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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 21 March 2008

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our March 2008 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies and Technical Committees (TC).

1. New Technical Committees

a. Transport

A new technical Committee has been formed in the area of transport ergonomics to be known as TEHF. An Action Plan is under development with suggested activities including the organization of workshops and symposium in industrially developing countries on transport HFE. Consistent with the EC theme we are also keen for the TC to foster partnerships with transport / vehicle groups in research, training and practice. The contact person for this TC is Anabela Simoes in Portugal on asimoes@fmh.utl.pt

b. Online Communities

Another new Technical Committee is Online Communities under the Chair of Dr. Andrew Thatcher, also from South Africa. This committee grew from the success of the CybErg online conferences that have been hosted through the IEA. The committee involves an international team that are exploring ways for innovative methods of interaction, learning and professional development. If you have suggestions for the TC or the IEA 2009 Congress, email Andrew Thatcher at andrew.thatcher@wits.ac.za

Other IEA Technical Committees are listed at:

http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=technical_committees_home. Contact the Chairs if you wish to join as a member. Discussion/Chat rooms have been created for each TC. You may use this facility to connect to the TC Chair.

2. IEA 2009 Congress update

During my visit to Taiwan last month it was a pleasure to meet with the IEA 2009 Congress Chair, Sheng Wang from China together with Eric Wang and members of the Taiwan Ergonomics Society to discuss the planning for the Congress. This month our STP Chair, Halimahtun Khalid has visited Beijing together with Martin Helander to meet with the IEA Congress committee. This was a very productive meeting and the Congress website will soon be launched with the latest information.

A separate Congress Factsheet will be provided in April, together with the next Newsletter. Please note that the Call for Proposals will close on **November 15, 2008**. Templates for abstracts (500 words) can be obtained from the Congress website and all TC Chairs.

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- Belgian Ergonomics Society
- Chilean Ergonomics Society
- Chinese Ergonomics Society
- Croatian Ergonomics Society
- Czech Ergonomic Society
- Ergonomics Society (U.K.)
- Ergonomics Society of Korea
- Ergonomics Society of Serbia
- Ergonomics Society of South Africa
- Ergonomics Society of Taiwan
- FEES
- Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft
- Hellenic Ergonomics Society
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- New Zealand Ergonomics Society
- Nordic Ergonomics Society
- Österreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Ergonomie
- Philippines Ergonomics Society
- Polish Ergonomics Society
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- Sociedad de Ergonomistas de Mexico
- Società Italiana di Ergonomia
- Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française
- South East Asian Ergonomics Society
- Spanish Association of Ergonomics
- Swiss Ergonomics Society
- The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia
- Turkish Ergonomics Society
- ULAERGO

3. EQUID update

We are very fortunate to have Michel Nael (France) and Ralph Bruder (Germany) leading the refinement and evaluation of the EQUID design process tool. As agreed at the 2008 IEA Council meeting this will be circulated shortly to all Federated Societies for their trials and discussions in your own countries. I am hopeful that this will be available in early April for distribution to you. It may be appropriate for you to discuss now who you will involve in the consultation and evaluation of this IEA resource that reflects the “ergonomically designed” process requirements.

4. CybErg Web based conference - 15 Sept-15 Oct 2008

The CybErg conference series is based on the principle of internationalising ergonomics' knowledge and increasing the quality of ergonomics discussion by making conference attendance easier, quicker and far cheaper than face-to-face conferences. It is quite easy to see how an International conference based on the World Wide Web can drastically reduce travel-related costs. Such a virtual conference also enables discussions and knowledge to be immediately accessible all around the world at the click of a mouse. The four previous CybErg conferences were held in 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2005. In 2008 we welcome Dr Alvin Yeo Wee from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak as the convenor. Check the website www.cyberg2008.org for more information and please encourage participation from ergonomics researchers and practitioners from developed and developing countries.

5. K.U. Smith 2009 Student Award Announcement

The IEA K.U. Smith Student Award was launched in 1997 through an agreement with the St. Paul Foundation, which provides overall management of the Fund. The award provides a tangible means by which the IEA can encourage the development of the discipline, foster scholarship and recognize worthy achievements. The purpose of the award is to honour two deserving students responsible for an application of or contribution to ergonomics. The award consists of a cash amount of US \$3,000 to each student. Any student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (college, university, technical or vocational school) worldwide is eligible to apply for the award. All areas of ergonomics are eligible for consideration. Examples of applicable projects include an applied ergonomics project, a human performance study or analysis, a design project or product, a research project undertaken in the laboratory or field, or a theoretical/conceptual contribution to ergonomics. This study endeavour should be documented in a paper submitted to the IEA Congress. The next IEA Student Awards will be conferred during the IEA 2009 Triennial Congress, scheduled to convene in Beijing, China in August 2009.

6. IEA Awards

Nominations are now open for the IEA Awards for 2008. In particular I encourage you to consider nominations for the Liberty Mutual prize for the best research paper on ergonomics within the occupational health and safety area. This now attracts a \$10,000 prize! Details are attached and note the closing date in May. The other IEA Awards open for nomination are the IEA Fellow Awards. Both of these Awards programs are managed by Pierre Falzon, so please contact him if you have any questions. Email falzon@cnam.fr.

7. Health Care Conference – HEPS 2008

The submission of papers for this IEA conference is on April 15th. We look forward to this very successful conference in Strasbourg in June. Please encourage your members to attend. The details are on www.heps2008.org

8. IEA Website Discussion Groups and Wiki

I am pleased to note the number of people who have visited this site to explore what is available. Any member of a Federated Society is welcome to login using the IEA Member section of the website. Simply click

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http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=member_login . Put in your own email address and the login password “ergohfe”. I would appreciate if you can inform your members about this.

In particular the Technical Committees of the IEA should use this facility to discuss matters with members and prepare for the IEA 2009 Congress program.

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during April 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:

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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.