



ISOES NEWS

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR OCCUPATIONAL ERGONOMICS & SAFETY

New President's Message from Thurmon Lockhart

Dear Colleagues:

My name is Thurmon Lockhart, and it is with great pleasure and honor that I write to you today as President of the ISOES. Over the years, I have been fortunate to have formed relationships with previous leaders of the society, and through these relationships I have gained admiration for their leadership of the ISOES and the efforts of its members as a whole - partly due to my academic lineage, and mostly due to sharing the same vision of our society. Since its inception in early 1980's our society has seen the good, the bad, and the ugly days. It is safe to say however, due to our recent leadership led by Tom Leamon and Jeff Fernandez, our organization is surviving. Surviving however is not our only goal. We wish to thrive and grow. This is more than difficult given the current situation where the "ergonomics" discipline is displaced in various contexts further diluting this goal.

In the next few years, the International Society of Occupational Ergonomics and Safety will be committed to bringing the discipline of Ergonomics directly to our organizations without flutters and side shows. In that regard, we will thrive to build our younger generations of "ergonomists" by encouraging and recognizing their contributions to our society through academic/research achievements as well as the work being

done "in the trenches". We will also continue the international development efforts to enhance the involvement of developing countries that may benefit directly from the society's products.

Our society's annual conference will be held in Dallas Texas, June 11-12, 2009. It is fitting to have our annual meeting at the birthplace of the ISOES, and we look forward to your participations. At the conference, we will also have our first International Symposium in Construction Safety and Health to discuss the emerging safety needs of the construction industry.

Through these developments, I believe we can excel amidst hardship and ultimately thrive and grow. The bottom line is that we would like to be the organization that can assist in turning "hope" into reality. In that regard, I urge you to dedicate at least one phone call to your colleagues in joining the society. Our society has a great deal to offer to those who are in academia and industry at various stages of career. All of us associated with ISOES can take pride that we are forging our discipline forward and make hope into reality. Thank you for continuing your membership in the Society and contributing to the discipline of ergonomics.

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Outgoing President Tom Leamon's Message to ISOES

Time is flying which might explain but does not quite excuse our delay in getting this Newsletter out to the membership, which was of course one of the objectives I had previously laid out. The news on some of our previous objectives is a little better.

First perhaps, is the regular elections which were held on time and resulted in yet one more slate of people dedicated to our chosen field of Ergonomics and Occupational Safety. In the belief that dripping water *does* in fact produce results I ask each of you reading this newsletter to ask yourself; "*can I do a bit to help?*" If you are not sure then contact one of us, give us your name so we can approach you in future to see if - at that time - you can offer a few hours a month. Just because you do so does not mean you **have** to agree at that time, your load and interest will determine that.

The other significant news is that the Conference was a **great** success. We had our concerns; not least of which was the commitment we made to you last year – particularly the objective of running *lean*. Did this mean this would be a *mean* conference? Fortunately the answer I believe was a resounding NO! We choose a modest venue, we minimized travel and transfer costs, we advertised mainly by electronic communication (and word of mouth) and the result was one of the most enjoyable meetings I have been to in a very long time. People actually spoke to people not in the same clique they belonged to prior to the meeting, new comers to the field were welcomed and I believe felt so. It appeared to really work as a means of communicating and sharing, now whether this was a scale issue, a non-puffery approach or because the membership is "just like that" I do not know but we were delighted. Prior to the meeting we were prepared to subsidize the event to get this level of participation but we actually achieved a breakeven!!! Our thanks must go to Anil (Kumar) for managing the whole deal and to Jeff (Fernandez) for doing some very hard bargaining with vendors – thanks both.

We also recognized the developmental activities of two international activities – the Ergonomics Society of Mexico (SEMAC) which will use the award to subsidize ergonomic publications and workshops in Mexico; and the National Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health of Viet Nam which will use the award to support in part two PhD candidates in the field. We will try to update you on both projects in the future.

This recognition is an on-going effort to support developing activities and if you would like to nominate, or just identify suitable activities – we are waiting to hear. The award is pretty modest, but that and the recognition of our international society can do much to help inside the successful organizations or countries – so please, we do NOT know everything going on and wait for your information.

So are we in a little better shape than we were a year ago? I personally believe so and that the coming year will be better yet. It all depends ON YOU!

Tom B Leamon

Call for New & Renewed 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.
3. Attending conferences.
4. Submitting manuscripts 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. Joining!

Go to <http://isoes.info/member.htm> to get your membership form!

If you have questions

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive committee. We are here to support and assist both current and potential new members. We want to (and need to) hear from you!

2008—2009 Executive Committee

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Call for Papers:



International Society for Occupational Ergonomics & Safety

XXIst Annual International Occupational Ergonomics and Safety Conference 2009

When: **June 11-12, 2009**

Where: **Hilton Garden Inn DFW, Dallas, Texas, USA**

Conference info: <http://isoes.info/conference.htm>

Abstract Submission Deadline: 17th March 2009. Please e-mail an abstract of about 300 words stating the topic area by **March 17, 2009** to: isoes@jfa-inc.com. All abstracts and papers submitted for publication in the Conference proceedings will be reviewed by the International Program Advisory Committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **March 23, 2009**. Full papers and conference registration will be due by **April 28, 2009**. Papers for the conference will be published in Advances in Occupational Ergonomics and Safety in CD format. Copies of the CD will be available for the Conference participants.

Do not miss the abstract submission deadline

2008 General Body Meeting Minutes

ISOES Membership Meeting, 13 June 2008

Location: Hilton Suites, Oakbrook, IL

- ✓ Regularization of Affairs – Tom Leamon
Tom provided a brief summary of the executive council's activities in recent months and the efforts to resume regular business activities of the society.
- ✓ Treasurer's Report – Anil Kumar
Anil provided an update on the financial status of the society as of May 27, 2008
- ✓ Membership Report – Anil Kumar
Anil provided membership information as of May 27, 2008 the society had 50 members and 2 student members
- ✓ Conference Summary – Tom Leamon
Tom provided feedback received during the 2008 conference:
 - Location is important. The Dallas conference in 2009 will be located close to the airport.
 - It was suggested to consider finding sponsors for future conferences to help with the associated costs (the Executive council will take this under advisement)
 - A task force was developed to investigate options for Journal publication. Including such items as determine how to accommodate both applications based and research based topics as well as ways to address the publication of papers presented at the conference).
 - The task force members are:
 - Ram Bishu
 - George Page
 - Barbara Millet
 - Sang-Jye Chen
 - Charles Burnhams
 - The mix of professional experience of the conference attendees was a plus. This led to mature conversations
 - Conference duration – generally people liked the idea of starting at noon on one day and ending at noon on the last day with the conference covering a span of 3 days.
 - The short turnaround time between paper submission and presentation was seen as a benefit.
 - A student involvement / scholarship model should be considered for this organization

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 2009

- 16-18 International Conference on Road Safety at Work, Washington, DC, USA**
The International Conference on Road Safety at Work, organized by the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and co-sponsors, will provide a forum for business, labor, policy makers, and the research community to address this important topic.
Contact: URL: www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs/twu/global/.
- 17-19 19th Annual Construction Safety and Health Conference and Expo, Rosemont, Illinois, USA**
Sessions include construction safety and health, fall Protection, electrical hazards, silica, ergonomics, environmental hazards and worker's compensation. *Contact:* Construction Safety Council, 4100 Madison St, Hillside, IL 60162; Phone: (708) 544-2082; URL: www.buildsafe.org/
- 25-26 Human Factors in Ship Design and Operation, London, United Kingdom**
The work of naval architects and marine engineers directly influences the operability and safety of the vessel and the wellbeing of the seafarer. Design decisions can influence human behaviour. An improved understanding of ergonomics by engineers can 'design out' hazards and prevent pollution incidents. The shortage of seafarers can be mitigated by design for improved habitability and better operation with lean manning. With ever more complex systems and technology greater improvements in safety can be achieved through a better understanding of human/system dynamics.
Contact: URL: www.rina.org.uk/humanfactors09.

March 2009

- 3-5 3rd International Conference on Rail Human Factors, Lille, France**
The conference is organised by the European Railway Agency, Rail Safety and Standards Board, Network Rail and University of Nottingham. This will be in association with the Ergonomics Society, Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française (SELF) and Rail Research UK. *Contact:* Stella Okezie at Stella.Okezie@rssb.co.uk, URL: www.railhumanfactors.co.uk.
- 17-19 ASNE Human Systems Integration Symposium 2009 (HSIS 2009), Annapolis, Maryland**
Contact: URL: www.navalengineers.org/Events/HSIS09.html.
- 17-20 International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care, Berlin, Germany**
Quality and Safety in Health Care provides essential information on how to reduce harm and increase patient safety worldwide and reflects and reports on the latest quality improvement initiatives within health care.
Contact: URL: internationalforum.bmj.com/.

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March 2009

- 22-27 Occupational Health: A Basic Right at Work - An Asset to Society**, Cape Town, South Africa
Contact: ICOH 2009 Congress, P.O. BOX 19063, Tygerberg, 7505, Cape Town, South Africa. Phone: +27 (0)21 938 9238; Fax: +27 (0)21 933 2649; E-mail: admin@icoh2009.co.za; URL: www.icoh2009.co.za/index.html
- 23-26 Applied Ergonomics Conference and Expo 2009**, Reno, Nevada, USA
"Improve, Impact, Influence the Future."
Contact: IIE, Phone: +1 770 449-0460, x102 or +1 800 494-0460, x102; URL: www.iienet2.org/Ergo/Conference/default.aspx

April 2009

- 5-8 INCLUDE 2009: Inclusive Design into Innovation - Transforming Practice in Design, Research and Business**, London, United Kingdom. Research from academic researchers, design managers, designers, design educators and design commissioners that describe inclusive people centred approaches in their chosen field and the innovative outcomes will be presented. *Contact:* URL: www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/kt/include/network.html.
- 22-23 The Ergonomics Society Annual Conference**, Royal College of Physicians, London, United Kingdom
The Ergonomics Society Annual Conference covers all areas of ergonomics human factors and usability. It is a key event for anyone working in these areas, and those with related interests. The proceedings will be published as "Contemporary Ergonomics 2009" and will be a 25th anniversary issue of the book. Past editors will choose their best paper from the past 25 years to be included in this special edition. *Contact:* Sue Hull, Conference & Marketing Officer, Phone: 0121 288 6715. E-mail: s.hull@ergonomics.org.uk; URL: www.ergonomics.org.uk/page.php?s=6&p=172
- 26-29 Traffic Medicine Association 21st World Congress: Safe Mobility for Young and Old**, The Hague, Netherlands. A selection of experts have already accepted the invitation to give speeches and present their scientific views on reducing crashes and injuries worldwide and on keeping older and impaired drivers independently mobile and safe.
Contact: Congress Secretariat, Walter Vermeer; Phone: +31 70 3720524; E-mail: walter.vermeer@cbr.nl; URL: www.trafficmedicine.org.
- 29- 2 May XI Congreso Internacional De Ergonomía**, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico
Annual Conference of La Sociedad de Ergonomistas de México (SEMAG)