

ISOES NEWS

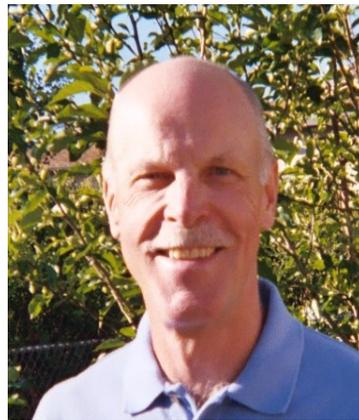
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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR OCCUPATIONAL
ERGONOMICS & SAFETY

President's Message: Roger Jensen

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Conference Plans

Let me begin my message with a reminder about plans for the next ISOES Conference. The Executive committee decided to skip 2006 because of the belief that many

members will be attending the International Ergonomics Association Conference this summer in the Netherlands. Not too many people have the time and budget to attend two conferences during the same summer, and many of those who do would not have enough quality papers to share at both conferences. We discussed that plan with members in the annual membership meeting during the 2005 conference in Las Vegas, and received general concurrence and no opposition to the plan. So we plan to hold our next ISOES Conference in the summer of 2007. Our Conference Planning committee is currently looking into possible sites in Boston. We expect to announce dates and location by early this summer.

Sustaining the Society

ISOES functions through the volunteer efforts of members, and now is the time to volunteer. **A Call for Nominations is in this Newsletter.** We have openings for four positions on the Executive Council. Members may nominate a colleague or volunteer. Participation is

a rewarding experience that helps develop recognition and leadership skills. Aside from personal benefits, serving as an officer provides an opportunity to help sustain the vitality of the growing occupational safety and ergonomics community.

Our Society provides a forum for the many professionals with an interest in occupational ergonomics, occupational safety, or both. No other society or association in the world provides a more seamless integration of the two areas. My underlying reason for volunteering to serve this Society is to help advance the perspective that the two fields are complementary, and perhaps even inseparable. For example, when a worker is injured from a fall, the traditional perspective is to call it an event in the realm of occupational safety. But as we examine the root causes of most falls, we recognize that the human-environment interrelationships leading to the incident as part of the realm of ergonomics. Another example is occupational back troubles. Sprains and strains often results from a single incident in the realm of safety, while spinal damage is generally recognized as a cumulative trauma disorder in the realm of ergonomics. Personally, I hope to see the traditional distinctions between safety and ergonomics diminish as people begin to appreciate how the two fields are complementary and interrelated. That's my personal reason for supporting our unique Society. Other members, and officers, have different reasons.

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President's Message, continued



We know you are busy! We are all busy. But to sustain the ISOES, we need more people to dedicate some of their time and resources to the work of the society.

I know quite a few members who support ISOES because they like the smallness and collegiality of our conferences. Everyone who has attended our conferences knows the value of interaction between presenters and peers in the audience. Many participants come away with renewed enthusiasm for research. Others take home new ideas for applying their new knowledge to occupational settings. Many conference attendees make contacts with people from other institutions and other countries working on similar issues. These are just a few of the reasons for participating in the ISOES Conferences and maintaining membership.

ISOES also differs from other ergonomics societies and safety societies in size and mode of operation. As a small society, we cannot afford a full-time staff to run the daily affairs. We minimize expenditures by operating as an all volunteer organization. That means we need members to offer their time and talent to help the Society serve members. This is the time of year when we develop a slate of candidates to fill upcoming vacancies in the Executive Council.

This Newsletter contains the official *Call for Nominations*. Our President-Elect, Dr. Lawrence Schulze, coordinates the Nominations Committee. I am confident that Dr. Schulze will do a better job than I did last year in the same capacity. Getting this *Call for Nominations* out to the members in April is already an improvement. Hopefully, he will also improve on my record that had only one candidate for each vacancy. It would be most encouraging to see a strong response that would provide two or more candidates for each vacancy. Members are strongly encouraged to either volunteer for a position or nominate another member. Procedures are in the *Call for Nominations* on page 3 of this newsletter.

Award Nominations

Another important announcement is the *Call for Award Nominations*. The ISOES Bylaws provide four award categories. On behalf of the Executive Council, I want to emphasize the value of recognizing people for their contributions to the community of occupational safety and ergonomics professionals. Please read the categories and nominate a deserving individual.

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.
7. Go to <http://www.iso.es.info/> to get your membership form!

*****CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!!*****

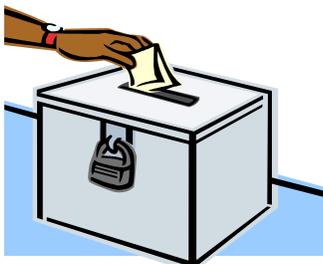
Every year, the President-elect of ISOES conducts nominations and elections for the Executive Council of ISOES. We announced the upcoming call for nominations in the Winter 2005 newsletter, and this Spring newsletter serves as the formal call for nominations to the membership. Dr. Lawrence Schulze will coordinate the nominations. Terms begin at the Annual Conference. Please nominate members to serve in the following positions that are open for election:

1. President-Elect
2. Secretary (2-year term)
3. Treasurer (2-year term)
4. Newsletter Editor (2-year term)
3. Two At-Large Representatives (2 year term)

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please contact our **President-Elect:** Dr. Lawrence J. H. Schulze, IE Dept., University of Houston. Phone: (713) 743-4196, Fax: (713) 743-4190
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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@mttech.edu or (406) 496-4111.



Announcements

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 May 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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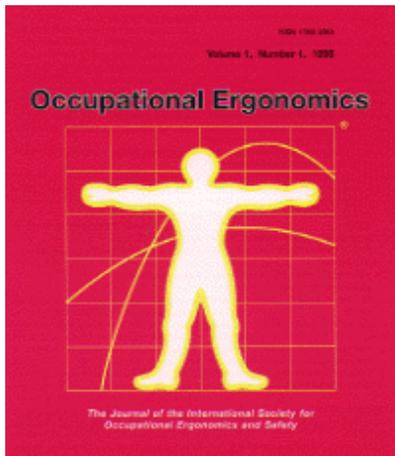
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Additional Announcements:

Graduate student, Ira Jhangiani (Virginia Tech) and Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson were awarded the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Access Honor Roll" in March of 2006 for their dedicated research on accessibility of mobile products, which has contributed to more accessible and accommodating products for users with disabilities!

Journal Editor's Message: Patrick Dempsey

One characteristic of the editorial structure of *Occupational Ergonomics* that I believe will result in efficient and high quality reviews is the appointment of Scientific Editors that have a breadth of expertise. Not only does this reduce the individual burden placed on editors, which is one of the most unrequited labors in science, but it also



puts the decision and referee process in the hands of experts closer to the subject matter than can be provided by a single editor. For this reason, I have sought out Scientific Editors with significant expertise and publication records in combination with a shared ambition to provide authors with timely and fair decisions on submissions. I could not be happier that Drs. Lex Burdorf (Erasmus University, The Netherlands) Raoul Grönqvist (Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finland), Gary Mirka (North Carolina State University, USA) and Maury Nussbaum (Virginia Tech, USA) have agreed to serve as Scientific Editors. This is a formidable team of internationally recognized scientists, and I am hoping to reach agreement shortly with editors to cover the area of organizational design and macroergonomics, as well as cognitive ergonomics that will complete the team. The International Editorial Board is being established, with a focus on members that have a record of providing high quality reviews in a timely fashion. The Scientific Editors and I will rely on these members to provide the core of the reviews for the journal. Finally, Jia-Hua Lin (Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, USA) has agreed to

serve as Book Reviews and Information Editor to keep the membership abreast of important developments and news pertaining to the practice and science of ergonomics. I look forward to receiving your submissions!

Upcoming Conferences

NOTE: Thanks to past President, Jeff Fernandez, for keeping us abreast of upcoming conferences.

June 2006

- 5-7** **1st American Conference on Human Vibration**, Morgantown, West Virginia, USA
Sponsored by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Health Effects Laboratory
Contact: Ren G. Dong, Ph.D., NIOSH/HELD/ECTB, 1095 Willowdale Rd, MS2027, Morgantown, WV 26505. Phone: +1 304 285-6332; E-mail: RKD6@cdc.gov
- 7-10** **Research on Workplace Health and Safety: From the Core to the Margins**, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
This is a joint international conference hosted by SafetyNet and the Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health (CARWH). *Contact:* Angela Drake, Phone: +1 709 737 8476; E-mail: adrake@mun.ca, URL: www.med.mun.ca/ohs2006/pages/welcome.htm
- 11-14** **SAFETY 2006 -American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference and Exposition**, Seattle, Washington, USA
Contact: ASSE Customer Service Department. Phone: +1 847 699-2929; E-mail: customerservice@asse.org; URL: www.asse.org
- 13-14** **Human Factors in Defence**, London, United Kingdom<new>
Contact: Tayub Mushtaq, Phone: +44 (0)20 7827 6722; Fax: +44 (0)20 7827 6723, E-mail tmushtaq@smi-online.co.uk; URL: www.smi-online.co.uk/ts07.asp
- 14-16** **Ethical Aspects of Risk**, Delft, The Netherlands
Contact: Dr Sabine Roeser, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Jaffalaan 5, 2628 BX Delft, Netherlands. Phone: +31 (0)15-27 83887; Fax: +31 (0)15 27 86233; E-mail: ethicsrisk@tbm.tudelft.nl; URL: www.ethicsrisk.tbm.tudelft.nl/index.htm
- 21-23** **Fifth Annual Eastern Ergonomics Conference and Exposition**, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
The principal topics of the conference will be:
Contact: Walter Charnizon, President, at Continental Exhibitions, Inc., 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, USA. Phone: +1 (212) 370-5055; Fax: +1 (212) 370-5699; E-mail: information@ergoexpo.com;

URL: <http://www.ergoexpo.com>
25-27 EuroSafe, the European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Vienna, Austria
Contact: EuroSafe, Rijswijkstraat 2, 1059 GK Amsterdam, Netherlands. Phone: +31 (0) 20 51 14513; Fax: + 31 (0) 20 51 14510; E-mail: secretariat@eurosafe.eu.com

July 2006

10-14 16th Congress of the International Ergonomics Association - "Meeting Diversity in Ergonomics," Maastricht, Netherlands

Contact: Conference Agency Limburg, P.O. Box 1402, 6201 BK Maastricht, the Netherlands. Phone: +31(0)43-3619192; Fax: +31(0)43-3619020; E-mail: info@iea2006.org; URL: www.iea2006.org/index.html

August 2006

28th International Congress on Occupational Health, Milan, Italy

Contact: Chairmanship, Dept. of Occupational Health, Via San Barnaba, 8-20122, Milan, Italy. Phone: +39 025 032-0110; Fax: +39 025 032-0111; E-mail: sabrina.braiati@unimi.it

September 2006

6-9 2006 American Society of Biomechanics, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

The principal topics will be:

- * Imaging in Biomechanics;
- * Occupational Biomechanics;
- * Clinical Application of Modeling in Biomechanics; and,
- * Mechanics of Sports Equipment.

Contact: Alice Clawson, E-mail: aliceb@vt.edu; URL: <http://asb2006.org/>

3rd International Conference Working on Safety, Netherlands

Contact: [Floor Snijders](mailto:f.snijders@atp.nl), E-mail: f.snijders@atp.nl

18-22 ESREL 2006 - Safety and Reliability Conference, Estoril, Portugal

Contact: Prof. Carlos Guedes Soares, Conference Chairman, Instituto Superior Técnico, Av. Rovisco Pais, 1049-001 Lisboa, Portugal. Phone: +351 21 841 7468;

Fax: +351 21 847 4015; E-mail: guedess@mar.ist.utl.pt; URL: www.esrel2006.com/index.aspx

18-20 National Back Exchange Annual Conference and Exhibition 2006: Working in Partnership, Telford, United Kingdom

Contact: E-mail: nationalbackexch@btconnect.com

38th Annual Nordic Ergonomics Society Congress, Hämeenlinna, Finland

The Nordic Ergonomics Society (NES) congress brings together researchers and practitioners with an interest in ergonomics. The theme of the congress is "Promotion of Well-being in Modern Society".

Contact: Congress Secretariat, TAVI Congress Bureau, Noora Bergroth, Papinkatu 21, FI-33200 Tampere, Finland. Phone: +358 3 233 0450; Fax: +358 3 233 0444; E-mail: nes2006@tavicon.fi

October 2006

16-20 HFES 50th Annual Meeting, San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, California, USA

Contact: HFES, P.O. Box 1369, Santa Monica, California 90406-1369, USA.

Phone: +1 310 394-1811; Fax: +1 310 394-2410; URL: www.hfes.org

37th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Ergonomists, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Contact: ACE 2006, Suite 1003, 105-150 Crowfoot Cr. NW, Calgary, AB T3G 3T2, Canada. Phone: +1 403 219-4001; Toll Free: +1 888-432-2223; Fax: +1 403 451-1503; Email: ace2006@ace-ergocanada.ca; URL: www.ace-ergocanada.ca

24-27 IJIE 2006 - The 11th Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering Theory, Applications and Practice, Nagoya, Japan

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

Contact: Dr. Y.T. Ikeda. Phone: +81 565 48 8121(Ext 2411); E-mail: ikeda@aitech.ac.jp; URL: www.ijienet.org/ijie06

November 2006

3-10 National Safety Council (NSC) 94th Annual Congress & Expo 2006, San Diego, California, USA

Contact: Congress Secretariat, National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, IL 60143, USA. Phone: +1 800 621-7619; E-mail: customerservice@nsc.org