Title: Bridging the Gap between Safety Practitioners and Academic Researchers: A Call to Action

Summary: Using this insightful forum of a joint meeting of two leading societies dedicated to human work safety and performance, the case is made that the our workforce and the end-users of products and systems, as well as ownership, management, and government, all deserve and expect a holistic and effective approach to the safety and well-being of our constituents. Further, the case is made that today, more than ever, the rapid pace of technology development, as well as expanding world economies, calls for deeply integrative approaches to basic and applied research, the education of safety professionals, including curricula, systems and product design, the practice, and the oversight of safety. Thus, a call to action is made to bring the combined strength of these two organizations, and others, together to facilitate even greater integration of these areas in the future.

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