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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 31 January 2009

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our January 2009 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies and Technical Committees.

1. IEA 2009 Congress Update

I am delighted to hear from the Congress organizers that we have received more than 1000 abstracts, 100 proposals and 20 workshops/tutorials using the online submission processes. We anticipate about 200 scientific sessions excluding the special events to be organized by the IEA Executive Committee. We still welcome proposals up to 31 January 2009. Interested delegates should contact the Congress Track Chairs. Details are on the website www.iea2009.org.

1.1 Individual Abstracts

The call for individual abstracts closed on **December 31, 2008**. Currently the Congress Scientific Committee that is comprised of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the 25 IEA Technical Committees and 15 Track Committees is reviewing the abstracts and various proposals for panel, demonstration and workshops. Authors will hear about their submissions by **mid-February 2009**, after the Chinese New Year festival.

1.2 Special Sessions by IEA Standing Committees

The IEA Standing Committees (SC) have organized special track sessions that you are welcome to participate in. Here are highlights about those sessions:

- The Development SC chaired by Jan Dul has several sessions under the “Future of Ergonomics” Track;
- Thomas Smith, Chair of the Professional Standards and Education SC, will lead the Track on “Ergonomics Practice;”
- The EQUID SC chaired by Ralph Bruder has sessions on “Ergonomics Quality in Design;
- The Science, Technology and Practice SC, chaired by Halimahtun Khalid, has organized “Meet-the-Editor” sessions for all IEA endorsed journals;
- The International Development SC, chaired by Marcelo Soares, will organize 99-seconds session for developing countries on specific topics of interest.

If you have suggestions and wish to participate in the above tracks, please liaise directly with the SC Chairs.

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1.3 Keynote Speakers

The keynote speakers will address new, emerging topics, including Affective Design, Children and Adult Technological Needs, Cultural Ergonomics, Agriculture Ergonomics, Disaster Management, and Ergonomics Practice. The Congress theme of partnerships will be demonstrated by a keynote presentation by ILO on occupational safety and health.

We are grateful to Elsevier for publishing accepted papers in an issue of *Applied Ergonomics*.

1.4 Exhibitions and Sponsors

We are calling for interest from potential exhibitors and sponsors for the IEA'2009 Congress in Beijing. Details of the opportunities for exhibiting in the special display areas during the Congress will be provided on the IEA'2009 website – www.iea2009.org

Can I ask each Society to promote the opportunity for exhibitors from your own country to check the website and discuss their needs with the Congress Organizers?

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of volunteer work being undertaken by the Chinese Ergonomics Society under the leadership of Professor Sheng Wang, Congress Chair, assisted by Dr. Lihua He. I also thank the Scientific Committee headed by Professor Kan Zhang, assisted by Dr. Sun Xiang Hong, and Dr. Ge Yan. The close cooperation and support extended by all 40 Track Chairs and their committees, from the review work to co-drafting the scientific program and managing the sessions during the Congress, I can only express my heartfelt thanks!

2. International Standards – your chance to contribute to their development.

During the IEA Congress in Beijing we will be delighted to host joint meetings with the International Standards Organization, ISO. The details are:

* The sub-committee ISO/TC159/SC4 (Human System Interaction) is meeting during the congress and this will be open for people to observe. This sub-committee is chaired by Tom Stewart who is also the current President of the Ergonomics Society in the UK.

* The parent committee ISO/TC159 (Ergonomics) will be organising a session at the congress which will be in the normal program and will explain the work of TC 159 in general, what standardisation is going on in TC159 and how specialists in human factors and ergonomics can contribute to the International Standardisation process.

* After the Congress, the parent committee ISO/TC159 as well as the ISO/TC159/SC3 (Anthropometry and Biomechanics) will be meeting in Beijing. This will be a closed meeting.

3. Nominations for the 17th IEA Executive Committee

You will find attached to this email the call for nominations for the 17th IEA Executive Committee. I am inviting all Federated Societies to nominate eligible members for the IEA leadership executive of IEA President; Secretary General and Treasurer. Nominations are now open and the election will be conducted at the IEA Council meeting in August in Beijing, China. I would be keen to hear from any Society who may wish to discuss potential nominees.

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4. Submissions for the IEA'2015 Triennial Congress

Submissions for organizing and hosting the IEA'2015 Triennial Congress are due on February 1st, 2009. Submissions should be mailed to the IEA Secretary General, Pascale Carayon (carayon@engr.wisc.edu). At the August 2009 meeting in China, the IEA Council will vote on which federated society will be hosting the IEA'2015 Congress. I thank those Federated Societies who have made their submission as I appreciate the amount of work they have put into their bid.

5. IEA Events / Conferences

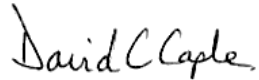
Keep checking the Events section of the IEA website to see the upcoming conferences arranged by IEA Societies as well as other events we have selected for members to know about. Check on the "Stay Informed" section of the website (www.iea.cc).

6. IEA Awards Nomination

Please remember that the deadline for submitting nominations to various IEA awards is April 1st, 2009. This includes the fellow award for 2009 and the Triennial awards for the 2006-2009 period. Please consult the IEA website for additional information (<http://www.iea.cc/upload/Call%20for%20Fellow%20and%20Triennial%20Awards.pdf>).

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during February 2009.

Yours sincerely,



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President – International Ergonomics Association

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