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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 18– December 2007

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our December 2007 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies.

1. Indian Society of Ergonomics Conference

During December, I had the pleasure of attending the HWWE2007 conference in Bhopal, India hosted by the Indian Society of Ergonomics, together with the Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering in Bhopal. The significant work now being undertaken in ergonomics in agriculture was evident. The financial support and encouragement provided by the Indian Government will now enable opportunities for significant investment in this area. I was happy to provide details of IEA members around the world how maybe interested to share their expertise with the various programs in India.

This is consistent with the IEA “Foundation for Professional Ergonomics” program coordinated by Hal Hendrick (http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=foundation_for_ergo).

This conference also provided a workshop opportunity on the Draft of “Ergonomic Checkpoints in Agriculture”.

2. Pan Pacific Conference on Ergonomics (PPCOE)

A successful regional based conference on ergonomics has been held in November in Bangkok, Thailand. The PPCOE conferences have been a particular focus for interaction and joint programs in the East Asia area.

3. IEA Endorsement – New Zealand Certification Program

During December, I received confirmation from the PSE committee that the New Zealand certification program has been recommended for endorsement by the IEA. I would like to congratulate the team in New Zealand for their significant work undertaken over some years in developing and documenting this program. This is the second certification program to have been endorsed in 2007. The Japan Ergonomics Society received endorsement for their program in January this year.

4. Twinning Opportunities

The ongoing desire for Federated Societies to offer support to each other is evident with a recent letter I received from the Nordic Ergonomics Society (NES). This is related to an offer that they have made to the new ergonomics societies in Estonia and Latvia. They are generously offering to assist in any way that may benefit these new societies to establish and eventually seek membership of the IEA.

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5. IEA 2012 Dates

As indicated in my previous Newsletter, I informed all the Federated Societies about the proposed dates for IEA2012 in February which is different to the normal timing of a Triennial IEA Congress.

I thank those societies who both made formal and informal feedback and acknowledge that a change in the timing may have some implications for participants from some regions of the world that have difficulty to attend. However, some have indicated that with sufficient forward planning, they would be able to have the classes and research responsibilities covered to enable them to participate in the Congress.

In light of the range of opinions that were provided, I would like to confirm that the IEA Executive Committee is confirming the dates for the IEA2012 Congress to be the **12th to 16th February, 2012. It will be hosted by the Brazil Ergonomics Society at the Pernambuco Convention Centre, Recife, Brazil. Further details and a conference website will be provided in 2008.**

I encourage all societies through their internal communications to inform their members about these dates so they may commence any necessary planning well in advance.

6. New IEA Sustaining Members

During November, we received two new sustaining members at the Gold Level from:-

- 3M - USA
- The Knowles Group – Australia

Their details will now be added to the IEA website and we are most grateful for their support of ergonomics at this international level.

I have recently received more requests for information on sustaining membership. The IEA sustaining membership brochure has now been added to the website http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=sustaining_members

I would look forward to hearing from any institutes, universities, government departments, or provide companies who may be interested in supporting the IEA and providing a profile of their commitment to ergonomics at an international level.

7. World OHS Summit – 2008

I am honoured to be invited as one of a group of 60 Government Ministers and experts in OHS to attend the World Summit on OHS in Seoul, Korea prior to the KOSHA Conference as the President of the IEA. This will be an important occasion to profile ergonomics along with other professional associations and government ministers as part of maintaining our identity at an international level.

If you are interested in attending KOSHA2008, the website details are safety2008@kosha.net

8. IEA Endorsement – Elsevier Scientific Journals

We are pleased to announce that the following journals published by Elsevier Ltd have been endorsed by the IEA:

- Accident Analysis and Prevention
- Journal of Safety Research
- Safety Science

We encourage members to publish their works in these journals as well as other journals endorsed by the IEA. Further information will be available in the New Year at <http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=journals>.

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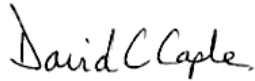
9. IEA Endorsement – CybErg’08 Conference

The above IEA Endorsed conference is the first Web conference on ergonomics/human factors. In the past, delegates from developing countries have used it as a forum to present and discuss their papers. Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) is hosting this 5th International Cyberspace Conference on Ergonomics, from 15 September to 15 October 2008. Please visit the conference website, www.cyberg2008.org for more details. The first call for proposals is due in February 2008.

On behalf of the IEA Executive Committee, I would like to wish all our “IEA family” a joyous Christmas and a healthy and highly successful 2008.

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during January 2008.

Yours sincerely,



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IEA President**

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