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IEA Newsletter from the IEA President

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Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our August Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies. The IEA Executive Committee and the IEA Council has successfully conducted their annual meetings this month in Boston, USA. We are very grateful for the assistance provided by Liberty Mutual, particularly Ian Noy and also to Lynda Adler in making the arrangements for the IEA. They were wonderful hosts. Thank you also to staff at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute, in particular Joanne Gouin and Michelle Robertson.

1. IEA Council meeting – Boston 25th – 26th August 2007

I am delighted to report that we had a very large attendance at this meeting last weekend in Boston with 35 delegates from 19 different Federated Societies plus the Executive Committee. Nearly 50% of the attendees were also attending the PREMUS conference following in Boston arranged by ICOH. This would confirm the benefit of linking our Council meeting with a conference of strong relevance to ergonomics.

The minutes from this meeting will soon be circulated by the Secretary General for your consideration. Please read them to appreciate the amount of work that was achieved by the Council and a range of actions that will now form part of the agenda for this Executive's second year.

I would like to thank all the Council members who attended for their active participation and contributions. The conduct of this Council meeting was based on interactive small group discussion sessions between the reports to promote greater engagement of the members in the decisions and future actions. I look forward to use of this participatory approach at our next Council meeting.

2. IEA Council – 2008 – Reykjavik, Iceland

The IEA Council voted to accept the invitation from the Nordic Ergonomics Society to hold our 2008 Council meeting from August 9-10, 2008 in Reykjavik, Iceland. This will be followed by the 40th Anniversary conference for NES. **Please mark this in your diary now** as the NES delegates ensure us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy their Nordic style hospitality in a beautiful area of the world.

3. IEA Partnerships

A strong goal for the current Executive Committee is to develop the opportunities for partnerships between the IEA and other International Associations to extend the opportunities to grow the ergonomics domain. We wish to be inclusive of groups who would like to join with us to work together to achieve our respective goals.

As an example I was invited to speak at the Opening Ceremony of the ICOH conference, PREMUS, in Boston to underpin the growing working relationship between our Associations. Pascale subsequently represented the IEA at their ICOH committee on MSD

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- Ergonomics Society of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
- Ergonomics Society of Korea
- Ergonomics Society of South Africa
- Ergonomics Society of Taiwan
- Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft
- Hellenic Ergonomics Society
- Hong Kong Ergonomics Society
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (U.S.A.)
- Hungarian Ergonomics Society
- Italian Society of Ergonomics
- Inter-Regional Ergonomics Association
- Iranian Ergonomics Society
- Irish Ergonomics Society
- Israeli Ergonomics Society
- Japan Ergonomics Society
- Nederlandse Vereniging Voor Ergonomie
- New Zealand Ergonomics Society
- Nordic Ergonomic Society
- Österreichische arbeitsgemeinschaft für Ergonomie
- Polish Ergonomics Society
- Associação Portuguesa de Ergonomia
- Slovak Ergonomics Association
- Sociedad Chilena de Ergonomia
- Sociedad Columbiana de Ergonomia
- Sociedad de Ergonomistas de Mexico
- Società Italiana di Ergonomia
- Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française
- South East Asia Ergonomics Society
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where agreements were made for ongoing collaborations. These will be particularly important leading up to our IEA 2009 Congress.

Further we have now invited four major international groups involved in Health Care to join the IEA to promote the HEPS conference in Strasbourg, France next year.

We have joined with ILO, WHO and ICOH to host the Ergonomics in Agriculture workshop and conference in Malaysia in November.

If you would like the IEA to assist your Society to approach organizations at an international level to promote your activities please ask.

4. IEA Healthcare Systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety Conference 2008

The planning for the Second IEA conference on Healthcare Systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety (HEPS) is now well underway. Please visit the conference website - <http://www.heps2008.org/>. The conference is sponsored by IEA and co-organized by the Italian Ergonomics Society, the SELF and the German Ergonomics Society.

The coordinator of organizing board (chair conference) is Sebastiano Bagnara from the Italian Ergonomics Society. The SELF President (Michel Neboit), the German Ergonomics Society President (Helmut Strasser) and President of the Italian Ergonomics Society (Riccardo Tartaglia), as Presidents of the organizing societies, are the co chairs of the event.

5. Special Edition of WORK Journal

You are invited to contribute to the special edition of WORK journal relating to Ergonomics Issues Concerning Children, Youths and Students. See the URL http://www.iwse.osu.edu/ISEFaculty/sommerich/Work_special_issue.html for more information.

6. IEA Dues 2008

The IEA Council voted to adopt the new system for calculating IEA Dues from Federated Societies. This proposal for 3% of your membership fees will now form the basis for the IEA Dues. A minimum of US\$50 will apply for the smaller Societies to cover the banking costs in processing these transactions. The IEA Treasurer, Min Chung, will soon be emailing each Society a letter to inform of the changes commencing from January 2008.

I am particularly grateful for the support from our larger Societies who agreed to support this motion knowing the significant increase to their IEA Dues compared to the previous system.

I am also heartened by the offers from some Societies who will see a reduction in their Dues offering to contribute to an IEA fund or develop their own outreach activities in support of the IEA program.

Please inform your Treasurer of this change of the IEA Dues payment system.

7. “IEA Letter from the President” becomes “IEA Newsletter”

The Council evaluated this communication with Societies and provided a range of very useful feedback. We will start to integrate suggestions over the next months. One is to rebrand this as the IEA Newsletter. Another is to highlight the Action items and to keep the newsletter brief. Further feedback will be welcome.

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next Newsletter during September 2007.

Yours sincerely,

David C Caple

**Prof. David C Caple
IEA President**

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