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**IEA Newsletter from the IEA President
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Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our August 2008 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies and Technical Committees.

1. 50th IEA Council Meeting

I am pleased to inform all members of our extremely successful Council meeting held on the 9th & 10th August in Reykjavik, Iceland. This meeting was hosted by the Nordic Ergonomics Society to whom we offer our heartfelt thanks.

Their President, Torunn Sveinsdottir and the NES Board offered the Council excellent hospitality and we are very grateful for their support.

This was the 50th Council meeting of the IEA and a special lapel pin was provided by the IEA to all attendees. I will bring these to Beijing next year to continue our small way of personalization with the IEA.

2. New Members Approved to Join the IEA

During the 50th Council meeting, applications for membership were discussed and approved. I am happy to announce five new Societies as members of the IEA. These are from the following countries:-

- Federated Societies
 - o Ecuador - Asociacion Ecuatoriana De Ergonomia
 - o Indonesia - Perhimpunan Ergonomi Indonesia
 - o Latvia - Latvijas Ergonomikas Biedriba
 - o Tunisia - Société Tunisienne d'Ergonomie
- Affiliated Society
 - o Nigeria - Ergonomics Society of Nigeria

This now brings the IEA “family” to 47 national societies. We are expecting more applications in 2009.

3. Documents of the IEA Council Meeting

Reports for the Council meeting and copies of all of the PowerPoint presentations done at the Council meeting can be reviewed through the Members Only section at www.iea.cc

In case you have not registered to access this area, here is the procedure for registration.

You need to register your email address (under 'IEA Members', click on 'Member Registration'). After you have registered, you can then login (under 'IEA Members', click on 'Member login'): use your email address and the following password: **ergohfe**
Explore what else is there when you are logged in!

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4. Remember: November 15th 2008 – Deadline for the IEA'2009 Congress

This will be the last date that you can submit an Abstract or proposal for the IEA2009 Congress in Beijing, China. The online submission will be live at the end of August. You can select which Technical track you would like to be involved among the 40 Tracks listed. You will be asked to indicate the Primary AND Secondary Tracks so that your submission will be appropriately classified. We also encourage joint sessions with several tracks. You may submit an abstract/proposal to the following categories:

- Symposia
- Invited symposium
- Joint track symposium
- Panel
- Workshop
- Demonstration
- 99 seconds proposal
- Poster

A description of each category is given in the attachment with this newsletter, as well as posted on the Congress website, www.iea2009.org.

5. Update on IEA2009 – Countdown: 11 months to go!

Promotion for the Congress. A pdf of the Congress flyer is now available on the home page of the IEA website at www.iea.cc Please distribute this flyer at your local conferences and any opportunities you can to promote participation in the Congress.

Technical program for the Congress is now under framework development by the Scientific Program Chair, Kan Zhang from CES and Co-Chair, Halimahtun Khalid, IEA STP Chair. The major framework is based on the 25 IEA Technical Committees (TC) that have proposed their TC Tracks within the scientific program. However, due to interests expressed by participants in areas of the ergonomics domain, there are also a growing number of other Tracks not covered by a TC. The IEA is indeed grateful for their initiatives and effort to organize several sessions within their tracks.

Keynote speakers. Besides the opening keynotes by the IEA President, David Caple, and Congress Host, Kan Zhang, there will be 11 other keynote addresses offered by invited speakers, on a wide range of topics, reflecting diversity of interests. Check this out at www.iea2009.org

Events. As part of the IEA “partnership and inclusiveness” mission, several events have been organized. Check the Congress website for the full list of events. Below are new events that require your participation:

- **IEA Triennial Forum** – this is an IEA outreach session involving the Standing Committees and Technical Committees of the IEA. It will be held during lunch on the first day of the Congress. We encourage you to meet members of these committees, to explore their work and to join their TCs.
- **Student-to-Student Outreach** – this is a student get-together event, to be organized by students, for all students participating in the Congress. We encourage you to contact Jan Dul and Thomas Smith if you wish to offer student names to help with the planning and organization of this event.

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- **Meet-the-Editors Panel** – this session is open to all IEA Endorsed journals. Publishers/Editors of the 13 endorsed journals are invited to participate in the panel by describing the journal and its scope of article coverage. It provides an opportunity for the IEA community to know where their work may be published.
- **ISO/TC 159/SC 4 Meeting** - a meeting of this standards committee will be held in co-location with the IEA 2009 Congress. You can observe how the meeting is conducted over the 1.5 days. If you have questions, contact Ralph Bruder who will liaise with the convener of the meeting, Tom Stewart.

Look out for more announcements in the forthcoming newsletters! Your participation is very important to make IEA 2009 a fruitful, successful and memorable Congress.

6. New IEA Fellows

The 2008 IEA Council voted to appoint two new IEA Fellows. Congratulations to:-

- Halimahtun Khalid, Malaysia, SEAES
- Heiner Bubb, Germany, Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft

They will formally be recognized during the Awards Ceremony at the IEA 2009 Congress.

7. Liberty Mutual Research Medal Announced

We are pleased to announce the 2008 winners of the Liberty Mutual Medal for the best research in the area of OHS submitted to the IEA judging panel. The paper selected was “Digging Deeper: An investigation into OHS in the New South Wales mining industry” by Shaw, A. et al. from Australia. A co-author, Verna Blewett was present at the Council meeting as one of the Australian delegates when Pierre Falzon made the announcement. This was a wonderful surprise. Under the new arrangements between the IEA and Ian Noy from Liberty Mutual an annual prize of US\$10,000 is provided by Liberty Mutual to the winning authors. This is the most valuable and prestigious prize for research in the ergonomics domain.

Discuss this now with your members who may consider applying in early 2009 for this award.

8. KU Smith Award Nominations

Please encourage any of your top graduate students to consider applying for these 2 awards, of US\$3,000 each to be announced during the IEA 2009 Congress in Beijing. Full details can be found at:

<http://www.iea.cc/upload/IEAKUS2009awardannouncement.pdf>

9. International Ergonomics Month – October 2008

The IEA Council is encouraging each Federated Society to participate in community focused activity to promote the practice of ergonomics during October. HFES and FEES have previously provided a range of initiatives which will be shared through the IEA. Watch the website to see innovative ideas and please feel free to contribute to this international initiative.

10. Cyberg 2008 conference

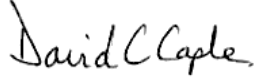
The 5th international “Cyberspace” ergonomics conference is to commence online on the 15th September until the 15th October. This is a wonderful opportunity for ergonomists from around the world to share research and practice in an interactive conference over the internet. The theme is “Local knowledge; Global Application”. Check the website

<http://www.cyberg2008.org> and register for this one month of online interaction. Many thanks to Dr Alvin W. Yeo from Malaysia for his leadership with this IEA conference.

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

Yours sincerely,



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