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

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

**1. IEA 2009 Congress Updates**

Details are on the website [www.iea2009.org](http://www.iea2009.org)

**1.1 Congress Registration - Early Bird date Extended**

The Registration for the Congress is now progressing strongly. Please use the online registration process to lock in your attendance and accommodation. The date for **Early Bird Registration has been extended to the 15<sup>th</sup> May**. Please make sure that you inform your colleagues about this.

**1.2 Reduced accommodation costs**

The Congress committee has been able to negotiate a reduction in the costs for some of the accommodation options due to overall reductions of costs in China over the last months.

**1.3 IEA Technical Committee meetings**

Meetings of all 25 IEA Technical Committees will be scheduled during the Congress week. These meetings are open to all so consider attending the meetings of interest. The IEA has a Rule that Chairs of TCs must stand down after 6 years in the role to enable others to have the opportunity for a leadership role at an international level.

**1.4 IEA outreach activity**

The IEA has planned some outreach activities during the Congress. For this event, all Technical Committees will provide information/materials about their areas of research and practice. Each morning and afternoon tea will have booths for the Technical Committees to meet any delegate interested in what the Committee does and determine if they would like to join. The IEA is an inclusive organization and welcome participation in these Committees from across the world. Use the Congress to explore what areas of ergonomics are of interest to you. Note; students are also welcome to join.

**1.5 Beijing and China Tours**

The Congress website now provides details of a range of tours within Beijing and around China. You should consider booking these when you register for the Congress to ensure you take this opportunity to see around this amazing country.

**2. Ergonomics Without Borders**

I am delighted to inform you that the IEA Executive has agreed to be the lead agency for the "Ergonomics Without Borders" program. Hal Hendrick, Chair of the IEA Foundation for Professional Ergonomics has obtained approval from their Board to rename this initiative "Ergonomics Without Borders". Whilst this can be seen as a rebranding of one of the IEA major Outreach programs it was decided that the new name is more understandable to the Global Community. Since this change has been initiated we have already had extensive engagement with ergonomists from around the world wishing to become involved and offers of leadership support from a Graduate Student in the USA and his colleagues. Thanks to Peter

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- Ergonomics Society of Serbia
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- Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft
- Hellenic Ergonomics Society
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- Inter-Regional Ergonomics Association
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- Israel Ergonomics Society
- Japan Ergonomics Society
- Latvijas Ergonomikas Biedriba
- Nederlandse Vereniging Voor Ergonomie
- New Zealand Ergonomics Society
- Nordic Ergonomics Society
- Osterreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Ergonomie
- Perhimpunan Ergonomi Indonesia
- Philippines Ergonomics Society
- Polish Ergonomics Society
- Slovak Ergonomics Association
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- Sociedad de Ergonomistas de Mexico
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- Société Tunisienne d'Ergonomie
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Butnick and his Ergoweb program for launching the discussion on this issue and to Hal Hendrick who will continue to Chair this initiative.

### 3. Accreditation of University programs

The Chair of the Professional Standards and Practice Committee, Tom Smith has been developing an IEA process to potentially offer accreditation of Ergonomics education programs. Currently this is offered in the USA and UK by their Ergonomics Societies but not elsewhere in the world. We seek to identify any Ergonomics Society who would be interested to have access to an accreditation process by an independent body for their University programs. **If your Society is interested in an accreditation program please inform me via email ([davidcagle@pacific.net.au](mailto:davidcagle@pacific.net.au)) by the end of May, 2009.**

### 4. IEA Council Meeting Dates – Beijing

The IEA Secretary General, Pascale Carayon will soon contact each Society about the plans for the Council meeting in Beijing. I am aware that delegates may be making travel bookings and need to confirm dates. The IEA Council meeting is on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at The Jiuhua International Conference and Exhibition Center ([www.jiuhua.com.cn](http://www.jiuhua.com.cn)) in Beijing. On Friday, August 7, from 4:30 to 6pm, we will organize a presentation of IEA to new IEA councilors. There will also be a Welcome Reception on the Friday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> August and it would be good if you could arrive for this. There will also be a dinner on the Saturday evening. Council delegates and partners are invited to both. The IEA2009 Congress commences on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August evening, with a Welcome Reception. Please use the IEA2009 website [www.iea2009.org](http://www.iea2009.org) to register for the Congress.

### 5. Canadian Society Recognition

I was pleased to read that the Association for Canadian Ergonomics (ACE) has been accepted as a Member of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute – they are pretty excited about that! This is another example of Federated Societies forming strategic partnerships in our own countries to extend the opportunities to promote ergonomics. I look forward to hearing how other Societies have linked with external partners to promote ergonomics. At the IEA level we are very active with partners including WHO, ISO, ILO, ICOH and IOHA.

### 6. IEA Triennial Awards: last call!

May 1st is the deadline of the call for nominations for IEA Triennial Awards. Do not miss this opportunity to honor our deserving colleagues! You will find the relevant information on the Awards page of the IEA site.

### 7. Sustainable Development and International Supply Chains

The TC “Human Factors and Sustainable Development” will have its kick-off-meeting during the IEA Congress in Beijing. Among others the TC is looking for people interested in problems of globalization, who want to deal with the improvement of working conditions within international supply chains (e.g., in Export Processing Zones). People interested in this topic, who want to join a sub-committee dealing with these questions please contact the TC chair Klaus Zink ([kjzink@wiwi.uni-kl.de](mailto:kjzink@wiwi.uni-kl.de)) or come to the respective meeting in Beijing.

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

Yours sincerely,

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