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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 22 April 2008

Dear Council Members,

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

1. IEA 2009 Congress update

It is now time to commence promotion of the IEA 2009 Congress in Beijing, China. A Fact Sheet relating to the Congress and details of the process for submitting Abstracts to the Congress are attached to this Newsletter. I would appreciate if you could circulate these to your members and encourage them to participate by submitting their proposals to the Track/Program Chairs now! Please also help to put the information on your Society/TC websites, as we do need to promote the Congress speedily.

The IEA 2009 Congress website has been redeveloped at www.iea2009.org It can also be reached from the Home Page of the IEA website www.iea.cc.

If you have interesting ideas for sessions, workshops, and so forth, please do not hesitate to email halimahtun@damai-sciences.com, who will coordinate with the respective Program Chairs.

2. EQUID document released for comment

As agreed at the 2007 IEA Council meeting, the EQUID design process documents were circulated to all Federated Societies during April for consideration within their own countries. The IEA Council will be discussing the future directions of the EQUID project at the August meeting in Iceland. It would be appreciated if each Society could review the EQUID process in consultation with their members and designers in their own country to ensure an informed debate at the Council meeting.

Please be reminded that the intellectual ownership of this material remains with the IEA as it continues to be developed. In case you have not received the materials, a copy has been attached to this Newsletter.

3. Relationship with ICSID

I am pleased to inform you that the IEA has established a dialogue with the International Committee of Societies of Industrial Design. This is the peak organization to represent the Industrial Design community. We are specifically discussing the technical acceptability and potential future use of the EQUID process template in the Industrial Design industry.

4. Invitation to the World Occupational Health and Safety Summit

It is an honour as President of the IEA to be one of three Presidents of International Professional Associations offered to join a group of 50 Government Minister and Senior Officials at the World OHS Summit to be hosted by the President of South Korea. This will be held in Seoul on the 29th June 2008 and a Declaration in support of Governments to recognize and promote OHS is being drafted for debate. The leadership for this Summit is being offered by the ILO in Geneva with whom the IEA has a close working relationship.

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5. 60th Anniversary of The Ergonomics Society, UK

The Ergonomics Society will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary at their conference from the 22nd - 23rd April 2009. They are hosting an Exhibition of photos and examples of ergonomics materials and invite all IEA Federated Societies and individual members to contribute to their exhibition. This can showcase the development of ergonomics in your country to share with the exhibition. Details of the conference are found at www.ergonomics.org.uk Alternatively contact the Society Conference Manager, Sue Hull at hulls@ergonomics.org.uk

6. Visit to SEMAC conference in Mexico

During April I have attended the Annual conference of the Mexican Ergonomics Society SEMAC in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua in Mexico. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the development of ergonomics in Mexico with a strong participation from industry representative. I would like to thank Gabriel Ibarra and the Committee for their hospitality. This also provided an opportunity to meet with the Executives from the Ergonomics Societies from Mexico, Argentina and an emerging Society in Venezuela.

7. 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 to 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.

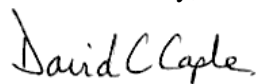
8. IEA Awards

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.

9. 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 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. I encourage each Ergonomics Society to have a look at this section of the website to see how this could be utilized to exchange between Society members. We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during May 2008.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. David C Caple,
IEA President

Appendix; EQUID Design Process Version 1:10

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