

ISOES NEWS

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New Editor-in-Chief for Occupational Ergonomics Journal

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Dr. Patrick Dempsey has been named Editor-in-Chief of *Occupational Ergonomics*, the Journal of the International Society for Occupational Ergonomics and Safety. In the summer of 2005, ISOES President Roger Jensen established a Journal Transition Task Force and charged the task force to review the journal status and to solicit and review candidates to serve as the editor-in-chief. After careful review, the Task Force recommended Dr. Patrick Dempsey to serve in the position. The Executive Committee, in turn, voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Dempsey to the position, starting January 1, 2006.

Dr. Dempsey completed his B.S. in Industrial Engineering at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech University. He is a member of the American Society of Biomechanics, the Ergonomics Society, the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, the International Society for Occupational Ergonomics and Safety, and a senior member of the Institute for Industrial Engineers. He is a Certified Professional Ergonomist and is Director of Experimental Programs at Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, and facilitates the technical and logistical aspects of the Institute's empirical investi-

gations. With more than 100 publications on musculoskeletal disorders and related ergonomics and safety topics, he is author or co-author of 45 peer-reviewed articles published or in press in several journals including the *American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal*, the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, *Applied Ergonomics*, and *Ergonomics*. He serves on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Industrial Ergonomics* and is a Scientific Editor for *Applied Ergonomics*.

Please join us in welcoming our new Editor-in-Chief!

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President's Message



Dr. Roger Jensen, ISOES President

Hello Fellow Members-

My priority as President is to improve member services. One of the most valuable services is the subscription to our journal – *Occupational Ergonomics: Journal of the International Society for Occupational Ergonomics and Safety*. For over a year, the Executive Committee has worked to make the Journal better serve member needs. Some of these efforts are described here.

Last year we conducted a survey of members to obtain opinions about our Journal. Results indicated very mixed views on perceived value of the Journal. The Executive Committee decided that changes were needed to make our Journal valuable to all members. To that end, the Executive Committee decided to appoint a new ISOES Editor-In-Chief.

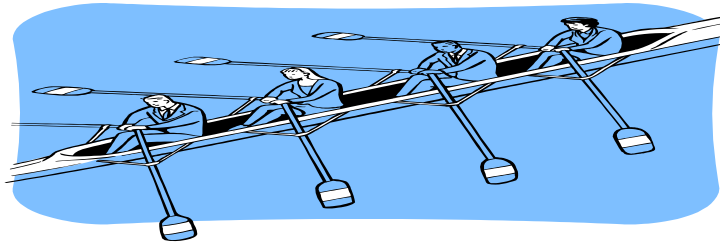
A “Transition Committee” was established to guide the process. The

committee consisted of three highly-regarded individuals: Dr. Arun Garg, Dr. Ram Bishu, and Dr. Mo Ayoub. Our Past-President, Dr. Jeffrey Fernandez chaired the Committee in a non-voting capacity. Their charge was to, first, find a new Editor-In-Chief, and second, provide support to assure a smooth transition. The Transition Committee looked for someone with a distinguished record, willing to serve, and having access to a supportive organization. Their recommendation was accepted by the Executive Committee during a meeting, November 4, 2005.

It is my pleasure to endorse the selection of **Dr. Patrick Dempsey** and our new Editor-In-Chief, to begin January 1, 2006. Dr. Dempsey is Director of Experimental Programs for the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety. A brief biographical profile is provided in this issue.

All members of ISOES, past and present, owe much thanks to **Dr. Biman Das** for his devoted service as Editor-In-Chief since the inception of the Journal. Dr. Das guided the Journal through the first five volumes, and is currently working on Volume 6. He has consistently sought to provide issues full of high-quality article that would enhance the international reputation and status of *Occupational Ergonomics*. Dr. Das frequently reported the greatest challenge was to sustain a steady stream of high-quality submissions.

We ask each member of ISOES to submit your best papers to *Occupational Ergonomics*. This includes full length papers and shorter articles such as research notes. Our new Editor-In-Chief will need a regular supply of submissions to complete four issues per year. With the help of all ISOES members, we can continue elevating the Journal's scientific contributions, international status, and value to ISOES members.

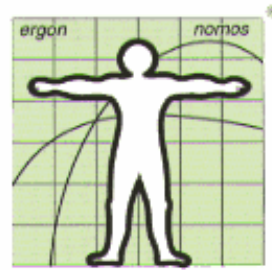


CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP!

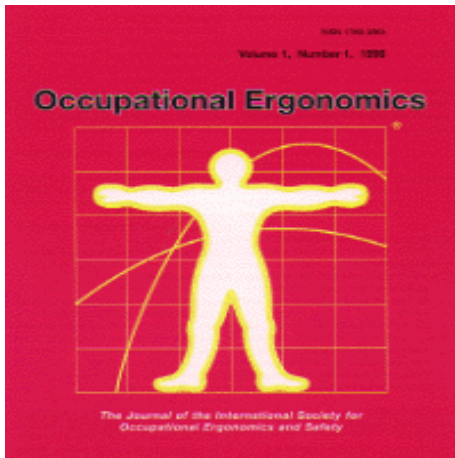
The success of the mission and vision of ISOES depends on you, the membership. We are collectively committed to the goal of increasing our membership, maintaining our current members, and expanding our international diversity. To be successful, we need your help. You can help to advance the goals of ISOES by:

1. Recruiting new members.
2. Sharing our information and newsletter with others.
3. Attending conferences.
4. Submitting manuscripts to *Occupational Ergonomics* and to our Conference call for papers.
5. Sharing your input and expertise with the society, especially the Executive Committee, who is committed to ensuring that the design of our organization matches the needs of its members.
6. Go to <http://www.iso.es.info/> to get your membership form!
7. Joining! **Membership forms can be found on www.iso.es.info**

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Vision of the New Editor-in-Chief, Patrick Dempsey



Simply stated, my vision for the *Occupational Ergonomics* journal is to build upon the foundation the first 5 volumes provide to work towards *Occupational Ergonomics* being recognized as a premier journal. The most direct means of accomplishing this goal is to consistently publish high quality occupational ergonomics research. The Society has a long history of accommodating the interests of both practitioners and researchers, and I will work to make sure that the journal has quality research with relevance and interest to both practitioners and researchers interested in occupational ergonomics.

One of the important aspects researchers consider when deciding where to submit a piece of research is the quality and timeliness of the peer review process. For this reason, I will appoint approximately 6 Scientific Editors that will share the responsibilities for selecting reviewers, sending the manuscripts out for review, and making decisions on the submissions. These Editors will represent the breadth of scientific specialties within the field, and will have established records of scholarly productivity and achievement. Together, we will evaluate the membership of the editorial board to ensure significant expertise in different areas, and will seek members that will contribute to the goal or providing timely, high quality reviews. I believe that continually increasing the quality of the journal will lead to not only additional value for members, but will attract new members to the Society.

The most important factor that determines journal quality is the research published in the journal. For this reason, I encourage members to consider submitting one of your best pieces of research, and to encourage colleagues to do the same. I look forward to challenges and opportunities ahead, and am happy to hear from members regarding submissions or suggestions for the journal.



Photo: ISOES Attendees at the 2005 Conference in Las Vegas.

Upcoming Conferences

Nov. 16-17, 2005 **People and Systems**, London, United Kingdom
 'People and Systems' is jointly organized by The IEE Human Factors Engineering Professional Network (HFE PN) and the Human Factors Integration Defense Technology Centre (HFI DTC). *Contact:* Co-chair: Dr. Carl Sandom. Phone: + 44 (0)7967 672560; E-mail: people&systems@isys-integrity.com; URL: conferences.iee.org/pas2005/

Nov. 21-23, 2005 **2nd European Conference on Rail Human Factors**, London, United Kingdom

The conference will focus on current rail human factors research at leading universities, research institutes and consultancies, as well as that carried out within railway companies and regulating bodies. *Contact:* E-mail: ECRHF@nottingham.ac.uk; URL: www.railhumanfactors.co.uk

Dec. 4-6, 2005 **IJIE 2005 - The 10th Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering Theory, Applications and Practice**, Clearwater, Florida, USA

The official conference of the International Journal of Industrial Engineering – Theory, Applications & Practice.

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Feb.9-10,2006 **VIII Congresso Nazionale SIE, Societa Italiana di Ergonomia**, Milan, Italy

The topic of this national conference is systems of job and styles of life.

Contact: Sebastiano Bagnara, President Scientific Committee VIII Conference SIE, URL: <http://www.societadiergonomia.it/conferenza/>

Feb.9-11,2006 **People in Place in People, 1st International Symposium on Environment, Behaviour and Society**, Sydney, Australia

This is an opportunity for intensive dialogue on three themes in environment, behavior and society research with implications for policy, planning and design. *Contact :* URL :

www.arch.usyd.edu.au/web/research/ebs/ebsymposium.html

Feb.23-24,2006 **State-of-the-Art Conference on Musculoskeletal Disorders**, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

Contact: Luz Dominguez, University of Utah. Phone: (801) 581-4055, Email: luz.dominguez@hsc.utah.edu

Mar. 2-4,2006 **The Sixth International Conference on Occupational Stress and Health**, Miami, Florida, USA. The Work, Stress and Health conference series is designed to address the constantly changing nature of work, and the implications of these changes for the health, safety, and well-being of workers. *Contact:* Wesley Baker, Conference Coordinator, American Psychological Association, Women's Programs Office, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, USA. Phone: 202-336-6033; Fax: 202-336-6117; E-mail: wbaker@apa.org; URL: <http://www.apa.org/pi/work/callforpapers.html>

Mar.6-9,2006 **Applied Ergonomics Conference**, Orlando, Florida, USA

Contact: E-mail: cs@ienet.org; URL: www.appliedergo.org/conference/

Apr.4-6,2006 **Ergonomic Society Annual Conference**, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Papers, posters and workshops are invited - primarily in the fields of Ergonomics, Human Factors and User-Centered Design, and related disciplines including psychology, engineering and physiology.

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<http://www.ergonomics.org.uk/events/AC2006call.htm>

Apr.5-7,2006 **Human Factors and Economic Aspects on Safety**, Linköping, Sweden

October 22-25, 2006 Banff, Canada, Association of Canadian Ergonomists; Abstracts due March 31, 2006; Full papers due June 30, 2006

June 11-14, 2006 American Society of Safety Engineers, Seattle, WA

Announcements

From the President's Desk:

- Some individuals expressed a willingness to serve ISOES at a level of effort less than that of an officer. This could be very helpful. We occasionally need members to serve on committees and subcommittees such as the Nominations Committee, Awards Committee, and Conference Planning Committee. So, if you are willing to serve in some capacity, please let me know at rjensen@mtech.edu or (406) 496-4111.
- The following individuals received a *Certificate of Recognition*. Dr. Bishu was also awarded the *Honorary Member Award*.

For Extensive Volunteer Service to ISOES Prior to the Current Officers:

Cheryl Bennett, served as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer

Ram Bishu, served as Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past President

For Volunteer Service as ISOES Officers

Paul Ray, served 3 years as President-Elect, President, and Past President

Lawrence Schulze, served 2 years as Member-At-Large

J.P. Purswell, served 2 years as Secretary

Krystyna Gielo-Perczak, served 2 years as Member-At-Large

For Extensive Volunteer Work on the 2005 Annual Conference

Jeffrey Fernandez, Conference Chair

Thurmon Lockhart, Program Chair

Prakriti Parijat, Graduate Student, Virginia Tech

Anand Subramanian, Graduate Student, Univ. of Cincinnati

- Every year, the President-elect of ISOES conducts nominations and elections for the Executive Council of ISOES. We will hold a formal call for nominations in the Spring 2006. Terms begin at the Annual Conference. I am writing to you ask you for nomination for the following positions that are open for election:

1. President-Elect
2. Treasurer (2 year term)
3. Newsletter Editor (2 year term)

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please be prepared when the call for nominations is released by our President-elect, Dr. Lawrence Schulze.

• **Call for Award Nominations**

All members of ISOES are encouraged to nominate someone for an award. Awards authorized in the Bylaws are: Distinguished Achievement Award, Outstanding Occupational Ergonomics and Safety Application, Honorary Member, and Certificate of Recognition.

The **Distinguished Achievement Award** is for an individual with a distinguished career full of achievements in occupational ergonomics and/or safety. One award per year is authorized. Membership in ISOES is a plus, but not required.

The award for **Outstanding Occupational Ergonomics and Safety Application** is for an individual or group responsible for the achievement. One award per year is authorized. Membership in ISOES is not required.

The award of **Honorary Member** is for both members and non-members of ISOES. Those selected will receive a Certificate of Recognition. A non-member will be granted the privileges and rights of a Full Member for five years; without being required to pay dues. More than one award may be made each year.

The **Certificate of Recognition** is a flexible award. It is for Honorary Members and others who deserve recognition for a special contribution. Membership in ISOES is not required.

Nominations are due by April 30, 2006. No particular format is required. Selections will be made by the Awards Committee, chaired by the President-Elect of ISOES. Please email your nominations to:

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Additional Announcements:

The Coordinating Council for Student Organizations at UA has presented the award "Outstanding Advisor Departmental Honorary, 2004-2005." to Dr. Paul S. Ray, Advisor, Alpha Pi Mu, Alabama Chapter.