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## IEA Newsletter from the IEA President No. 29 November 2008

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our November 2008 Newsletter to members of the IEA Federated Societies and Technical Committees.

### 1. IEA 2009 Congress Submission Dates Extended

To meet several requests, the Congress organizers are delighted to extend the date for submission of abstracts and proposals as outlined below. Please note the NEW dates and where to submit.

#### 1.1 Individual Abstracts

The call for this category of submission will now close on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2008**. Submit abstract(s) to the “**Online Abstract**” Submission page only. Indicate the “Track(s)” and Keywords which will be used to bring papers together to form a symposium. Authors will hear about their submissions by **31<sup>st</sup> January 2009**.

#### 1.2 Invited Symposia and other Presentation Types

The call for invited Symposia organized by Technical Committees and Track Chairs, 99-seconds session, and other special sessions is extended to **30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**. Submit these proposals to the “**Online Proposal**” submission page.

#### 1.3 Workshop Proposal

The call for workshop/tutorial is now extended to **30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**. Submit your proposal to the “**Workshop**” submission page, which is separate from the abstracts and proposal pages.

To date, an interesting range of suggestions have been received for interactive sessions at the Congress. These will be of interest to researchers and practitioners.

I would like to encourage each Technical/Track Chair to increase their communication with their members so that online submissions can be made in good time.

**1.3 Exhibitions and Sponsors.** We are now calling for interests from potential exhibitors and sponsors for the IEA 2009 Congress in Beijing. Details of the opportunities for exhibiting in the special display areas during the Congress will be provided on the IEA '2009 website –

[www.iea2009.org](http://www.iea2009.org)

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  - Ergonomics Society of Nigeria
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  - Ergonomics Society of South Africa
  - Ergonomics Society of Taiwan
  - FEES
  - Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft
  - Hellenic Ergonomics Society
  - Hong Kong Ergonomics Society
  - Human Ergology Society
  - Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (U.S.A.)
  - Hungarian Ergonomics Society
  - Indian Society of Ergonomics
  - Inter-Regional Ergonomics Association
  - Iranian Ergonomics Society
  - Irish Ergonomics Society
  - Israel Ergonomics Society
  - Japan Ergonomics Society
  - Latvijas Ergonomikas Biedriba
  - Nederlandse Vereniging Voor Ergonomie
  - New Zealand Ergonomics Society
  - Nordic Ergonomics Society
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  - Perhimpunan Ergonomi Indonesia
  - Philippines Ergonomics Society
  - Polish Ergonomics Society
  - Slovak Ergonomics Association
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  - Sociedad de Ergonomistas de Mexico
  - Società Italiana di Ergonomia
  - Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française
  - Société Tunisienne d'Ergonomie
  - South East Asian Ergonomics Society
  - Spanish Association of Ergonomics
  - Swiss Ergonomics Society
  - The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia
  - Turkish Ergonomics Society
  - ULAERGO

## 2. Liberty Mutual Medal

During November I had the pleasure to present the 2008 Liberty Mutual Medal for research to the winners at the Australian HFESA conference in Adelaide. It was delightful to recognize the large team of researchers led by Andrea Shaw and Verna Blewett for their project called “Digging Deeper”. This related to a macroergonomics study in the mining industry. The Chair of the IEA Awards Committee, Pierre Falzon has now opened nominations for the 2009 Liberty Mutual Medal and the prize of \$10,000. Thanks to the support provided to the IEA by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

## 3. New Regional Network of Ergonomics Societies formed in East Asia

I attended the first East Asian Ergonomics Federation conference hosted in Kitakyushu, Japan on November 11-13, 2008. It involved participation from 14 countries and was hosted by Japan, China, Taiwan and Korea. I was pleased to participate in the conference and to present a “Roadmap” contribution on behalf of the IEA. This conference was hosted by the executive of the PPCOE (Pan Pacific Council on Ergonomics). I thank the Organizers for their warmth and hospitality during my stay. This was a further demonstration of the IEA themes of Partnerships and Inclusiveness.

## 4. Have you elected new Executives of your Ergonomics Society?

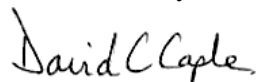
It is that time of the year when many Ergonomic Societies are holding their Annual General Meetings. If you have elected new leaders would you please inform their details to the Secretary General Pascale Carayon [carayon@engr.wisc.edu](mailto:carayon@engr.wisc.edu). If you wish to check the details for your Ergonomics Society just look at the IEA Members section of the website [www.iea.cc](http://www.iea.cc).

## 5. New Internet group for IEA Members

The Online Communities Technical Committee (OCTC) of the IEA is pleased to announce that it has set up an IEA LinkedIn Group for IEA members to join. LinkedIn is a social networking tool for professionals that allows you to connect with like-minded professionals and stay in contact with them. A person’s LinkedIn profile is intended to act as a mini-resumé to look for jobs or just to connect and discuss work-related issues. The IEA LinkedIn Group will be administered by the OCTC of the IEA but will be open to any IEA member or affiliated professional. The IEA LinkedIn Group has a number of interesting features including a discussion board, a weekly digest of activity in the group (i.e. who has joined the group and discussion items), a news facility where members can post news items, and the advertising of the IEA to other professionals. If you are already connected on LinkedIn then joining the group is easy. Go to <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/1114517> and request to join the group. If you are not already connected on LinkedIn you will first need to join by filling in a short form and then following the link to <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/1114517>. Once you are a member of the group, all the group facilities are available to you (i.e. the discussion facility, news facility, and update facility). For further details, please email the OCTC Chair Andrew Thatcher [andrew.thatcher@wits.ac.za](mailto:andrew.thatcher@wits.ac.za)

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

Yours sincerely,



**Prof. David C Caple**

**President – International Ergonomics Association**

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