The conference finances will be handled in sterling. We will aim to keep the delegate price at a reasonable rate to encourage as many delegates as possible to attend. We will try and obtain sponsorship deals as early as possible to assist in budgeting. We understand that all delegates wishing to partake of the IDC discounts must be approved by the IDC Chair.

In the event of the IEA facing financial difficulties and an insecure future, the Society has been established long enough to be confident to ensure all the arrangements are implemented. The likelihood of the Society requiring seed funding prior to the congress is small owing to the Society's sound finances. The Society reserves the option of offering a single day and 24hr attendance for European delegates. The member, non-member and student rates will apply.

A conference agency will be appointed upon the recommendation of the ECB. There will be a secure on-line registration facility which will link with a secure site for payment options.

ECB have 6 Professional Conference Organisers, 3 of which are listed here:



Within the Society we have the knowledge and expertise to create the website for IEA2015. As with the ES website, the IEA2015 website will become the oracle for the organisers. It will offer the facility to submit abstracts and subsequently papers. This will be linked to a database which will provide the facility to communicate effectively with authors and delegates.

As the programme is confirmed, it can be placed on the website for potential delegates to study. As chairs of special sessions commit to a part of the programme, this can be highlighted on the website. Information with links to the relevant sites for visa applications will be on the website

Letters of support are included in the final chapter of the Bid document from key players in the UK Ergonomics Community. They are as follows:-

Tom Stewart	ES President
Claire Williams	ES Hon Gen Secretary
Richard Scaife	Scottish Ergonomics Forum
Karen McDonnell	Professional Organisations for Occupational Safety and Health
Prof Peter Buckle	University of Surrey
Dr Alex Stedmon	Nottingham University
Dr Miles Richardson	Derby University
Ruth Doyle	Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Prof Roger Haslam	Loughborough University



Timetable

Year	Month	Activity	Owner
2009	August	Announcement of award to Edinburgh 2015	IEA Council
2009	August	Banner displayed in booth provided by Beijing hosts	ES
2010	July	Conference agency appointed	ES
2010	July	Contracts between the EICC and the ES are signed	ES
2010	July	Forward plan agreed between all parties	ES
2010	September	New website goes live, sponsors approached	ES
2010	September	A budget is produced and approved	ES
2011	May	A Risk Analysis is produced	ES
2011	June	A Business plan is produced	ES
2011	August	Confirmation of technical sessions	ES
2011	September	A congress theme and logo are produced	ES
2011	September	Regional and International Programme committees formed	ES
2011	December	Produce literature for the first announcement	ES
2012	January	Prepare the literature for the exhibitors booth at the congress	ES
2012	February	Attend IEA congress	ES
2012	February	Set up web links to member societies	ES
2012	June	Contract negotiations with the publisher start	ES
2012	Sept	A detailed budget is approved	IEA
2012	Sept	Plenary speakers are approached	ES
2013	Sept	Chairs for sessions are approached	ES
2013	Sept	Software for on line abstracts submissions exists	ES
2013	October	Plenary speakers are formally invited	ES
2013	October	Reviewing panels are set up to review on line	ES
2014	January	Call for papers announced, Abstract submission opens on line	ES
2014	April	2 nd announcement call for papers	ES
2014	July	Abstract deadline	ES
2014	Sept	Authors kits distributed	ES
2014	November	Provisional programme announced	ES
2015	January	Paper deadline	ES
2015	April	Early bird booking ends	ES

Throughout this period progress reports will be issued in time for consideration at the IEA Executive Committee and Council meetings.

"Other cities may go in and out of vogue, but Edinburgh will always command a place among the beautiful tourist meccas of the world."

Fodor's Guide

Why Edinburgh?

Edinburgh is unforgettable. Every guide book tells you so and every visiting commentator or traveller leaves in no doubt that this is one of the world's great cities.

History towers above you. The castle clings to its rock as the historic buildings of the old town ramble down the spine of the Royal Mile to the splendid Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Across the green expanse of Princes Street Gardens lies the elegant Georgian New Town, with its stunning architecture and leafy gardens.

Amidst these gracious surroundings, Edinburgh is alive with inspiration and innovation. The Edinburgh International Festival and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe explode onto the streets in August, but all year round a host of different festivals erupt into life. This is a city of arts and sciences, home to theatres, concert halls and art collections, museums and cultural institutions of international significance.



"Can there anywhere be a more beautiful and beguiling city to arrive at by train? To emerge from the bustling, subterranean bowels of Waverley Station and find yourself in the very heart of such a glorious city is a happy experience indeed."

Bill Bryson

Edinburgh, Scotland's inspiring capital city, is at the heart of Scotland and easy to reach by air, rail and road.

BY AIR

Edinburgh International Airport is only 12 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre and has very good connections to the city via taxi, express coach and shuttle bus. Over 100 destinations are served by more than 40 airlines including New York, Toronto, Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva, Frankfurt, Paris, Prague, Madrid, Munich,

Stockholm and Warsaw. There are over 100 flights from London airports every day, and numerous flights to other major cities in the UK including Birmingham, Manchester and Bristol.

See www.edinburghairport.com for full information.



BY RAIL

Edinburgh is linked to all the major cities and airports in Britain. The high-speed link to London gets you from the heart of one city to the other in just over four hours, while the Eurostar service connects Paris to Edinburgh in around eight hours.

See www.nationalrail.co.uk

From Edinburgh Airport to the city

- **Taxi** – no need to book, always available at the Airport taxi rank - approx £18-20
- **Airport Express bus** – approx 20 minutes £3.50 each way
- **Edinburgh Shuttle** – fleet of mini-buses take you direct to your hotel or venue - £9.00 per person each way (discounts for more passengers)
www.edinburghshuttle.com
0845 500 5000
- **Tram** – due to open in 2012, this new, environmentally-friendly and super efficient tram system will whisk delegates from the airport to the city centre in minutes – with a free pass for delegates to this conference.



BY ROAD

Motorways and a network of quiet trunk roads ensure Edinburgh is easily - and pleasantly - accessible by road.

The recently-refurbished coach station at St Andrew Square in the heart of the city offers connections to all major cities in Britain.

See www.nationalexpress.com

UK City Airports

Airport	Airline
Belfast City	BA, Flybe
Belfast	Flybe, Easyjet
Birmingham	BA, BMI Baby, Flybe
Bristol	BA, Easyjet
Cardiff	BA, BMI Baby
East Midlands	BMI, Business Air
Inverness	Loganair
Jersey	BA, Flybe
Kirkwall	Loganair
Leeds/ Bradford	BMI, Flybe
London (Heathrow)	BA, BMI
London (Gatwick)	BA, Easyjet
London (Stansted)	Easyjet
London (Luton)	Easyjet
London (City)	ScotAirways, BA
Manchester	BMI, Flybe
Norwich	BMI
Southampton	BA, Flybe
Wick	Loganair
For further flight details www.edinburghairport.com	

International flights

Transatlantic	Airline
DIRECT TO EDINBURGH	
New York (Newark)	Continental Airlines
New York (JFK)	Delta (from May 2008)
Toronto	Air Transat, Flyglobespan
US – EUROPE routes with connecting flights	to Edinburgh
London, Manchester or Birmingham	British Airways
Amsterdam	North West Airlines, Air UK
Manchester	British Midland
Paris	Air France
TO GLASGOW (one hour by rail or road)	
Newark/New York	Continental Airlines
Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Ottawa, Vancouver, Halifax	ZOOM Air Canada (Toronto)
Dubai	Emirates
Chicago	American Airlines
Philadelphia	US Airways

City	Airline
Amsterdam	KLM, Easyjet
Barcelona	Flyglobespan, Click Air
Brussels	British Midland
Cologne	Germanwings
Copenhagen	British Midland, Sterling UK
Dortmund	Easyjet
Dublin	Aer Lingus, Ryanair
Faro	Flyglobespan
Frankfurt	Lufthansa
Gdansk	Centralwings, Easyjet
Geneva	Flyglobespan, Easyjet
Helsinki	Finnair
Katowice	Centralwings
Krakow	Easyjet
Madrid	Easyjet
Milan	Easyjet, Jet 2
Munich	Easyjet
Nice	Flyglobespan
Oslo	Norwegian Air Shuttle
Paris	Air France, Flybe, Easyjet
Poznan	Centralwings
Prague	Flyglobespan, Jet 2
Rome	Flyglobespan
Stockholm	SAS, Sterling UK
Warsaw	Centralwings
Zurich	British Midland

NB: this list is not exhaustive – please see www.edinburghairport.com for full information

Edinburgh International Conference Centre

The EICC takes great pride in being regarded as one of Europe's foremost conference venues. Since opening in 1995 the EICC has established a reputation for professionalism and quality on a global scale. The purpose built centre is the ideal venue situated in the city centre within walking distance of both main railway stations and close to all the history and culture the city has to offer.



The Pentland Suite on level 3 is a truly outstanding feature of the EICC. This remarkable suite offers raked seating for 1200, transforming into 3 separate auditoria at the touch of a button. The flexibility of the suites ensures whatever the requirements for sessions, there is a room to suit. There are a further 4 suites that can be subdivided to create 11 fully sound proofed meeting rooms, ideal for breakout session, organisers' offices, catering areas or small exhibitions. These 11 break-out rooms offer capacities from 30 to 200 people depending on format and set-up. There is a suite of sound proof rooms for foreign language interpreting if required.

The Centre offers banqueting for up to 850 people or 1185 sq metres of exhibition space. The exhibition space offered by the Cromdale Hall offers more

than enough space for a combined exhibition and catering arena, maximising the time that a delegate can spend with exhibitors and poster sessions.

The entrance to the Centre offers a large foyer where the registration desks can be situated. The conference facilities agency that will be joining the partnership at a later date will provide an efficient booking in service to prevent any lengthy queues.

The EICC has the expertise and world-class technology that will ensure the effectiveness of any presentation. They offer a pre-conference service of receiving the presentations and reviewing them for effectiveness where movies and animation is embedded. The event team at the EICC have a wealth of practical experience and expertise in staging events of all sizes. Their highly trained staff, "the corps" will guarantee delegates safety and security during the event. Their Audio Visual technicians will be on hand whenever the congress is in progress.

In addition we will work with the Chair of the Online Communities Technical Committee, currently Andrew Thatcher to promote webcasts of the plenary presentations, thereby enabling the committee to facilitate access to the congress for those who are unable to attend in person. The venue is fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act and offers first class facilities for less able people.

Networking is a valuable part of conference attendance and the venue provides many areas where casual meetings can take place over a cup of coffee which will be available throughout the day.

Edinburgh International Conference Centre



Strathblane Hall

Level 0
Reception foyer

1,128 sq m
Ceiling height 2.5/6.6m

1,200



Cromdale Hall

Level -2
Exhibition area

1,185 sq m
Ceiling height 3.8m

1,200



Pentland Auditorium

Level 3

1,200

EICC room layouts

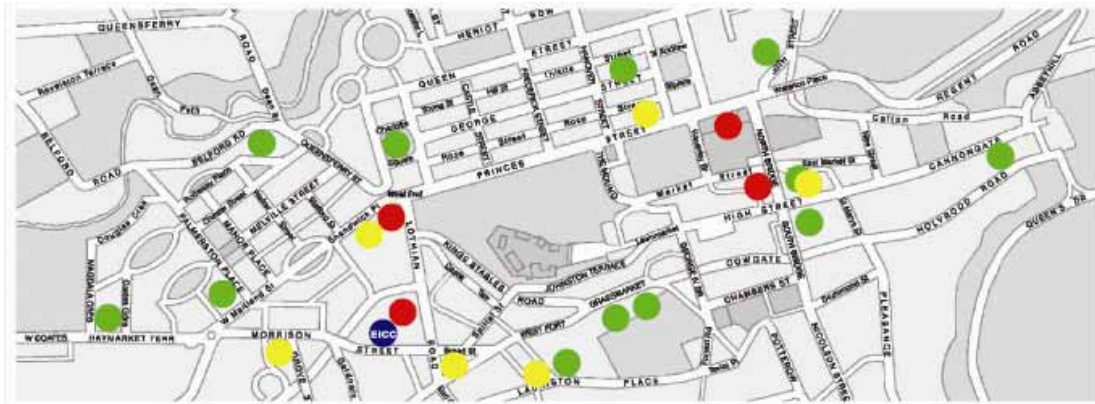
	Theatre	Classroom	Boardroom	Cabaret of 8	Banquet	Standing Buffet	Area SQ M	Height M
Pentland Suite: Level 3								
Pentland Suite	1,200	480*	RAKED SEATING					
Pentland	600	237*						
Sidlaw	300	72*						
Fintry	300	72*						
Galloway Suite: Level 1								
Carrick Suite - Whole	100	50	36	48	60	100	107	2.8
Carrick Rooms 1 or 3	30	15	14		12	25	30	2.8
Carrick Rooms 2	35	15	18		20	30	33	2.8
Harris Suite - Whole	100	50	36	48	50	100	109	2.8
Harris Room - 1 or 2	50	21	20		30	50	54	2.8
Ochil Suite - Whole	100	50	36	48	60	100	107	2.8
Ochil Room - 1 or 3	30	15	14		12	25	30	2.8
Ochil Room - 2	35	15	18		20	30	33	2.8
Strathblane/Lomond: Level 0								
Strathblane Hall	-	-	-		500	850	1,128	min 2.5 max 6.6
Lomond Suite - Whole					350			
With Dance Floor	600	300	70	272	300	450	521	5.4
Tinto Room	200	100	40	80	120	150	174	5.4
Moorfoot Room	200	100	40	80	120	150	174	5.4
Kilsyth Room	200	100	40	80	120	150	174	5.4
Cromdale Hall: Level -2								
Cromdale Hall With Dance Floor	500	250	-	640	850 600	1200	1,185	3.8
Soutra Room								
Soutra Room			14		14		31	2.4

EICC Room Layouts



"Coming back to Edinburgh is like coming home."

Charles Dickens



Edinburgh and the surrounding area provide a comprehensive range of accommodation with around 25,000 beds, over half of them within a 2km radius of the city centre. Delegates may be tempted by the luxury of an international hotel or a chic boutique hotel which specialises in matching individual tastes.

The ECB has its own Conference Accommodation Booking Service (CABS) which offers a free booking service to conference delegates. ECB will assist organisers by using their local knowledge and contacts to negotiate the best rates in a wide range of different accommodation types. Through the conference website, delegates can then use ECB's new interactive online service to peruse their selection and make their bookings directly. Whether it is a presidential suite for the President of the

Society or a budget hotel for delegates, the CABS team can help find the ideal room for delegates.

As a large but compact city, Edinburgh is often described as the walking city. With over half of its accommodation located within three km of the city centre, Edinburgh is particularly well suited to the needs of conference delegates.

There is a wide range of meeting rooms available at the conference centre and at the recommended hotels for any *ad hoc* meeting during the conference. The Council meeting will take place in the Wallace Room at the Sheraton Hotel less than 5 minutes walk from the EICC.

(Tiger Lilly Hotel)



BEDROOM CAPACITY IN EDINBURGH			
Category	Within 1K of EICC	Within 2km of city centre	Total Edinburgh Lothians
5*	506	683	683
4*	870	923	1,147
3*	799	1,165	2,418
2*	371	1,039	2,356
Guest Houses + B&Bs	204	973	2,203
University/ Colleges	16	1,291	3,551
Totals	2766	6,074	12,358

"The most civilised city in Britain"

HRH Prince Charles, Prince of Wales



Arts and festivals

Europe's festival capital, Edinburgh has a packed programme of events and festivals which take place year round.

The International Ergonomics Association 2015

conference will take place just before the start of the summer festivals and delegates may be tempted to extend their visit in order to enjoy some of the most exhilarating entertainment in the world – including the International Festival with its superb dance, music and theatre through to the Fringe – most famous for its comedy and ground-breaking theatre – and the International Book Festival which offers hundreds of talks and workshops with world-renowned authors.

Golf, golf and more golf!

Play the game! This is the place where the rules of golf were first recorded. The British Open has been held near the city for over 100 years and you'll find more than 50 courses in easy reach. Golf is not the only sport – everything from archery, sailing, diving with sharks or off-road racing are all part of the Edinburgh scene.

(The Royal Yacht Britannia)



Explore Edinburgh

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historic Old Town including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, where the crown jewels of Scotland are on display, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's Royal residence and the Royal Yacht Britannia. Or if you are looking for something different, why not meet the ghosts and ghouls of Edinburgh's haunted past on a spooky tour through the historical Old Town.

Eating out

Edinburgh has more restaurants per head of population than anywhere else in Britain, with everything from African and American, Italian and Indian, Mexican and Mongolian, Thai and Turkish to, of course, traditional and modern Scottish food using the best local produce from Scotland's larder – smoked salmon, venison, seafood, cheeses, oatcakes and soft fruits being particularly popular!

(View from the rooftop of Olorosso Restaurant)



Haste ye back!

With such a unique blend of traditional and modern it is not surprising that recent delegate research found that over 60% of delegates who visit the city on business intend to return as a leisure visitor within two or three years.

Not only is there always a lot to explore and experience in Edinburgh, it is the gateway to the rest of Scotland's breathtakingly beautiful countryside.

Pre & Post Convention Tours

Scotland with its dramatic and ever changing scenery has inspired generations of travellers. To make it easy for individual delegates to extend their stay, Edinburgh Convention Bureau has created a web facility that is linked to your conference website: <http://extend.Conventionedinburgh.com>.

The stunning landscape is rich in history. The many castles which shelter in the rolling border hills are reminders of struggles with English raiders. West coast and highland ruins and settlements were once the seats of a thriving Celtic culture. The romantic appeal of this mythology is matched by the craggy splendour of historic glens, where once fierce battles were fought.

Most of this compelling beauty is easily accessible, with excellent rail links to the north and west and a network of quiet roads all over the country. There are castles, houses, museums and gardens all waiting to be explored.

(East Coast Village)



Scotland's unique craft industries are open to all too – choose from cashmeres and tartans, glass and silver wear, or discover one of the many distilleries delighted to open their doors to curious and thirsty visitors.

Along Fife's East Neuk and up to Aberdeen and beyond, a series of fishing ports, rocky cliffs and sheltered beaches

offer the pleasures of the seaside.

To the west is Glasgow, home to great art collections and museums, and north are Perth and Inverness, vibrant centres of Highland culture for generations. St Andrews, the home of golf, is an hour's drive from Edinburgh's city centre.

So take time to discover Scotland – either by hiring a car or enjoying one of the excellent mini-tours offered by Edinburgh's tour companies ...

.... it's an experience you won't forget.

(West Coast sea front)



Why not try your hand at Gold Panning? Situated in the Lowther Hills at Wanlockhead Scotland's highest village take the opportunity to experience Gold Panning at the Museum of Lead Mining. A wide range of courses are available to suit everyone throughout July and August. Sample a 'taster session' where for a small fee you can try your hand at Panning. You will usually find some gold to take away. www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk/Gold_Panning_page.htm



Population

Scotland: 5,114,600
Edinburgh: 457,830 (June 2005)

Banking + currency

Bank opening hours vary according to different banks so the following times are given as an indication:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 0900 - 1700

Wednesday 1000 - 1700

Saturday 0900 – 1200

Currency is Pounds Sterling
See www.xe.com for currency converter

Electricity

British electrical standards are 50Hz 230 volts, so some North American and European electrical devices may require converters. All will require plug adapters.

Emergency Services

The telephone number for emergency services in the UK is 999.

Health

There are no recommended vaccinations for entry into the United Kingdom. There is a large university teaching hospital, the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, located just 15 minutes south of the city centre.

Government

Scotland is part of Great Britain and plays a full part in its parliamentary democracy. The Scottish Government is based in Edinburgh, with authority over education, law and some social services within the country. Great Britain is a member of the European Union.



Smoking

Since April 2006, there is a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places throughout Scotland and the UK.

Tax

There is no bed tax. Value Added Tax (VAT) is charged on all purchases in shops, hotels, and restaurants at a rate of 15%. There are no other taxes on purchases.

Save Money On Your Event Reclaim the 15% Tax.

People travelling to Scotland on business may be entitled to reclaim the 15% tax charged on event expenses as well as accommodation, business entertaining, meals, transport and much more. Their partner Tax Back International can assist you, register for more information at <http://ecb.scotlandrefunds.com/>

Climate – the truth about the weather!

Edinburgh enjoys a moderate year-round climate, with none of the violent extremes of weather which could interrupt a meeting schedule or social calendar. From April to September, temperatures are mild and compare favourably with other European cities; annual rainfall is less than Frankfurt, New York and Rome. A perfect Edinburgh day dawns with a clear blue sky, warm and pleasant in summer - though in winter often accompanied by a sharp frost. It's always worth packing a sweater against the chance of changeable conditions.

Month	Average temp		Daylight hours
	Min °C	Max °C	
January	1	6	7.37
February	1	6	9.39
March	2	8	11.48
April	4	11	14.09
May	6	14	16.17
June	9	17	17.33
July	11	18	17.01
August	11	18	15.04
September	9	16	12.45
October	7	12	10.29
November	4	9	8.17
December	2	7	7.02

Useful websites

Edinburgh Tourist Information	www.edinburgh.org
VisitScotland	www.visitscotland.com
Today's weather	www.bbc.co.uk/weather/5day
Edinburgh Airport	www.edinburghairport.com
Rail transport	www.nationalrail.co.uk

1969 Birmingham UK
1985 Bournemouth UK
1988 Sydney Australia
1991 Paris France
1994 Toronto Canada
1997 Tampere Finland
2000 San Diego USA
2003 Seoul Korea
2006 Maastricht The Netherlands
2009 Beijing China
2012 Recife Brazil

2015 Edinburgh UK



Letters of Support

The Right Honourable George Grubb
Lord Provost of Edinburgh

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• EDINBURGH •

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

*The Right Honourable George Grubb
Lord Provost of Edinburgh*

28th January 2009

Dear Colleague

Warmest Greetings from The City Of Edinburgh

I was delighted to hear that you and your colleagues are considering an invitation to hold The 19th Congress of the International Ergonomics Association conference in Edinburgh in 2015.

Edinburgh, one of the world's most beautiful capital cities, is renowned for its unique history, heritage, architectural grandeur and cultural vibrancy. The City attracts over 6 million visitors and conference delegates throughout the year and is home to the world famous Edinburgh Castle, The Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Royal Yacht Britannia. Edinburgh plays host to the internationally renowned Edinburgh Festivals, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and is now also the home of the Scottish Parliament. Built on a series of spectacular hills and valleys, Edinburgh's medieval buildings and new developments harmonise to present one of the world's most dramatic and satisfying townscapes.

As a result of sustained programmes of public and private sector investment, Edinburgh is able to offer some of the most sophisticated and technologically advanced conference facilities in Europe.

The range and quality of social and spouses' programme opportunities within and around Edinburgh are unrivalled and may include receptions in over 69 art galleries or museums, banquets in ancestral homes or historic houses, or golf on one of the 28 golf courses within the city boundary.

If Edinburgh is selected to host this most prestigious conference, I can assure all delegates of a traditionally friendly Scottish welcome.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh in 2015.

Yours sincerely



GEORGE GRUBB
Lord Provost of Edinburgh

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27 January 2009

Dear colleagues on the IEA Council,

I am writing to add my personal support for the Ergonomics Society's proposal to host the 19th IEA International Congress in Edinburgh.

As I mentioned at the IEA Council Meeting in Reykjavik, I was not involved in the original discussions about hosting the 19th IEA Congress in the UK, but I have been impressed, not only with the Ergonomics Society's plans, but also with the support from Edinburgh itself. Of course, as a Scot, you would expect me to be biased but I think Edinburgh's credentials as a major international destination need no justification. Its rich heritage and culture make it an ideal city for our 19th Congress and I know many people will wish to use the occasion to enjoy what Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom have to offer.

I well remember the last time the Congress came to the UK (in Bournemouth in 1985) and it is interesting to see how much ergonomics and the Ergonomics Society have grown and developed in the UK since then.

I am confident that our team can provide a world class experience, which will inform, educate, entertain and delight delegates and their partners.
We look forward to welcoming you to Edinburgh.

Ceud mile failte! (one hundred thousand welcomes, in Gaelic)

Yours sincerely

Tom Stewart
President,
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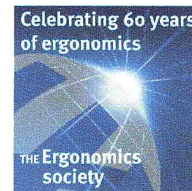
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IEA Council

On behalf of the Council, I would like to confirm the Society's commitment to the proposal to host the 19th IEA International Congress.

The Society gave its full support at a recent council meeting and has every confidence in the office staff in putting forward an excellent proposal. The Society is confident that it can provide an excellent conference to satisfy all delegates from around the world.

The last time the Society held a congress in the UK was 1985 in Bournemouth. This was a very successful event and at least one member of that organising committee will be involved in this congress. The Society has developed an enormous amount since 1985. The number of members has increased and the number of office staff has also risen in proportion. Our members are as committed to Ergonomics today as they ever were in 1985.

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone from around the world to the Scottish capital city of Edinburgh; a truly historic city full of excitement and expectation. The Executive committee of the IEA can be assured of a conference that is organised superbly and skilfully by our staff here in Loughborough and the many partners in Edinburgh.



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20 January 2009

As the Organiser of the Scottish Ergonomics Forum, a regional group of the UK Ergonomics Society, I would like to formally register my support for The Ergonomics Society's bid to bring the 2015 World Congress to Edinburgh. The Ergonomics Society has an exemplary record of organising and running some of the best professional conferences that I have attended, and I believe that the experience and professionalism of the proposed team would ensure the success of the 2015 World Congress.

Edinburgh is one of the world's most beautiful cities, steeped in culture. There are some excellent venues at which the 2015 congress could be held, and I have personally been involved in organising events with other internationally recognised organisations who have seen an opportunity to host conferences here (e.g. the Institute of Chemical Engineers, European Process Safety Centre). Our excellent global transportation links means that delegates would be able to travel to Edinburgh easily from anywhere in the world.

We also have a lot to offer delegates by way of educational visits, due to the diversity of Scottish industry and the involvement of our members with a wide range of organisations. Some examples could include visits to:

- A new air traffic control tower;
- A nuclear power station;
- A whisky distillery;
- Some of Scotland's famous oil and gas or petrochemical sites;
- One of the world's most innovative engineering solutions, the Falkirk Wheel.

We hope that we will be able to extend a warm Scottish welcome the IEA World Congress to Edinburgh in 2015, and wish the Ergonomics Society every success with their bid.

With Regards,

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As Chairperson of POOSH Scotland I am delighted to lend our support to the bid being made by the Ergonomics Society to host the 2015 International Ergonomics Association Conference.

POOSH Scotland conveys information to and from the Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland (PHASS). PHASS was set up by the Health and Safety Commission (HSC), and is supported by Scottish and UK Ministers.

POOSH Scotland was established in 2005 at the request of PHASS, to promote co-ordinated action to improve workplace health and safety in Scotland. It brings together a wide variety of bodies whose aim is to improve occupational health and safety in the workplace, and provides direct input to how the HSC's UK-wide strategy for workplace health and safety is being taken forward in Scotland.

Our objectives;

- exchange views, knowledge and information on matters of interest to members
- to offer comments on consultative documents and national strategies for occupational health and safety
- discuss and develop common initiatives and policies for consideration by PHASS
- to promote professional standards and competence among health and safety practitioners, including appropriate qualifications and continuing professional development schemes

Our membership includes;

- Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Occupational Health and Ergonomics
- British Occupational Hygiene Society
- Division of Occupational Psychology-Scotland
- Ergonomics Society
- Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
- Royal College of Nursing Occupational Health Nurse Forum Scotland (RCN OHN Forum Scotland)
- Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland
- Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives
- Scottish Chamber of Safety
- Society of Occupational Medicine

<http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/about/poosh.aspx> - [top](#) POOSH Scotland will be pleased to assist in raising awareness of the 2015 event and to identify local organisations who may be in a position to host educational visits where required.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: IEA 2015

The University of Surrey has a long (35 years) tradition of research and teaching in ergonomics and has had the honour of presenting much of this research at IEA congresses, stretching back to the very early days of such meetings.

We have consistently supported both the national Ergonomics Society and the International Ergonomics Association as we see the mutual and complimentary benefits that both bring to the discipline of ergonomics. We are proud to recognise that many of our students come from overseas and they too quickly recognise the IEA contribution around the world.

We are keen supporters of the bid to bring the IEA back to the UK after a long break, indeed my own first 'IEA' was the immensely enjoyable (and very windy!) Bournemouth congress in 1985. If the bid is given to Edinburgh we undertake to work closely with, and support where possible, both the International Committee and the local organising committee in every regard. We feel the IEA is long overdue back in the UK and thoroughly and enthusiastically support the bid,

Yours faithfully,



Professor Peter Buckle, BSc, MSc, PhD, FErgS





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**Letter of support:
the Ergonomics Society application to host the IEA 2015 Congress**

Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that the Ergonomics Society is applying to host the IEA 2015 Congress. As part of this application the University of Nottingham, which is a leading centre of Human Factors and Ergonomics research and teaching, supports this bid.

Having been associated with the Ergonomics Society for many years I know it is extremely well placed to organise and host very successful events and I feel the 2015 Congress would provide a unique opportunity to welcome the IEA and worldwide community of ergonomists to the UK.

With the backing of the Scottish Forum and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh I understand the Ergonomics Society has already secured a venue for the event in one of our most famous and culturally rich cities with good travel links throughout the world. This would provide the perfect backdrop to a productive and very positive Congress meeting.

I wish the Ergonomics Society every success with its application.

Yours faithfully

Dr Alex Stedmon
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To whom it may concern,

As programme leader of the MSc Ergonomics programme at the University of Derby I fully support the Ergonomics Society bid to host the IEA 2015 congress in Edinburgh. As an online distance learning programme we have students from across the globe, for example Hong Kong, South Africa, Canada, US, EU. We see the benefit of the different perspectives in our shared intellectual platforms and I believe the IEA congress would be enthusiastically welcomed by many UK ergonomists who would benefit from the influx of recent research and theories.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Miles Richardson.



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To: Council Members of the International Ergonomics Association

Re Ergonomics Society bid support - 2015 International Ergonomics Association Conference

IOSH has over 34,600 members and wholeheartedly supports the Ergonomics Society in their bid to host the 2015 International Ergonomics Association Conference in Edinburgh. Bringing the event to Edinburgh will provide a focal point for ergonomics and indeed the wider health and safety community both in the UK and further afield.

IOSH can offer the support of our Branch and District network within Scotland to raise awareness of the conference and indeed to assist in identifying local organisations that would be willing to host educational visits.

Yours faithfully

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29 January 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: IEA 2015

Loughborough University is pleased to support the Ergonomics Society's bid to host IEA 2015 in the UK, in Edinburgh. Loughborough University has been at the forefront of Ergonomics teaching and research for the past 45 years and colleagues from Loughborough have benefitted from participating in IEA Congresses since the inception of these events. Students studying Ergonomics at Loughborough have gone on to be leaders in the ergonomics field around the world, including involvement in both IEA Council and its Executive. Loughborough has also played a significant role in supporting the Ergonomics Society.

Should IEA 2015 come to Edinburgh we guarantee our enthusiastic involvement with the organisation of the Conference and subsequent participation. The last time the IEA Congress was held in the UK was 25 years ago and it would be timely for us to host the meeting in 2015.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roger Haslam'.

Professor Roger Haslam
Head of Department

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18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference
600 Delegates
July 2010

NATO Parliamentary Autumn Session 2009
500 Delegates
November 2009

3rd International Conference on Movement Dysfunction 2009
600 Delegates
November 2009

15th International World Wide Web Conference
1200 Delegates
May 2006

10th International Conference on Codification (NATO UK Codification Bureau)
700 Delegates
October 2005

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence IJCAI 2005
1000 Delegates
August 2005

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Quincentenary Opening Conference
900 Delegates
July 2005

15th Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers
900 Delegates
October 2003

Human Genome Conference 2001
1000 Delegates
April 2001

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
1400 Delegates
October 1997