Dear IEA Council Members:

Next Council Meeting in South Africa Coming Up Soon!

Our Council meeting will be held at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa on April 2 and 3. This Council meeting will be held in conjunction with and hosted by the 10th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organisational Design and Management (ODAM) April 4-6. To get more information and register, travel and accommodations, go to: http://www.ODAM2011.net.

If you have not done so yet, please register with Secretary General Eric Wang to let him know who will be representing your society. It is a long trip for many of us and I appreciate your willingness to support the conference and travel so far. Please visit the ODAM 2011 website for important information about lodging and whether you will need a visa to enter South Africa.

At this Council meeting we will officially announce the opening of bids to host the IEA 2018 meeting. We will also announce the opening for nominations for officers, which we will vote on in 2012 in Brazil. Nothing will be due at the time of the meeting. You will receive more specific information at the meeting.

IEA 2012
Site visit to Recife, Brazil with ABERGO and ULAERGO

Last week we held a two-day meeting (February 20-21) at the site of the IEA2012 meeting venue in Recife, Brazil. Vice President and Treasurer Klaus Zink, Science Technology and Practice Chair Karen Jacobs and I met with Jose Orlando Gomes, Paulo Antonio, Barros Oliveira (representatives from ABERGO and ULAERGO), and Marcelo Soares, his Organizing Committee and team. It was a productive meeting in creating a collaborative relationship among the partners, asking questions and expressing concerns openly, and seeking solutions to problems earlier rather than later. We learned a great deal about the planning that has been done in the midst of uncertainties in a booming economy, the logistical challenges to overcome, the warmth of the Brazilian hospitality, and the aura of the pre-Carnivale environment that congress attendees will encounter. IEA 2012 shows great promise to be an exciting world event in ergonomics. Please plan ahead to accommodate the travel and lodging requirements during this busy time in Brazil. It will be worth your effort.
IEA2012 Call for Papers
Marcelo Soares (IEA2012 Congress Chair), Karen Jacobs (Science Technology and Practice Chair) and the IEA2012 Organizing Committee invite Technical Committee Chairs and the worldwide ergonomic community in the Call for Papers for our next IEA Congress. The call for submissions is now open! You can find the information at www.iea2012.org
Deadlines for submissions are coming up! Dates are 15 April 2011 for scientific research papers and case studies, and 30 June 2011 for special sessions, symposia, company cases and posters. You can find more information about these deadlines at [http://www.iea2012.org/instructions.htm](http://www.iea2012.org/instructions.htm). More information about the submission process is available at [http://www.iea2012.org/submission.htm](http://www.iea2012.org/submission.htm).

IEA2012 Sponsorship Opportunities

Companies and industry have an opportunity for more visible by becoming a sponsor to the IEA2012 Congress. This may be especially useful for companies doing business in Brazil or Latin America or companies engaged in or want to be associated with the theme of the conference – Designing a sustainable future. We encourage federated societies to contact potential sponsors or to refer them to Marcelo Soares. [chair@iea2012.org](mailto:chair@iea2012.org)

NOTABLE NEWS

IEA / WHO Relations Extended

We just received a notice from Alex Ross, Director in the Department of Partnerships from WHO, that the Executive Board recently reviewed the report of our collaboration from 2008-2010 and has decided to maintain relations with IEA for another two years from 2011-2013. The board appreciated the report, the successful
collaborations and the support IEA has given to WHO.

This builds on the framework that David Caple and the last executive developed. Thanks to David, Eric Wang and especially Wendy Macdonald who contributed mightily on that report. Wendy is our representative to the WHO and oversees many of the IEA projects with WHO. Great work and great news for IEA!

IEA Future of Ergonomics Committee
This committee headed by Jan Dul has completed its initial work and will be meeting in early March in Amsterdam to begin consolidating its work and begin the important work of looking at our future in a strategic way. Jan Dul (Chair, Netherlands) leads the committee with members including: Ralph Bruder (Germany), Peter Buckle (UK), Pascale Carayon (USA), Pierre Falzon (France), Bill Marras (USA), John Wilson (UK), and Bas van der Doelen (Secretary, Netherlands). We thank the members of this team for their work and commitment to this important effort. We look forward to hearing about the results of this effort in South Africa.

Latvian Ergonomics Society First International Conference – Contemporary Ergonomics and Business
Zenija Roja, President of the Latvian Ergonomics Society, has just announced that five years after its formation, the LES is holding its first International Conference. This inaugural event will take place in Riga, Latvia on October 7, 2011. Topics of the conference include: Contemporary ergonomics in changing labour markets, macroergonomics and workplace health promotion, successful business and human performance, ergonomics in manufacturing quality, and multidisciplinary rehabilitation. In addition to President Roja, IEA Vice President and Treasurer Klaus Zink and FEES President Peter Rookmaker present keynote addresses. For more information go to www.ergconf2011.lv The IEA supports this important conference for the Latvian Ergonomics Society and encourages ergonomists to attend.

FEES Inaugural Newsletter
FEES has launched a newsletter where members can learn about development activities in which the federation has been involved, news from member societies and news about the profession. This newsletter covers the important events since the first FEES conference. We learned that FEES has again been recognized as an official Campaign Partner of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign on Safety and Maintenance. There is a summary of the first European Conference on Ergonomics and the Bruges Declaration that summarizes potential actions ergonomics can make to European policies on aging. This is a great vehicle for communicating and updating news to constituent organizations. You can access this through: http://www.fees-network.org/newsletter/newsletter-0.html. Congratulations on this new communication tool.

AWARDS

2011 IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal Nominations
Nominations for the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal in Occupational Safety and Ergonomics are now open. The award recognizes outstanding original research leading to the reduction or mitigation of work-related injuries and/or to the advancement of theory, understanding, and development of occupational safety research. This medal comes with a $10,000 USD award and is the most coveted award in our profession. You can find more details at: http://www.iea.cc/05_awards/Current%20IEA%20Awards.html. Nominations will close on May 31,
Please note a number of changes that are being implemented this year. First, the criteria for research papers have been expanded to include papers published within the previous calendar year as well as unpublished papers. We will be working more closely with editors for their nominations for articles published in prestigious journals. Second, federated societies are encouraged to nominate their members. Third, we will be identifying ways to promote the winning papers through different venues, publications, and the website. Last month I wrote to the presidents of your societies and copied you on the nomination process. Please distribute this information as widely as possible.

IEA K.U. Smith Student Award
The IEA K.U. Smith Student Award honors two deserving students responsible for applications of or contributions to ergonomics/human factors (E/HF) worthy of recognition. The next awards will be presented during the IEA 2012 Triennial Congress, scheduled to convene February 12-16, 2012, in Recife, Brazil. The Award winners each will receive a cash award of US $3,000. Depending upon need, an additional stipend for travel to the Congress also may be awarded to the winner(s).

Any student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (college, university, technical, or vocational school) worldwide is eligible to apply for the award. All areas of E/HF are eligible for consideration. Examples of applicable projects include an applied E/HF project, a human performance study or analysis, a design project or product, a research project undertaken in the laboratory or field, or a theoretical/conceptual contribution to E/HF. You can get details about applying for the award at: http://www.iea.cc/05_awards/Current%20IEA%20Awards.html. Click on Learn more now to download the specific information.

IEA Fellows Nominations
Nominations are being accepted for IEA Fellow Award, which is awarded annually and presented at the triennial congress to recognize extraordinary or sustained superior accomplishments of an individual. Instructions about how to make a nomination can be found at http://www.iea.cc/05_awards/Current%20IEA%20Awards.html Click on IEA Fellow Nomination Form.

Forthcoming Events
• The 10th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organisational Design and Management (ODAM 2011)
  4-6 April 2011, Grahamstown, South Africa
• Ergonomics & Human Factors 2011
  12-14 April 2011, Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire, UK
• First International Symposium on Digital Human Modeling
  14-16 June 2011, Lyon, France
• Healthcare systems Ergonomics and Patient Safety conference 2011 (HEPS 2011)
  22-24 June 2011, Oviedo, Spain
Sincerely,

Andrew S. Imada
President

The 2nd East Asian Ergonomics Federation Symposium and Asia Ergonomics Summit 2011 (2nd EAEFS & AES 2011)
5-8 October 2011, Hsinchu, Taiwan, ROC