

ISOES NEWS

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Outgoing President Paul Ray's Message to ISOES

Paul Ray gave this address to the ISOES at the Houston Conference in May 2004. Here is a portion of his address:

Special points of interest:

- Call for papers for Las Vegas Conference
- Out-going President's message
- Election Results
- Houston Conference Update

Hello everybody, Spring Greetings from the outgoing President. I enjoyed the task during the past year and look back with satisfaction to find the progress made by the society in several aspects during this period. The election for 2003-2004 was completed in September 2003, after two years of instability experienced by the society due to the organizational problems and accidental death of Dr. Sourin Dutta, President in 2002-2003. The Membership Directory was completed and distributed in September, 2003. The new Website became operational in October, 2003. Two teleconferences were held this year and were attended by all the executive council members to decide on several issues of the society. A membership drive is currently in progress, and we have been able to add a few new members to our society during 2003-2004. The activities for the 2004 conference in Houston, Texas are in high gear at present. This year, the society journal is back on track. Already two volumes (volume 3, ns 3 and 4) have been issued and the other two volumes for the current calendar are in process. The election for 2004-2005 is in process now. Dr. Jeff Fernandez, the President Elect, is busy conducting the election. Already the nominations for the potential officers have been completed. We hope to complete the election by May, 2004 to bring the election process on track. Your suggestions for improving the society programs are welcome.

Warm regards to all readers, Paul S. Ray, President

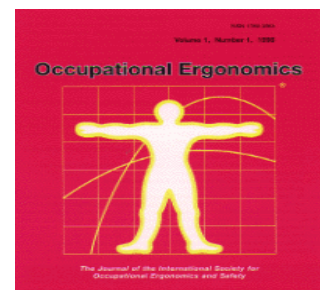
ISOES Members in the News!

Dr. Paul S. Ray received the "2003 Educator of the Year" award of the System Safety Society.

Mark Paradics, President of System Improvements Inc., was quoted in the June issue of *Professional Safety* (page 18) in an article about Alaska Airlines implementing Taproot®, a systematic methodology for conducting an in-depth incident investigations or audits. Mark developed Taproot®, and is quoted as saying "We've taken expert knowledge on human performance and equipment reliability and combined those into a system that people in the field can use to 'dig down deep' to find root causes." For more information, check out www.taproot.com.

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2005 Conference Dates Set for Las Vegas; Call for Papers Issued

The 2005 Annual Conference will be held on June 26–29, 2005 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada USA. A call for papers has been issued and can be found on the ISOES website at www.iso.es.info. Please submit a 300 word abstract via email by January 7th 2005 to:

JP Purswell, Ph.D., PE, CPE, Program Chair,
JP.Purswell@Purswell.com.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by January 24, 2005. Full papers will be due by March 25, 2004. Authors must register for the conference for their papers to appear in the proceedings.

Authors of selected papers, identified by the International Program Advisory Board and Conference Judges will be invited to submit full manuscripts for publication in Occupational Ergonomics, the

official peer reviewed journal of the Society.

ISOES members are urged to send an abstract and attend the conference in Houston. Presentation formats for the Conference are as follows:

Invited Lectures

Research Papers and Case Studies

Workshops and Symposia

Exhibits

More detailed information can be found at www.iso.es.info.

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. Joining! Membership forms can be found on www.iso.es.info.
2. Recruiting new members.
3. Sharing our information and newsletter with others.
4. Attending conferences.

5. Submitting manuscripts to Occupational Ergonomics and to our Conference call for papers.
6. 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.



Arijit Sengupta, Helmut Strasser, Editor-in-Chief of Occupational Ergonomics, Biman Das, and IOS Press Promotion Coordinator, Rafaela Subaie.

Election Results for the ISOES Office Bearers

ISOES Elections were held in the Spring of 2004. The Ballots were sent by email to the members. The new members of the Executive Committee for 2004-2005 are:

President: **Jeffrey E. Fernandez**, JFAssociates, Inc.
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Secretary: **J.P. Purswell**, Purswell & Purswell, Inc., 2035 Mulligan Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. JP.Purswell@Purswell.com;

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At-large Member: **Lawrence J. H. Schulze**, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Houston, Calhoun St., E206, Engineering Building 2, Houston, Texas 77204-4812. ljhs@uh.edu

At-large Member: **Krystyna Gielo-Perczak**, Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, Hopkinton, MA. Krystyna.Gielo-Perczak@LibertyMutual.com



Houston 2004 Conference Update

International Ergonomics Conference, May 19–22, 2004, Houston, TX, USA

This year's Spring Conference was held in Houston, Texas, USA at the Westin Oaks, Galleria. The conference chair, Dr. Lawrence Schultze, reported 130 abstracts submitted, with 78 accepted for the conference. Of those, about 60 full papers were received and were published in the Proceedings of the XVIII Annual conference. The lively topics and issues discussed showed the interdisciplinary nature of occupational ergonomics and safety. Paper topics included posture, workspace design, medical ergonomics, cognitive ergonomics, safety culture and management, and human-computer interaction.

Highlights of some of the presenters and papers are as follows:

Mark Hansen, Immediate Past-President of ASSE provided the keynote address on Thursday, May 20th.

Amick et al. "Binge Computing: A New Paradigm for Thinking about Musculoskeletal Risk"

Chaumont-Menendez et al. "Assessing Computer Exposures in a College Student Population"

Jensen "Comparison of Observational and Self-rating Measures of the Workload of Control Room Operators"

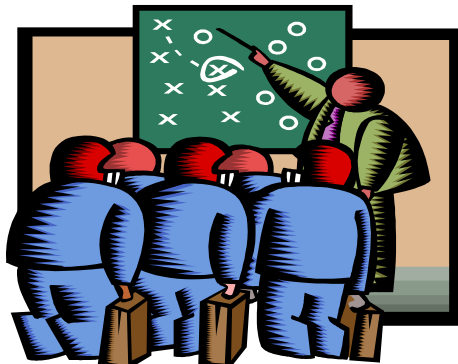
Schulze et al. "A Preliminary Study to Determine the Anthropometric Measurement of School Children of Costa Rica"

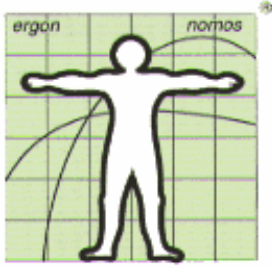
Leonard and Essuman-Johnson "Learning 'To Do' Symbols in Ghana"

Jorgensen and Busck "Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and Management Systems Experience from Denmark"

Qureshi and Sheraz "Risk Analysis of the Use of Cell Phones While Driving a Public Transport Vehicle"

The Society Banquet was held on "The Roof" of the Westin Oaks Galleria and we were presented with a delicious Tex-Mex Buffet and enjoyed the music of a harpist before awards were presented.





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Upcoming Events and Issues:

1. A feedback survey will be released to all members soon. Please provide your feedback so we can make sure we are meeting your needs.
2. 2005 Conference session chairs are needed. Contact JP Purswell or Thurmon Lockhart if you are interested (see website for more info.)
3. Please send information to include in our newsletter, which will be released bimonthly. Next issue will be released at the end of September.

Treasurer's Corner

ISOES Finances

Outgoing Treasurer, Roger Jensen, provided a summary of the Society's finances at the Executive Council meeting in Houston. For the Calendar Year 2003, we had credits of \$6,297 and Debits of \$9,178. The credits were from interest earned (\$2,022) and membership dues (\$4,275). The debits were for administrative services (\$2,732), the Membership Directory (\$1,400), two newsletters (\$661), web hosting (\$174), postage and office supplies (\$232), and publishing *Occupational Ergonomics Journal* (\$3,735).

Closing balances on our accounts consisted of investments (\$45,634), the Treasurer's account (\$4,191), and the President's operating account (\$18). The total of these accounts was \$49,841.

