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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 19 January 2008

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our January 2008 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies.

1. Joint meeting IEA / ILO / ICOH / WHO / NIOSH

During the AEDeC conference in Malaysia (Nov. 2007) we had the opportunity to convene a round table meeting between these important international partners to discuss research and collaboration in relation to ergonomics. The outcomes included an agreed approach to develop:

- guidance materials targeted towards specific industry sectors, and
- simple training programs that can be used in “train the trainer” programs, again for targeted sectors.

The IEA and ICOH will continue to work in cooperation to jointly promote their Congress both of which will be held in 2009. Specific consultation will occur through the Technical Committees of both organizations to determine how they may work in a way to support each other's program.

The continuation of the joint IEA/ILO Ergonomic Checkpoints program was considered to be an important example of collaboration between these organizations. Opportunities for further Checkpoint projects would be part of ongoing discussions between the IEA and ILO. The contribution of government agencies such as NIOSH/CDC (USA) and NIOSH, Malaysia to contribute to and evaluate these Checkpoints should be utilized by the project teams. Further collaboration will occur between the ILO, IEA and KOSHA during the World Health & Safety Summit and Conference to be held in Korea during June 2008.

All organizations agreed to work together in the planning and promotion of the IEA Congress 2009 in Beijing, China.

2. IEA Council and NES Conference – Iceland 2008

The IEA Council meeting this year will be hosted in Reykjavík, Iceland 11-13 August 2008 by the Nordic Ergonomics Society. The theme will be “Ergonomics is a lifestyle”. The website for this event can be found at www.nes2008.is

3. Ergonomics in HealthCare Systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety (HEPS)

The second HEPS Conference will be held in Strasbourg (France) on June 25-28, 2008. Registrations are now open on-line. This conference has already collected abstracts from 280 authors from over 40 countries worldwide. **To register for the event please go to the**

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conference's official web site (www.heps2008.org) where you will also find updated information on the conference.

The first HEPS conference was aimed at creating bridges among different disciplines (medicine and surgery, design, information technology, occupational psychology, clinical engineering and architecture, human factors and ergonomics) to promote human factors and ergonomics in healthcare and patient safety. Starting from this interdisciplinary approach, the second **HEPS conference will be focused on the strategic role of citizens, patients and clinicians in the design and improvement of healthcare systems**. For any further details please contact the Organizing Secretariat (ref. Elisa Bragagni - heps2008@newtours.it; Tel. +39 055 3361.1).

4. IEA Dues for 2008

Each IEA Federated Society will soon receive a letter from the IEA Treasurer, Min Chung, in regards to your 2008 IEA Dues. This will be the first year of collections under the **new fixed 3% levy on Membership fees** that are collected by your Society. It does not include other sources of income that you may have. We are aware that some Societies with a reduced IEA Dues have indicated they are willing to keep their IEA contribution at the same or higher level than this formula. If this is the case, thank you for liaising with Min Chung (mkc@postech.ac.kr). If so we are very grateful for this as we will need support to enable assistance to developing countries to participate in the IEA 2009 Congress.

5. "Future of Ergonomics Revisited"

***Ergonomics*: Special Issue on the Future of Ergonomics - Volume 51, Number 1, 2008**

This recently published special issue of *Ergonomics* has been compiled to celebrate the completion of the Journal's 50th year of publication. Overseen by guest editors Neville Stanton and Rob Stammers, the special issue presents invited peer commentaries on Frederick Charles Bartlett's seminal paper 'The Future of Ergonomics', originally published in *Ergonomics* in 1962. Much of what Bartlett had to say in his original paper still resonates today. Ten commentators were invited from around the world - Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, UK and USA - reflecting the international character of the Journal (an endorsed journal of the International Ergonomics Association as well as the Official Journal of The Ergonomics Society of the UK). Moreover, Bartlett himself was awarded many honorary doctorates and fellowships from universities and societies around the world.

As well as reflecting on the predictions made in Bartlett's paper with reference to their own specialized field of ergonomics, commentators were also invited to make their own predictions for their field of ergonomics for the next 50 years. Some accepted this latter, as well as the former, challenge. The invited commentators were (in alphabetical order): Karel Broohuis, Carlo Cacciabue, David Caple, Colin Drury, Jean-Michel Hoc, Bob Hockey, Peter Hancock, Vladimir Munipov, Marcelo Soares and Charles Spence.

The introductory paper from this special issue by the guest editors Neville Stanton and Rob Stammers, as well as the original 1962 by Frederick Charles Bartlett, are **free to read online** until the end of 2008.

[Bartlett and the future of ergonomics](#)

N. A. Stanton and R. B. Stammers, *Ergonomics*, Volume 51, Number 1, 2008

DOI: 10.1080/00140130701801116

[The Future for Ergonomics](#) (Ergonomics Research Society Lecture April 1962)

F. C. Bartlett, *Ergonomics*, Volume 5, Number 4, 1962

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6. Sale of AEDeC Proceedings

The IEA conference on Ergonomics in Agriculture held in Malaysia in November 2007 has copies of the proceedings for sale (hard copy). These can be purchased for US\$30 plus postage from the Conference Organizers. Their address is mydamai@damai-sciences.com.

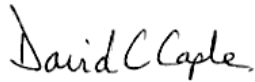
7. SEAES 2008

The 9th Southeast Asian Ergonomics Society Conference, SEAES 2008, will be held in Bangkok, from October 22-24, 2008. Visit <http://www.seaes2008.org/> for details.

The SEAES proposal to become an IEA network will be discussed at the SEAES Council meeting.

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during February 2008.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. David C Caple,
IEA President**

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