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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 35 – May - 2009

Dear Council Members,

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

1. IEA Council Meeting – Beijing

I am pleased to welcome the Delegates from all IEA Federated Societies and Networks to the 2009 Council meeting in Beijing. We will commence with a Welcome Function at the Congress Hotel on Friday evening 7th August. Prior to this there will be a briefing session for any new Council delegates to overview the Council and meeting processes. Can anyone interested in this briefing please let me know (davidcaple@pacific.net.au)? The Council meeting is Saturday 8th and Sunday the 9th August. We will have a dinner on the Saturday evening. Spouses and partners are welcome to the Welcome Reception and Council Dinner. Can all delegates please email Pascale Carayon if you plan to attend the meeting (carayon@engr.wisc.edu)?

2. IEA Congress Update

We have now only two months before we gather in Beijing hosted by the Chinese Ergonomics Society. We are delighted at the number of registrations from international delegates as well as from China – particularly considering the global financial challenges. The Early Bird Registration which closed on 15th April was extended to 15th May, but delegates are welcome to register online at <u>www.iea2009.org</u> anytime. The Scientific Committee is now doing the mammoth task of building the Congress program for the 4½ days with over 1,200 presentations organized within 42 Tracks. Many thanks to the Program Committee, Technical Committee (TC) Chairs, and Halimahtun Khalid for finalizing the details of the program.

Special IEA events include:

• IEA Triennial Forum

This outreach session, involving 26 IEA Technical Committees, and 6 Standing Committees, is aimed at promoting the work and activities of the various TCs and SCs. You are invited to join the TCs as membership is free.

• TC meetings

These meetings are held at the end of the scientific session, and are aimed at providing a forum for members to meet and discuss with the steering committee. The TC report will be presented so that members are aware of the activities planned for the TC. You may attend as many TC meetings that are of interest to you.

• Meet-the-Editors Session

All IEA endorsed journals have been invited to participate in this session. The aim is to provide a platform for delegates to understand better about the journal and to meet the Editors who will present about the journal. To date, 7 journals have confirmed their participation.

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3. IEA Leadership Elections

During the Council meeting the 17th IEA President, Secretary General and Treasurer will be elected. I have previously circulated an invitation to all Societies for nominations. These nominations are still open. Please consider any of your Council delegates who may wish to serve the IEA for the next 3 years to forward their nomination to me. I have attached two voting items for the Beijing Council meeting submitted by the HFES. They relate to the IEA Rules and the eligible candidates for President. This motion will be voted at the Council meeting and, if both are passed, have immediate effect. Hence I now welcome nominations from IEA Council members who would be eligible in the event that the motions are passed to also send their nominations to me. I have attached the nomination forms for all positions again to this Newsletter.

4. IEA Technical Committees

I am pleased to announce the formation of **Visual Ergonomics** Technical Committee (TC), chaired by Prof. Magne Helland of Norway, and co-chaired by Prof. Hans Lichter, Sweden. You are invited to join the TC, email <u>magne.helland@hibu.no</u>. The main domains of interest of this TC are: Visual Ergonomics relating to: (a) *activities/tasks*: visually demanding work tasks, visual challenging leisure activities, etc; (b) *human visual system*, perception, illumination, optometry, ophthalmology, visual corrections etc. both for normally sighted persons and patients with subnormal vision; (c) *equipment/displays*: display design, workstation design, etc; and (d) *environment*: information design, illumination, etc.

In addition, the HAMAHA TC chaired by Prof. Waldemar Karwowski is now called "**Ergonomics in Manufacturing**." The new chair is Prof. Hwang Sheue-Ling of Taiwan. Email her at <u>slhwang@ie.nthu.edu.tw</u> if you have suggestions for this TC and wish to become a member.

The Primary Industry TC, formerly chaired by Dr. Dave Moore, New Zealand, has been renamed "**Agriculture Ergonomics**" TC, and is now chaired by Prof. Fadi Fathallah, USA. Email him at <u>fathallah@ucdavis.edu</u> if you wish to join the TC.

We thank both Prof Waldemar Karwowki and Dr Dave Moore for their significant contributions and leadership in steering these TCs. We also congratulate the incumbent chairs and co-chairs.

5. Society / Network Conferences

It is wonderful to see the ongoing opportunities offered by Societies and Networks for professional development of members. It is important that we work as an international team to support each conference and minimize clashes of dates for potential participants. Please monitor the Events section on the IEA website and inform the Secretary General – Pascale Carayon and STP Chair – Halimahtun Khalid when you are planning conferences. We can then ensure the Events list is up to date, and to explore opportunities for joint events.

6. CybErg 2011

CybErg is a professional conference that takes place entirely online. This gives people who would otherwise not be able to participate in a professional conference (due to financial constraints, time constraints, geographical dispersion, an aversion to travelling, etc.) an opportunity to be involved in the global activity of knowledge generation and acquisition. The CybErg 2011 conference will be hosted by Brazil, chaired by Marcelo Soares and co-chaired by Lia Buarque Guimaraes.

This on-line conference will hopefully be one of the activities leading up to the IEA'2012 Congress in Brazil. Occupational Hygienist colleagues from IOHA (International Occupational Hygienists Association) will be invited to participate, making this a joint cyberconference between the IEA and the IOHA, as an opportunity to strengthen further the ties.

7. World Health Organization offer for online subscription access

The WHO has a program called HINARI that offers free or heavily subsidized online access to research Journals to Universities in developing countries. Details are on the site <u>http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/</u>. There are currently 6 IEA member countries who qualify for the reduced rates – Columbia, Ecuador, Serbia, Slovakia, Tunisia, and Ukraine. These



countries are welcome to register for HINARI to obtain the reduced rates. The cost of \$1,000 for full online access by a University needs to be paid to NIHARI. Societies from developed IEA member countries should consider supporting one of our member Societies from a developing country who would qualify by paying their subscription as a gesture of support.

8. First ErgoDesignForum conference – Lyon, France

We welcome delegates to the first ErgoDesignForum. This will be hosted in Lyon from the $8^{th} - 10^{th}$ June 2009. The Organizing Committee have received very different and interesting papers - "a perfect melting pot of ergonomics and design for academics and enterprises". A journalist is in charge of a series of round table discussions to encourage interactions on emerging issues. We hope that there will be very interesting new topics for the Technical Committee on Design and the IEA in general. Check the website <u>http://www.ergodesignforum.com</u> for more details.

9. New Edition of ILO/IEA Ergonomics Checkpoints - Update

This month I had the pleasure to preview the 2^{nd} Edition of the popular publication "Ergonomics Checkpoints". The first edition was published in 1996 and has been one of the most sought after publications for the ILO and has been translated into many languages. Under the leadership of Kazutaka Kogi from Japan, the 2^{nd} Edition is nearing completion and we welcome its launch in 2009 – hopefully at the IEA Congress. This is a wonderful outreach from the ILO in partnership with the IEA to present practical ergonomics resources and advice to the community.

10. Registration of the IEA in Switzerland

The IEA is again officially registered in the register of commerce of Zurich, Switzerland (Number cH-020.6.001.28). We would like to thank Marino Menozzi and the Swiss Ergonomics Society for their help in processing the registration of the IEA.

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

Yours sincerely,

David C Caple

Prof. David C Caple President – International Ergonomics Association

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HFES Submission for: Proposed Voting Items IEA Business Meeting Beijing, China August 2009

The current IEA Rules for eligibility and election of the IEA president are listed in Title 5, Article 2. (Underline added)

TITLE 5 - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Article 2. Elections, eligibility and duration of tenure

Officers are elected by Council from members of Federated Societies. To be eligible for office, candidates must be members of a Federated Society and have either served previously on the Council or are the current representatives. Candidates should have demonstrated service to IEA and continuity of attendance at Council meetings. In addition, candidates for President shall have served a term on the Executive Committee. Elections are conducted at the Council meeting held in conjunction with IEA Triennial Congresses. The President is responsible for the election process as described in the IEA Operating Procedures.

The terms of office for Officers are three years, in phase with the Triennial Congress. The maximum service is one term for the President and two terms for the Secretary General and Treasurer.

Transition of leadership takes place at the closing ceremony of the Congress during which the Officers are elected. The term of the newly elected Officers begin after the closing of the Congress.

PROPOSED VOTING ITEM 1:

Discussions with two past presidents who were intimately involved in revising the IEA Basic Documents. including the IEA Rules, suggest that the requirement for the president to have served a term on the Executive Committee exceeds the writers' original intent. As with other candidates, the candidate for president must have been a member of council for at least one term. It may be desirable, but not necessary, that the candidate served one term on the Executive Committee. Service on the IEA Council and other IEA committee work can provide the necessary background and experience for president.

We believe this is unnecessarily restrictive for at least three reasons: First, all elected officers must have either previously served on the Council or are current representatives. There will always be a collective experience in the Executive Committee. Further, the presence of the immediate past president on the Executive Committee serves as the transfer of experience. Second, this requirement for a term on Executive Committee may extend the length of commitment unnecessarily and pose hardships on people who are willing to serve in elected capacities. For example, one term on council, one term on Executive Committee, one term as president, and one term as past president would require 12 years of service.

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Third, this requirement may create restrictions on the possible field of qualified candidates that Federated Societies can nominate to stand for president. Changing the article provide a broader spectrum of candidates to stand for election.

The proposal is to strike the following sentence from Title 5, article 2. "In addition, candidates for President shall have served a term on the Executive Committee."

PROPOSED VOTING ITEM 2

The change in Title 5, article 2 is effective immediately.

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Nomination Form for IEA Executive Officer

Name of Federated Society proposing a candidate :

Name and address (including telephone and email) of candidate :

Office for which candidacy is made (President, Secretary General, Treasurer):

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IEA Executive Office

Candidate's statement

Affiliation to an IEA Federated Society :

Office for which candidacy is made (President, Secretary General, Treasurer)

Name and address (including telephone and email) of candidate

Candidate's statement

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