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Dear IEA Council Members:

I hope everyone has enjoyed good health and productive times since our last newsletter. There are lots of things to report and look forward to at our Council Meeting in Bruges, Belgium on October 9-10.

APCHI-ERGOFUTURE International Joint Conference

The highlight of the past month was the joint conference of the Asia Pacific Computer Human Interaction (APCHI) and ERGOFUTURE2010. It was an exciting event bringing together practitioners from throughout the region in these areas. There was a strong focus on the future with emphasis on health, quality of work life, and improved working conditions to meet future challenges. Marshalling ergonomic human and technical resources to address needs in tourism, agriculture and small-to-medium sized enterprises is an important key to realizing success in this region of the world. A strong emphasis was placed on changing the mindset to solve these problems and calling on the young researchers to make a contribution to these vital needs. The range of future problems that ergonomists are called to solve include: natural disasters, global warming, the emerging 24-hour society, technology transfer, and the mindset of having quick solutions to complex issues.

Ergonomists from many parts of the world attended this conference. Kazutaka Kogi, Klaus Zink, Evelyn Tan, Eric Wang, Peter Budnick, Masaharu Kumashiro, Lim Kee Young, Masaaki Kurosu, David Caple, Andree Woodcock, Sadao Horino, Ian Noy, David O'Neill and I gave keynote addresses. Workshops were offered on Ergonomics and Sustainable Development (Klaus Zink and Dave Moore); Ergonomic Guidelines (Kazutaka Kogi); Ergonomics and Business (Peter Budnick); Kaizen and Industry (Masaharu Kumashiro, Professors Kishida, Hasegawa and Shibuya); School Ergonomics (Andree Woodcock); and a Special Workshop (Brian Peacock).

Attendees were also treated to technical visits and sightseeing opportunities. We had a chance to visit the main offices for Bali TV and several weekly and a daily newspaper. Several of us were even interviewed for Bali TV but will keep our jobs in ergonomics. We also visited Bali's largest hospital, which is in Denpasar. We met with local dignitaries including the Rector for Udayana University, a

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representative of the mayor of Denpasar, and were guests of the Governor of Bali. We were treated to tea on a mountain lake and sunset in one of Bali's most famous temples. It was a good learning experience for the attendees on many levels – professional, cultural, personal and collegial. I personally made many new friends that I would not have made otherwise. The hospitality and kindness of our Balinese colleagues and hosts was fitting of their reputation and will not be soon forgotten.

Congratulations to Conference Chair Professor I Dewa Putu Sutjana and Indonesian Ergonomics Society President, Dr. I Putu Gede Adiatmika for a well-attended and lively event. Congratulations also to our dear colleague Professor I.B. Adnyana Manuaba, whose strong leadership has been a guiding force in Indonesia and the entire region for many years. His untiring efforts and vision for how ergonomics can be used to solve real problems are most laudable.



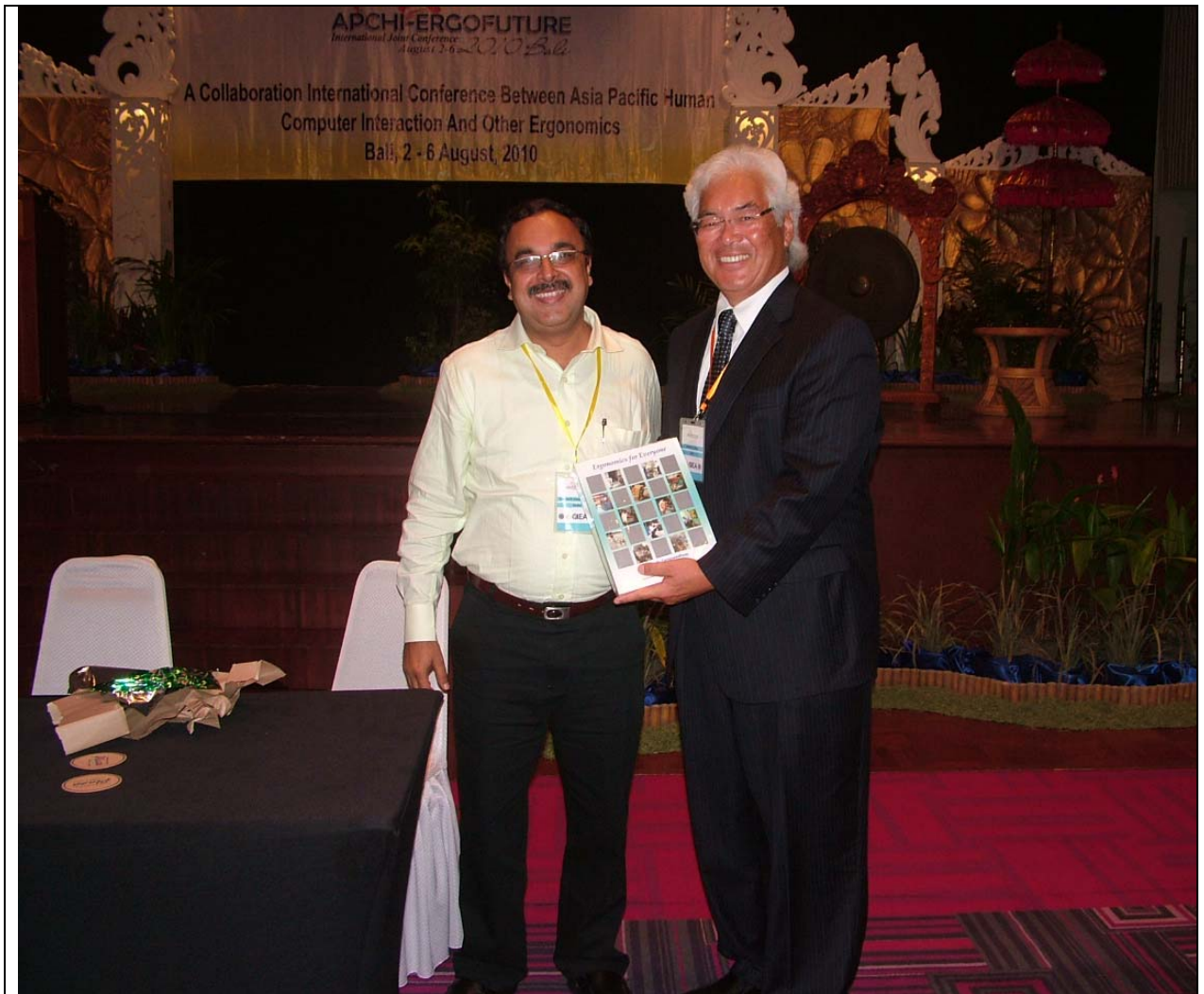
Professors I Dewa Putu Sutjana, I Putu Gede Adiatmika, Masaaki Kurosu, Adnyana Manuaba, Mayor's representative, Presidents Andrew S. Imada (IEA) and Kazutaka Kogi (ICOH) at the opening ceremony

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Professor Adnyana Manuaba receiving a copy of the IEA ILO Ergonomic Checkpoints form IEA President Andrew Imada during closing ceremony

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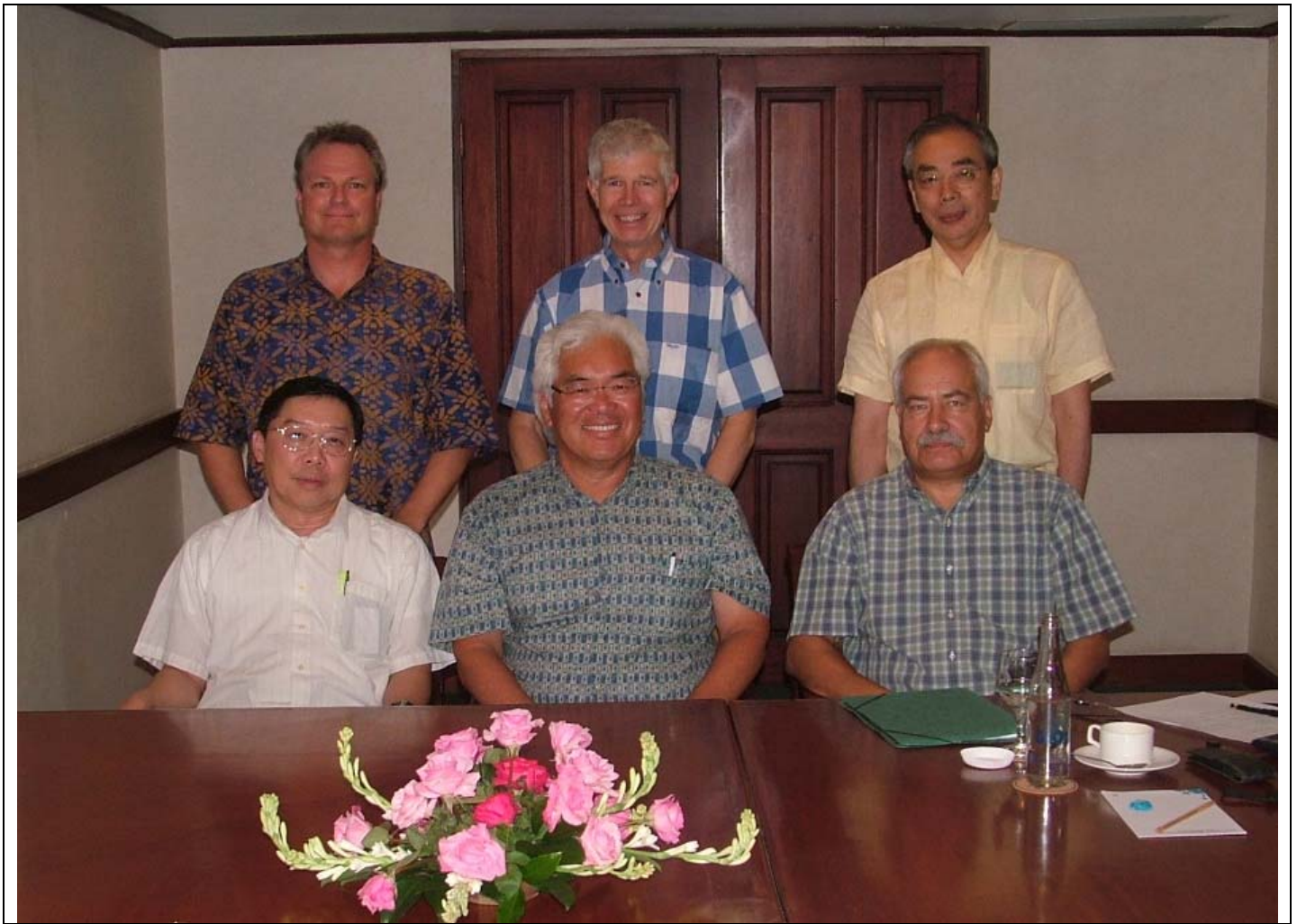
Professor Somnath Gangopadhyay presents IEA President Andrew Imada with a copy of Ergonomics for Everyone at the closing ceremony

Ergonomics for Everyone

At the ERGOFUTURE 2010 meeting Somnath Gangopadhyay formally announced the publication of Ergonomics for Everyone. This is a compilation of articles that were presented at the International Conference on Ergonomics (HWWE 2009) in December 2009 under the auspices of the Indian Society of Ergonomics (ISE) and IEA. Organized at the University of Calcutta, the conference presented applications of ergonomics in many areas including: occupational health, organized and unorganized sectors, safety, agriculture, computer workstations, women, physically challenged, work, sports and exercise physiology, intervention and design, schools, and ergonomic methodologies.

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This is an important landmark as it recognizes the critical mass of work in an area of the world that has experienced tremendous growth and may not have taken full advantage of the contributions that ergonomics can make to improve working conditions and sustainable growth through human development. The document is written in a style that academics will be comfortable with and has clear take away value for practitioners. If anyone is interested in a copy, they can contact Professor Gangopadhyay directly ganguly1961@yahoo.com



IEA Executive Committee Meeting Attendees in Bali
Back: Peter Budnick (Foundation for Professional Ergonomics), David Caple, Yushi Fujita
Front: Eric Wang, Andrew Imada, Klaus Zink

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Executive Committee Meeting Held in Conjunction with Ergofuture2010

As an expression of our support for the joint APCHI and the ERGOFUTURE 2010 conference, we scheduled a voluntary Executive Committee meeting in conjunction with the conference. Eric Wang, Klaus Zink, Yushi Fujita, David Caple and I were able to attend. Peter Budnick, who was attending the conference, joined the meeting. Much of the meeting was focused on preparing for the upcoming Council meeting in Bruges.

ODAM 2011 Conference in South Africa Deadline Extended

Professor Matthias Goebel, Chair of the 10th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organizational Design and Management, has informed us that due to many requests the deadline for submission of proposals has been extended to 30 September. This is an outstanding opportunity to share your work and to meet with researchers and practitioners who are doing work in macroergonomics. It is an unique setting that allows you to learn about the area and people who are doing outstanding work in this broader systems approach. I have personally attended many of these conferences and can say that for me, this is one of the most enjoyable meetings in terms of collegiality, professional exchange and enjoyment.

The conference will be held in Grahamstown, South Africa and offers a chance to experience a real African environment and an array of experiences including exposure to wildlife, beaches, mountains, rivers, local lifestyles and culture. This is in one of the safest places in the country and a warm and welcoming host committee awaits your arrival. For more information please visit (<http://www.ODAM2011.net>).

Important Upcoming Events

- ♦ [2010 International Conference on Control Room Design](#)
25-26 October 2010, Paris, France
- ♦ [PPCOE 2010 Pan-Pacific Conference on Occupational Ergonomics](#)
7-10 November 2010, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC
- ♦ [SEANES](#)
December 2010, Cebu, Philippines
- ♦ [The 10th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organisational Design and Management \(ODAM 2011\)](#)
Grahamstown, South Africa, 4-6 April 2011
- ♦ [Healthcare systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety conference 2011 \(HEPS 2011\)](#)
Oviedo, Spain, 22-24 June 2011

We are looking forward to seeing you in Bruges next month!

All the best,

Andrew S. Imada
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