

ISOES NEWS

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR OCCUPATIONAL
ERGONOMICS & SAFETY

New President's Message from Tom Leamon

Dear Colleagues:

It is no well kept secret that our Society has not been overly active for the past months – indeed you might agree that *moribund* would be a more appropriate description. As an entirely volunteer Institution this phase is probably inevitable from time to time and a phase shared by many such organizations, driven as we are by a commitment rather than supported by significant membership dues. As such it is not inappropriate for us to take stock, to look towards the future possibilities rather than endlessly analyzing the past and NOW is the time for us to do this for ISOES.

But first where are we? We have, belatedly I admit, successfully completed an election and I am privileged to be writing to you as President. The rest of the elected officers are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. The slate which we were elected from was one drawn up – may be even harassed – from a group of individuals committed to the future of the Society and a shared professional commitment to an area of endeavor not adequately sustained by any other organization – Occupational Ergonomics and Safety. I claim this, without detailing the

evidence of many discussions and moans which I have heard --and shared -- in conference halls and receptions of several major Societies – discussions which do not normally feature in published reports and newsletters.

The question we must face is:

How many of you believe that the contribution that occupational ergonomics and safety activities (including research, applications and practice) can make to the health and safety of workers, where ever they are, and to the economic viability of both developed and developing enterprises is significant, is in your own area of expertise and interest and is worth supporting?

The next 24 months will see the answer to my question, but I would so welcome your comments – agreeing or not – and any input or advice you can offer your Council.

Our analysis has led us to define several actions which you should be aware of – and which I hope you will find interesting enough to comment on:

We recognize the need to provide professional value to you and we will do this in three ways:

Special points of interest:

- President's Message
- Past President's Message
- New Officers
- Call to Membership
- Call for ISOES Conference
- Calendar Upcoming Events

First, we have arranged the 2008 Annual Conference details of which – including the call for papers - is in this edition of the news letter.

Second, we will produce informative newsletters *on time* for the next two years.

Third, we will generate a 24 month action plan within the current year for wide discussion and evaluation by you, including the timely election of the next Council.

We also recognize that the fee/value proposition is not appropriate **for the current level of activity**. We have thus revised the membership dues, **temporarily** reducing the annual amount for the next two years, introducing a student reduced membership and providing a modest reduction for a two year renewal.

While I hope you are in agreement with these steps – I can understand that you might think – from your own situation – that these are too modest. If you think this - then the answer is in your own hands. Contact us with you ideas. Offer to help. Run for office.

The reason you may not do any of these things will probably involve several fears: your ideas may not be welcome, you will be sucked into a commitment you

can ill afford, all the members of the Council are part of an old boys network which will freeze out any new comer – or you are just too new to the game to be welcome or that your interest in OE&S is not the main part of your job.

My answer to you is this:

If any of these reasons are true then your Council is deluded and doomed to failure.

We agreed to run for council because we believe in the domain, we all could use the time elsewhere, we have tried and will continue to try to run the leanest operation in our power to maintain the only professional home dedicated to the symbiosis of Occupational Ergonomics and Safety.

Ultimately the success of SOEIS will be your success and will result from you contribution, even the most modest input will add vitality to our efforts and will, we believe, reward the contributor at that important interface between personal and professional life. Help us to work together to achieve success.

Sincerely,

Tom

Where have we been ? Where are we going? A Message from Past President, Lawrence Schulze

Many of the current and former membership have probably been wondering where in the world ISOES had gone.

Well, we've been in the rebuilding stage. Many organizations go through a stage where original members stop participating and recruitment attempts do not meet goals. There has also been a changeover in the administration of ISOES.

I am excited about the changes. We have a strong, willing, able, and enthusiastic new administration; some old, some new, some original. I think this mix of ISOES experience will serve the membership well and re-invigorate the organization.

Please join me in supporting the new administration of the organization by getting your dues paid and attending the conference in June 2008.

I wish all the best to all members of, friends of, and prospective members of ISOES in this exciting new year of 2008.

2007–2008 Executive Committee

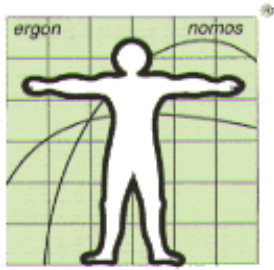
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NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Full Member	Student Member
1 year: \$50	1 year: \$20
2 years: \$80	2 years: \$30

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 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**



Announcement and Call for Papers

XXth Annual International Occupational Ergonomics And Safety Conference 2008

June 12-13, 2008

Hilton Suites Chicago Oak Brook Chicago, Illinois, USA

This conference is devoted primarily to occupational ergonomics and safety.

Areas of Interest:

Design of work, workplace, and work environment for health and safety
Applications of engineering anthropometry, biomechanics, and work physiology
Human factors in work measurement
Manual materials handling
Cognitive ergonomics
Cumulative trauma disorders
Hand-held tools: design and use
Human reliability
Postural strain and discomfort
Job design for aging population
Accident prevention
Industrial injury prevention
Computer-aided ergonomics
Ergonomics in rehabilitation and health care
Ergonomics in service industries, mining, agriculture, and forestry
Advanced manufacturing systems
Human and systems reliability
Human-computer interaction
Knowledge-based expert systems for ergonomics and industrial safety
Applications of systems methodologies to ergonomics research
Human performance in industrial and office environments
International ergonomics standards
Ergonomics and productivity – case studies
Participatory ergonomics
Ergonomic in developing countries
Ergonomics – future directions
Ergonomics education
Transportation safety
Transportation ergonomics

Please e-mail an abstract of about 300 words stating the topic area by March 17, 2008 to:

ISOES2008@jfa-inc.com

For more information, please contact the Conference chair:

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or the organizing committee:

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Anil Kumar, PhD (anilk@jfa-inc.com)

Jeff Fernandez, PhD (jf@jfa-inc.com)

All abstracts and papers submitted for publication in the Conference proceedings will be reviewed by the International Program Advisory Committee.

Papers for the conference will be published in **Advances in Occupational Ergonomics and Safety**. Copies of the CD will be available for the Conference participants.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by March 24, 2008. Full papers and conference registration will be due by May 5, 2008.

For more information, please visit the conference website at <http://isoes.info/conference.htm>

Calendar Upcoming Events and Conferences

March 2008

- 6-8 **Work, Stress, and Health 2008: Healthy and Safe Work Through Research, Practice, and Partnerships**, Washington, DC, USA. *Contact:* Wesley Baker, Conference Coordinator, American Psychological Association, Public Interest Directorate, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; Phone: 202-336-6033 Fax: 202-336-6117; E-mail: wshconference@apa.org; URL: www.apa.org/pi/work/wsh.html
- 10-13 **Applied Ergonomics Conference and Expo 2008**, Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida, USA. *Contact:* Institute of Industrial Engineers, 3577 Parkway Lane, Suite 200, Norcross, GA 30092; Phone: (770) 449-0460; Fax: (770) 441-3295 E-mail: cs@iienet.org; URL: www.iienet2.org/Ergo/Conference/default.aspx.
- 12-15 **3rd ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. *Contact:* E-mail: hri2008@hri2008.org; URL: www.hri2008.org
- 12-15 **45th Annual SAFE Symposium**, Reno, Nevada, USA. *Contact:* SAFE Association, P.O. Box 130, Creswell, OR, 97426, USA. Phone: +1 541 895-3012; Fax +1 541 895-3014; E-mail: safe@peak.org; URL: www.safeassociation.org
- 15-18 **9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Health**, Merida, Mexico. *Contact:* E-mail: safety2008@insp.mx; URL: www.safety2008mx.info/
- 17-19 **3rd IASTED International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (IASTED-HCI 2008)**, Innsbruck, Austria. *Contact:* IASTED Secretariat, Building B6, Suite #101, 2509 Dieppe Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E 7J9; Phone: +1 403 288 1195; Fax: +1 403 247 6851; E-mail: calgary@iasted.org; URL: www.iasted.org/conferences/cfp-611.html
- 19-21 **ODAM IX 2008: 9th International Symposium of Human Factors in Organizational Design and Management**, Sao Paulo, Brazil. *Contact:* Patricia Monteiro, E-mail: patricia.monteiro@vanzolini.org.br; URL: www.odam2008.net/

April 2008

- 1-3 **The Ergonomics Society Annual Conference**, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom. *Contact:* Sue Hull, Conference & Marketing Officer, Phone: 0121 288 6715 (direct line) or 01509 234904 (office); E-mail: s.hull@ergonomics.org.uk; URL: www.ergonomics.org.ukpage.php?s=6&p=145
- 1-3 **Ohio Safety Congress & Expo**, Columbus, Ohio, USA. *Contact:* Phone: 1-800-OHIOBWC; Fax: 1-877-520-OHIO; URL: www.ohiobwc.com
- 24-26 **Workshop on Cognition and The Web 2008**, Granada, Spain. *Contact:* E-mail: webcog2008@cognitive-ergonomics.org; URL: www.cognitive-ergonomics.org/webcog2008/

May 2008

- 5-7 **2008 Quality Institute for Healthcare (QIHC)**, Houston, Texas, USA. *Contact:* American Society for Quality; P.O. Box 3005, Milwaukee, WI 53201-3005; Telephone: 1-800-248-1946; URL: <http://www.qihc.asq.org>
- 7-8 **First International Conference on Ergonomics**, Tehran, Iran. *Contact:* Majid Motamedzade, PhD, Conference Chair, Dept. of Occupational Health, Hamedan University of Medical Sciences, Hamedan-Iran. Phone: 98(918) 812 99 69; Fax: 98 (811) 8255301; Email: chair@iranergo2008.org; URL: www.iranergo2008.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1448
- 14-17 **10th International Conference on Application of Advanced Technologies in Transportation**, Athens, Greece. *Contact:* Matthew Karlaftis, National Technical University of Athens. Phone: +30 210 7721280; Fax: +30 210 7721280; E-mail: mgk@central.ntua.gr; URL: www.civil.ntua.gr/aatt/aims.html
- 18-23 **The 9th International Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management Conference**, Kowloon, Hong Kong. *Contact:* Dr. B L. Luk, Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Engineering Management, City University of Hong Kong,

Engineering Research Institute 5810 South Sossaman Rd. Ste. 106, Mesa, AZ 85212 -5826; Phone: 480-988-7306; Fax: 480-988-3162; E-mail: tbranaghan@cerici.org; URL: www.cerici.com/ceri_workshops_combat_id.htm

31- June 5

AIHce 2008, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

Contact: Miriam Glaser Heston, Conference Program Coordinator, AIHA, 2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031. Phone: +1 703 849 8888; Fax: +1 703 207 3561; E-mail: mheston@aiha.org; URL: www.aiha.org/Content/CE/aihce/

June 2008

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SAFETY 2008 -American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Contact: ASSE Customer Service Department. Phone: +1 847 699 2929; E-mail: customerservice@asse.org; URL: www.asse.org

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Usability Professionals' Association International Conference 2008, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Contact: Alain Robillard-Bastien, Usability Professionals' Association
140 N. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Phone: +1 630 980 4997; Fax: +1 630 351 8490; E-mail: conf2008@usabilityprofessionals.org; URL: www.usabilityprofessionals.org/conference/2008/index.htm

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Healthcare Convention & Exhibitors Association (HCEA) 2008 Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.

Contact: Healthcare Convention & Exhibitors Association, 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30342. Phone: +1-404-252-3663 Fax: +1-404-252-0774; E-mail: hcea@kellencompany.com; URL: www.hcea.org/meetings_annual.asp

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Healthcare Systems, Ergonomics and Patient Safety (HEPS) International Conference, Strasbourg, France.

Contact: URL: www.heps2008.org

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RESNA 2008 Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia, USA.

Contact: RESNA, 1700 N. Moore St, Suite 1540, Arlington, VA 22209-1903. Phone: +1703 524-6686; E-mail: conference@resna.org; URL: www.resna.org/Conference/Conference.php

29-July 2

XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, Seoul, Korea

Contact: International Cooperation Team, Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency, # 34-4, Gusan-dong, Bupyeong-gu, Incheon, 403-711, Republic of Korea. Phone: +82-32-5100-740, 741; Fax: +82-32-512-8482; Email: safety2008@kosha.net; URL: www.aposho.org/index.jsp

July 2008

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2nd International Conference on Applied Ergonomics, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Contact: Waldemar Karwowski, Center for Industrial Ergonomics, University of Louisville, USA. Phone: +1 502 852 7173; Fax: +1 502 852 7397; E-mail: karwowski@louisville.edu; URL: www.aei2008.org/

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Improving Patient Safety 2008: From Safe Design to Safe Practice, Robinson

College Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Contact: Sue Hull, Conference & Marketing Manager, The Ergonomics Society, Elms Court, Elms Grove, Loughborough LE11 1RG. Phone: +44 (0)121 288 6715; Email: s.hull@ergonomics.org.uk; URL: www.ergonomics.org.uk/page.php?s=6&p=135

August 2008

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North American Congress on Biomechanics, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

Contact: U-M Marketing and Conference Services, 627 Oxford, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2634; Phone: (734) 764-5297; Fax: (734) 764-1557; URL: www.nacob2008.org/

- 31- 4 Sept** **4th International Conference on Traffic & Transport Psychology (ICTTP)**, Washington, DC, USA.
Contact: Nina Woods, ICTTP 2008 Conference Secretariat. Phone: +44 (0) 1865 843297; Fax: +44 (0) 1865 843958;
E-mail: n.woods@elsevier.com; URL: www.cttp.com/contact.htm
- 31- 3 Sept** **"Biomechanics '08": International Congress of the Polish Society of Biomechanics**, Wroclaw, Poland.
Contact: "BIOMECHANICS 2008" Department of Biomechanics University School of Physical Education

Al. I.J. Paderewskiego 35, 51-612 Wroclaw, Phone/Fax: +48 71 347 3063; E-mail: katedra.biomechaniki@awf.wroc.pl;
URL: www.biomechanics2008.awf.wroc.pl/index_en.php.
- September 2008**
- 1-4** **Third ICOH-WOPS International Conference**, Québec city, Québec, Canada.
Contact: Conference Secretariat, Université Laval, Québec, Canada. Email: info@icoh-wops2008.com
- 7-10** **The 13th Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering Theory, Applications & Practice**, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.
Contact: Dr. Jeff Fernandez, Phone: +1 703 573-3492, E-mail: jf@ifa-inc.com, URL: www.ijenr.org/
- 19-26** **National Safety Council's Congress & Expo**, Anaheim, California, USA.
Contact: National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Drive Itasca IL 60143, USA. Phone: +1 800 621 7619 or +1 630 775 2056; Email: customerservice@nsc.org; URL: www.nsc.org/
- 22-26** **HFES 52nd Annual Meeting**, Marriott New York Marquis Hotel, New York, New York, USA.
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