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Letter from the IEA President No. 10 – April 2007

Dear Council Members,

I am delighted to provide our April Letter to members of the IEA Federated Societies.

1. Tragic Event at Virginia Tech, USA

Like all of our IEA members I was shocked and saddened by the tragic events at Virginia Tech this month. On behalf of the IEA family, Pascale Carayon and I have conveyed our deepest sympathy to the Human Factors & Ergonomics faculty in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech.

2. Launch of the new IEA website

It is with much pleasure to announce that the new IEA website was launched this month. This was a major initiative as part of our IEA Communications Strategy and I thank those who have provided us with feedback on further enhancements. Can you inform your members about the new site and encourage them to contribute any updates and new information to the Secretary General (email: carayon@engr.wisc.edu)?

3. Guidelines for IEA Technical Committees

There are now guidelines for Technical Committee that have been developed by Halimahtun Kahlid on behalf of the STP Standing Committee. These guidelines cover the formation of a new TC; guidelines for conference approval, and guidelines for endorsed publication. All guidelines and forms are available on the IEA website:

http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=science_technology_practice.

4. IEA Technical Committees - Updates

Members can join these Technical Committees by contacting the relevant Chairs. Details of the 20 Technical Committees and contact details can be found at:

http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=technical_committees.

The current TCs are:

- Activity Theories for Work Analysis and Design
- Aging
- Auditory Ergonomics
- Building and Construction
- Ergonomics for Children and Educational Environments
- Ergonomics in Design
- Gender and Work
- Healthcare Ergonomics
- Human Aspects of Advanced Manufacturing

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- Human Reliability
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Organizational Design and Management
- Primary Industries
- Process Control
- Psychophysiology in Ergonomics
- Quality Management
- Safety & Health
- Slips, Trips and Falls
- Standards
- Work With Computing Systems - WWCS

5. Human Factors Journal Endorsement

The Human Factors journal of the HFES has now been officially endorsed as an IEA endorsed journal. A full list of endorsed Journals can be found at:

http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=international_ergonomics_publications

6. IEA contribution from IEA 2006 Congress

Last week I was delighted to receive this message from Ernst Koningsveld, Chair of the IEA 2006 Congress in Maastricht.

"Yesterday the board of IEA2006 had its next-to-last meeting. As communicated before, the financial results are better than we expected during the congress. We are happy and proud to tell you that we have reserved another Euro 10,000 for the IEA."

This contribution from the Congress committee is over and above the Capitation fee already paid to the IEA and the hospitality provided to the IEA by the Dutch Ergonomics Society and the Congress committee.

On behalf of the IEA members I would like to sincerely thank Ernst, Ruud and Paul for their kindness and generosity.

7. Update from the International Development Committee

Marcelo Soares, the chair of the International Development Committee, and I are developing a relationship with International external partners to investigate funding for workshops and training programs to promote ergonomics application in the mining industries in Botswana and Columbia.

I am hopeful that this will result in a new approach for the IEA to work collaboratively with Sustaining Members to assist with specific programs.

8. Ergonomics in Agriculture

We are very grateful for the leadership provided by Halimahtun Khalid in launching the website and arrangements for the conference on Ergonomics in Agriculture in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 26th to the 29th November this year.

This promises to be an excellent opportunity for the IEA to work with other professional associations and international partners such as ILO and WHO to develop resources. The website for the conference is

www.aedec2007.org

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Part of this program will be a pre-conference workshop to be hosted jointly by the IEA and ILO to discuss and evaluate the Ergonomics Checkpoints In Agriculture compiled by Dr Kazutaka Kogi from Japan. We are hopeful to assist IEA members from developing countries to attend this workshop.

We look forward to providing further IEA activity information in the next letter during May 2007.

Yours sincerely,

David C Caple

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IEA President

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