This month, we will observe World Patient Safety Day to bring awareness to the importance of HF/E in advancing patient safety around the world. Now, more than ever, does the world need to come together across disciplinary, political, and geographic borders alike, to ensure the health and well-being of one another.

Last month, we wished everyone a good start to the school year -- my apologies to our members in the southern hemisphere whom I may have confused. To include an item in a future IEA NewsBriefs, you may find me in the northern hemisphere, and at: erin.chiou@asu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IEA Activities for World Patient Safety Day
17 September is the WHO 2020 World Patient Safety Day. The theme for 2020 is Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety. IEA will post case studies about the role of human factors/ergonomics in patient safety on the iea.cc website. Additionally, IEA member experts will discuss “The Importance of Human Factors in Preventing Harm and Protecting Workers” in an International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua) webinar, at 17:30 UTC+1. Three of the leading world experts, Dr. Pascale Carayon, Dr. Sara Albolino, and Dr. Helen Vosper, will be moderated by Eric de Roodenbeke, CEO of the International Hospital Federation. Registration is free, linked here.

IEA Award Nominations
The IEA Awards Committee is receiving nominations for IEA Triennial Awards. Please note the deadline for submitting your nomination has been changed to 11 January 2021. Application information for each award is linked below:
- IEA Distinguished Service Award
- IEA Outstanding Educators Award
- IEA Award for Promotion of Ergonomics in Industrially Developing Countries
- IEA Ergonomics-Development Award
- IEA Human Factors and Ergonomics Prize
- IEA/Elsevier John Wilson Award

The K.U. Smith Student Award is designated for students who are presenting their work at IEA2021 (abstracts due 25 Sept 2020). Please click below for more information about the award submission
REMINDERS

IEA2021 Proposals due 25 September 2020
Have you put pen to paper yet? Submit your 900-word abstract for the hybrid Congress of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA2021) before the 25 September 2020 deadline. You can submit to either the in-person conference or virtual conference, check out the call for papers webpage for more information. We strongly suggest selecting the in-person conference and if circumstances prevent you from traveling to Vancouver, you can switch later. The IEA Congress is shaping up to be the most memorable and impactful event for a long time to come. Be part of the transformation!

EVENTS

INCOSE Human-Systems Integration Working Group – 2020 Workshop, 27-29 October
An international virtual event hosted by the Human-Systems Integration (HSI) Israeli Working Group, and supported by ESTIA Institute of Technology, France, will discuss “Human System Integration in the Era of Global Crises Challenges and Opportunities.” Join us to reinforce the HSI community and to foster continued dialogue on HSI. The workshop will be held for a few hours each day, over three days. The event will start 13:15 UTC/GMT on 27 October and 13:55 UTC/GMT on 28, 29 October. Registration is free, but preregistration is required. Link to the registration form is here.