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## IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 37 – July - 2009

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our July 2009 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies and Technical Committees. This will be my last Newsletter as the 16<sup>th</sup> IEA President. The IEA Council will elect the 17<sup>th</sup> President, Secretary General and Treasurer at the meeting in Beijing, China on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### 1. IEA 2006 – 2009 Triennial Awards

It is our pleasure to announce the names of the persons who have been distinguished to receive an IEA Triennial Award. Congratulations are offered to:

- Ergonomics Development Award : **Klaus Zink**, nominated by the GfA (Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft, Germany)
- Outstanding Educators Award : **François Daniellou**, nominated by SELF (Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française, France)
- Award for the promotion of ergonomics in Industrially Developing Countries : **Elias Apud**, nominated by SOCHERGO (Sociedad Chilena de Ergonomia, Chile)
- Distinguished Service Award: **Sebastiano Bagnara**, nominated by the SIE (Societa Italiana de Ergonomia, Italy).

Triennial Awards will be officially presented at the IEA Congress in Beijing, during the Congress dinner.

I would like to acknowledge the other excellent nominations received by the IEA from Federated Societies for these Awards. It is difficult for the Awards Panels to decide the award recipients when there are so many who have contributed to ergonomics at an international level.

We will also be announcing the IEA Fellows and the Triennial President's Award at the Council meeting.

### 2. IEA / Liberty Mutual Medal Winner for 2009

I am pleased to announce that the 2009 winner of the \$10,000 Liberty Mutual Medal for Occupational Safety and Ergonomics is Dr Suman Singh from the College of Home Sciences, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. Her paper was titled: "Mitigating occupational health hazards of women farmers through educational and technological interventions". The committee was impressed (a) by the systems approach of combining ergonomic design/redesign of equipment and development and application of a training program involving participatory field level skill training and repeated field demonstrations in the proper use of the ergonomically improved farm instruments, and (b) the impact of the project, which directly benefitted 4,200 women, and potentially can benefit many more farm workers in IDC's. Congratulations to Dr Singh. She will be presented

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with her Award at the Congress in Beijing and will have the opportunity to present her research in the Scientific program.

The Chair of the Awards Committee, Pierre Falzon, commented on the high standard of the many applicants this year. I encourage all researchers in the Occupational Safety and Ergonomics area to consider applying in 2010. Keep an eye on the IEA website of the application details which close on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.

### 3. Farewell to the 16<sup>th</sup> IEA Executive

This will be the last Newsletter from the 16<sup>th</sup> IEA Executive (2006 – 2009). We have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years of leadership of the IEA and feel honoured for this opportunity.

I am immensely grateful for the tireless efforts of:

**Pascale Carayon (USA)** – Secretary General who has spent 6 years on the Executive Committee.

**Min Chung (Korea)** – Treasurer for the last 3 years

**Pierre Falzon (France)** – Past President and Awards Chair who has had 9 years on the Executive Committee

**Jan Dul (The Netherlands)** – Development Committee Chair for the last 6 years

**Halimahtun Khalid (Malaysia)** – Science Technology and Practice Chair and Co Chair of the IEA 2009 Congress who has worked so hard on the Congress program over the last 3 years

**Marcelo Soares (Brazil)** – Chair of the Industrially Developing Countries Committee for the last 3 years and Chair of the IEA 2012 Congress in Brazil.

**Tom Smith (USA)** – Chair of the Professional Standards and Education Committee for the last 3 years

**Ralph Bruder (Germany)** – Chair of the EQUID Committee for two years and

**Lina Bonapace (Italy)** – Chair of the EQUID Committee for the first year.

**Sheng Wang (China)** – Chair of the IEA 2009 Congress Committee.

To all of the team I say an enormous “Thank You” and wish the 17<sup>th</sup> IEA Executive every success.

Yours sincerely,

**Prof. David C Caple**

**President – International Ergonomics Association**

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