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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President

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Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our February 2008 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies.

1. Liberty Mutual Prize 2008

With the support of Liberty Mutual, the IEA has engaged consultants to review the goals and redefine this prestigious award. A Press Release has now been circulated to all Federated Societies by the Secretary General outlining the new criteria for this top IEA award for 2008. A copy of this Release is attached as an Appendix to this Newsletter. We seek your direct response in promoting this award to the scientific community in your country and region as we are keen to receive many nominations this year. Note the closing date is May 31st 2008. The winner of the prize will now to receive \$10,000, which is a significant gesture from Liberty Mutual to encourage ergonomics research. Details of the criteria for the prize can be found on the IEA website under Awards.

You should consider creating your own news release in your Society Newsletter with a specific call for nominations. You may also use local media connections and contacts with Journal editors in your country.

2. Nomination for IEA Fellows

The call for fellow nominations has been added to the IEA website. The deadline for nomination is May 1st. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding contributions of a person to ergonomics/human factors at an international level. Please note that an international contribution can be achieved in different ways: through international actions, for example by contributing to the advancement of the discipline, or through regional actions, for example by developing the discipline in a new part of the world.

Nominations are made by IEA Federated Societies and should be sent electronically by May 1, 2008, to the Chair of the IEA Awards Committee, Pierre Falzon (falzon@cnam.fr).

3. EQUID update

We are grateful for the leadership that has been provided by Dr Ralph Bruder (Germany) and Dr Michel Nael (France) to continue the project in developing an IEA template on the ergonomic design process. A copy of this template will be circulated to the IEA Council members in April 2008 as agreed at the Council meeting in Boston in 2007. Currently, this template is being evaluated by international companies involved in designing products to determine its potential use for future applications.

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4. International Occupational Hygienists Congress, Taiwan, 2008

During February, I had the honour as a funded keynote speaker to attend the IOHA Congress in Taipei, Taiwan. This Congress is similar in nature to the IEA Congress with representatives from around the world providing an opportunity for exchanging research relating to their profession and developing their respective technical committees.

As the IEA President I provided an overview of the current initiatives in ergonomics from an international perspective, and a number of potential partnerships between the hygienists and ergonomists were discussed. Consistent with our IEA theme in promoting partnerships it is wonderful to see how the IOHA and the IEA can work together in developing guidance from our professions for international agencies such as WHO and ILO. I encourage the TC Chairs to consider how they may participate in this joint initiative.

5. Welcome to new IEA Webmaster

Our Secretary General, Pascale Carayon, has appointed a new webmaster to assist with the IEA Website. Her name is Ronelle Smith and her email address is rsmith@cqpi.engr.wisc.edu. If you have any updates to the IEA Website, please feel free to contact Pascale at: carayon@engr.wisc.edu and/or Ronelle.

6. Discussion groups on the IEA Website

The designer of the website has now completed the introduction of the option for discussion groups and a wiki component for posting documents. To assist our international members in using this site, the trial has been commenced with nominated discussion group categories. These categories have been specified on the website for each of the Technical Committees and each of the Executive portfolios. This will enable IEA members of the Technical committees to use our website for ongoing consultation and exchange of documents. This assists us in our current philosophy of “an inclusive IEA” where we can all participate in discussion and information exchange. The Executive Committee categories will enable Federated Societies in particular to discuss and exchange information relating to their professional development activities and administration requirements.

If you would like to explore this go into the website www.iea.cc and click into the IEA Members area. You can register yourself simply by entering your name, email address and the password “ergoHFE”. This password can be offered to any member of your Federated Society as part of their membership entitlement. We will change the password as required to control unwanted spam. Once connected, discussions can be registered under the category heading and postings can be added to the Wiki option. I encourage you to inform your members and seek their participation in the IEA in this direct way.

7. Newsletter Editors from Federated Societies

With assistance from Dave Moore (New Zealand) we are encouraging the Newsletter editors from Federated Societies to share their Newsletters at an international level via the IEA website. Dave has contacted as many editors that he knows to seek their interest and support. If you would like your Newsletter to appear on the IEA website, please contact Dave on D.J.Moore@massey.ac.nz.

8. IEA Congress 2009 TC Chair proposals

As part of the IEA 2009 Congress planning process the Scientific Committee is now seeking input from the Chairs of IEA Technical Committees to submit proposals for the Congress program. These may take the form of linked sessions, workshops and joint sessions with other related Technical Committees. We are keen for researchers to use the Congress to not only present their work but also to bridge the gap in explaining the application of their findings. We wish to encourage participation from practitioners, industry, Governments and other professional Associations. This is a once in three years chance to showcase Ergonomics to the world, so let's plan for quality outcomes together.

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9. First meeting of the IEA TC-ASHFE,

The initial meeting of the new IEA Technical Committee on Aerospace was hosted in Toulouse, France on the 1st February. A total of 67 persons either participated in the meeting or via teleconference and 10 potential sub committees were identified. Thanks to Guy Boy from France for his leadership with this new Committee. If you or any of your members is interested in joining the TC, please contact Guy Boy directly (guy.boy@eurisco.org).

10. IEA Council and NES Conference – Iceland 2008

The IEA Council meeting this year will be hosted in Reykjavík, Iceland on August 9-10, 2008 by the Nordic Ergonomics Society. The theme of the NES Conference is “**Ergonomics is a lifestyle**”; the conference will take place right after the IEA Council meeting on August 11-13. The website for this event can be found at www.nes2008.is

11. Ergonomics in HealthCare Systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety (HEPS)

The second HEPS Conference will be held in Strasbourg (France) on June 25-28, 2008. Registrations are now open on-line. This conference has already collected abstracts from 280 authors from over 40 countries worldwide. **To register for the event please go to the conference’s official web site (www.heps2008.org) where you will also find updated information on the conference.**

The first HEPS conference was aimed at creating bridges among different disciplines (medicine and surgery, design, information technology, occupational psychology, clinical engineering and architecture, human factors and ergonomics) to promote human factors and ergonomics in healthcare and patient safety. Starting from this interdisciplinary approach, the second **HEPS conference will be focused on the strategic role of citizens, patients and clinicians in the design and improvement of healthcare systems.** For any further details please contact the Organizing Secretariat (ref. Elisa Bragagni - heps2008@newtours.it; Tel. +39 055 3361.1.

12. SEAES 2008

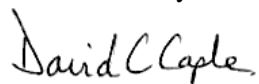
The 9th Southeast Asian Ergonomics Society Conference, SEAES 2008, will be held in Bangkok, from October 22-24, 2008. Visit <http://www.seaes2008.org/> for details. The SEAES proposal to become an IEA network will be discussed at the SEAES Council meeting.

13. IEA Membership Dues - 2008

The IEA Treasurer, Min Chung, has sent the renewal notification to each Federated Society. If you have not received your notification, please email Min at mkc@postech.ac.kr.

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

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. David C Caple,
IEA President**

Attached: Press Release – Liberty Mutual Award 2008

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INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR ENTRIES FOR THE IEA/LIBERTY MUTUAL MEDAL

MADISON, WI, January 29, 2008 – The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) announced today that entries for the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal would be accepted beginning immediately, with a deadline of May 31, 2008. The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal recognizes outstanding original research leading to the reduction of work-related injuries and/or to the advancement of theory, understanding, and development of occupational safety research. In a 2005 report, the International Labor Organization estimates that the global workforce of 2.8 billion persons suffers some 270 million serious non-fatal injuries annually.¹

The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal carries significant recognition, with one application being selected worldwide. The medal has been restructured in 2008, replacing the previous IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal. The new Medal will be awarded annually to the author of an original paper that meets criteria for innovation and impact. This is the most prestigious award of its kind in the field of occupational ergonomics and safety and it carries a stipend of \$10,000. The winner's work will be presented at the IEA's Council meeting being held this summer in Reykjavík, Iceland.

Participants must submit a letter of application detailing a summary of the research methodology and the anticipated contribution to occupational safety together with a research paper that meets the following criteria:

- Original work, containing non-proprietary data, describing laboratory, field, or intervention research
- Be unpublished at the time of submission (submitted for publication is allowed)
- Be thirty pages or less, single-spaced using point size 12 with 1 inch margins

Papers should describe the aims of the research, the study methodology, results and discuss its implications for risk reduction. Additionally, it should indicate the contributions of the research to theory, i.e., how the work has advanced the understanding of the causes of accidents and/or ability to mitigate occupational injuries or disability

Applications will be accepted after today. The deadline for all submissions is May 31, 2008. An international review committee, established by the IEA, will select the winning

¹ [Decent work – Safe work, Introductory report to the XVIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, 2005](#). International Labor Organization.

contribution. Persons wishing to be considered for the 2008 prize should submit an application to the IEA Awards Committee Chair at the following address:

IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal News Release Page 2:

Prof. Pierre Falzon
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41 Rue Gay Lussac
75005 Paris France **E-mail: falzon@cnam.fr**

Applicants will be notified of the results by mid-July. Announcement of the award winner will be made public on August 31, 2008.

Past recipients of the IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and Medal have included:

Mutual Prize In Ergonomics And Occupational Safety:

- 1998: Andrew Imada, USA
- 1999: Shirley Ann Gibbs, Australia.
- 2000: Peter J. McAlindon
- 2001: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2002: H. Hsiao, B Bradtmiller & J. Whitestone
- 2003: William S. Marras, Sue A. Ferguson, Deborah Burr, Kermit G. Davis and Purnendu Gupta
- 2004: David DeJoy, USA
- 2006: D.M. Rempel, N. Krause, R. Goldberg, D. Benner, M. Hudes, and G.U. Goldner

The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal In Ergonomics And Occupational Safety:

- 2000: Andrew Imada, USA
- 2003: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2006: D.M. DeJoy

Additional information on the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal can be found at:

http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=libertymutual_prize. For a list of frequently asked questions about the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal, please visit:

<http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=faq>.

The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) is the federation of ergonomics and human factors societies from around the world. The mission of the IEA is to elaborate and advance ergonomics science and practice, and to improve the quality of life by expanding its scope of application and contribution to society. For more information on the IEA, please visit www.iea.cc.

The Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety is an internationally recognized research facility dedicated to advances in scientific knowledge in the areas of occupational injury and disability prevention. Located near Boston, U.S.A., the Institute publishes the results of its research in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. For more information, please visit www.libertymutualresearch.com.