



Awards Committee

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José Orlando Gomes, IEA Past President & Awards Committee Chair

The Awards Standing Committee is responsible for organizing the formal recognition of members of the Federated Societies that have made outstanding contributions to the field of HFE on an international level. There are annual and triennial Awards. Most Awards are granted after application from a Federated Society and approval or decision by appropriate peers, chosen by the Awards Standing Committee Chair.

The key goal for this term is to improve and expand the promotion of the awards and raise interest and attractiveness of IEA triennial awards. The main benefits to stakeholders are promotion of HFE across the globe, acknowledgement, prestige, benefit of society membership, advertisement/publicity for sponsors, monetary award (reward and investment in future).

Annual awards include the IEA Fellow Award, the IEA/Tsinghua Award, and the IEA/Kingfar Awards:

The IEA Fellow Award recognizes outstanding and sustained performance in the field of ergonomics and human factors at an international level, as well as an extensive publication record in international journals or international consulting or service at a high level. In 2025 we had 10 nominations, and all candidates were approved by 2/3 of the selection committee and confirmed by the IEA Executive Committee. **Congratulations to the new IEA Fellows!**

- Dr. Amanda Widdowson – CIEHF
- Prof. Christopher Mayhorn – HFES
- Prof. David Kaber – HFES
- Prof. Dohyung Kee – ESK
- Prof. Heecheon You – ESK
- Prof. Itiro Iida – ABERGO
- Prof. Myung Hwan Yun – ESK
- Dr. Patrick Neumann – ACE
- Prof. Ralph Bruder – GfA
- Prof. Somnath Gangopadhyay – ISE



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2025 IEA/Kingfar and IEA/Tsinghua Awards

Many thanks again to Tsinghua University and Kingfar Beijing for the MOU renewal to continue the sponsorship of these awards. The awards are accomplishing their goals to cultivate global citizens who will thrive in today's world and become tomorrow's leaders, to significantly promote and reward high-quality original research and applications on new and emerging HFE issues or issues specifically related to industrially developing countries (IDCs), and to promote a career path in HFE.

This year we received 3 nominations for the IEA/Tsinghua Award, 11 nominations for the IEA/Kingfar Student Award, and 9 nominations for the IEA/Kingfar Early Career Researcher Award. The candidates are representatives of IEA's worldwide membership. Competition has been especially high for the IEA/Kingfar Student and IEA/Kingfar ECR award.

The IEA/Tsinghua Award for Collaborative Human Factors/Ergonomics Education honors persons (e.g. researchers, teachers) who, through international and/or inter-regional collaboration, have made significant and outstanding contributions to the success of postgraduate educational programs that include HFE courses or substantial HFE content in the curriculum. Applications are evaluated by renowned international reviewers and we thank the selection committee chair, Prof. Mario Vidal, and his team for their excellent work.

2025 IEA/Tsinghua Awardee

- Prof. Kai Way Li (CES)

The IEA/Kingfar Award for Research in Human Factors and Ergonomics Issues is given annually to honor students and early career researchers who have high-quality human factors/ ergonomics (HFE) research achievements. The purpose of the award is to significantly promote and reward high-quality original research and applications on new and emerging HFE issues or issues specifically related to industrially developing countries (IDCs), as well as to promote a career path in HFE.

2025 IEA/Kingfar Student Awardees

- Atif Mohammed Ashraf (HFES)
- Fatemeh Abareshi (IEHFS)
- Mengtao Lyu (HFES)



- Mohsen Sadeghi-Yarandi (IEHFS)
- Neelesh Sharma (ISE)
- Qidi Zhang (CES)
- Shang Gao (CES)
- William Emond (SELF)

2025 IEA/Kingfar ECR Awardees

- Adeola Bamgboje-Ayodele (HFESA)
- Azam Maleki-Ghahfarokhi (IEHFS)
- Maxwell Fordjour Antwi-Afar(HKES)
- Sharbo Mukherjee (ISE)
- Wei Lyu (CES)

Other activities in 2024-2025

MSc. Program in HFE for Central America and Caribbean Region

The recent advancement in the Caribbean HFE Society is the addition of Costa Rica to the project. This occurred last November through the Technical University of Costa Rica (UTN)'s interested in implementing a M.Sc. in HFE. This is one of the country's five public universities that train professionals in environmental engineering and safety, occupational health, and industrial hygiene, among other careers (<https://www.utn.ac.cr/content/ingenieria-salud-ocupacional-ambiente-salud-ocupacional>).

For the M.Sc. it was used an updated proposal of one already designed by Profs. Andrew Todd, Paulo Antonio Barros (Brazil), Juan Carlos Velasquez (PhD Program in HFE for Latin America/Colombia), and Jose Orlando Gomes during the Yushi Fujita and Kathleen Mosier terms for a Panamanian university (UDELAS). Currently, the proposal is in the final stage of approval by the Council of Rectors of Public Universities of Costa Rica.

In addition, an agreement between the Universidad del Valle and UTN is currently underway. Under this agreement, master's students will enter the PhD Program in HFE for Latin America, based in Cali, Colombia. Secondly, last month, UTN became a Corporate Sustaining Member of the IEA



PhD Program in HFE for Latin America, Cali, Colombia

It has been provided ongoing support to consolidate the Doctoral Program in HFE for Latin America, serving as an ad honorem professor, participating in teaching, research, advising, and assisting with its management. This year is totalizing, the fourth cohort of 10 students is starting, including one from Africa and the rest from countries in Latin America, bringing the total to 46 doctoral students.

1st. International Conference on Informal Work 2026 (IEA/ICOH/IOHA)

Continuous assistance has been provided to the organization of the 1st. International Conference on Informal Work by the partnership IEA/ICOH/IOHA and Universidad del Valle and other stakeholders, in Cali, Colombia scheduled for November 2026.



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