



NEWSBRIEFS

August 2025

The IEA global community is hard at work organising many exciting events, including conferences and webinars, in 2025. Keep up to date with the latest events and news to ensure that your 2025 is filled with all things HFE. In this edition, the 'Announcements' section includes some interesting global HFE updates. The "Upcoming Events" section includes information on several exciting HFE events taking place in 2025. In the *Spotlight on IEA Technical Committees* feature, we showcase the *Gender and Work Technical Committee* and the important work they are doing to promote gender-aware ergonomics. As always, we appreciate the ongoing support and commitment of the global IEA community to share updates that will be of interest to our community. Please continue to share news and updates with us newsbriefs@iea.cc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HFES Nordic presentation

The IEA President was invited to give a talk to the HFES Nordic grouping on 6 August 2025. The title of the talk was "The 'fade' of ergonomics and human factors (EHF)" and was based on a series of papers appearing in the journal 'Ergonomics' which debated the future of our discipline. The event was well attended and generated a great deal of debate that we hope will continue. While there are pockets of concern (which shouldn't be ignored), the general feeling is that ergonomics/human factors is alive, well, and growing.

World Expo - Global Initiative for Safety, Health, and Well-being (GISHW) in Osaka

The IEA was involved in the World Expo's Global Initiative for Safety, Health, and Well-being held in Osaka, Japan from 16-19 July 2025. The IEA was represented by the Advisory Group for Standardisation Chair, Masaaki Mochimaru. For the first time occupational safety and health formed part of the plenary session where a founding statement of the Global Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) for creating safer, healthier, and more sustainable workplaces, of which the IEA is a founding signatory. For more information on the founding statement: <https://iosh.com/news-and-opinion/japan-expo-world-assembly-declaration>

Quora group page for Building and Construction technical committee

The Quora group page is up and running for the Building and Construction Technical Committee: <https://ergonomicsintheconstructionindustry.quora.com/>

It is set up to recruit some new members and connect with existing, share information and advertise events.

IEA2024 proceedings publication by Springer starting in August 2025

All 6 volumes of IEA 2024 proceedings will be published by Springer by October 2025. The proceedings are released in batches; Volume 6 became available in July:

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-96-8904-0>

Chapter authors are contacted by Springer directly for final content approval. Congress attendees will receive information for their (limited time) free to access to the proceedings.

Call for Book Chapter Submissions on Human-AI Team Testbeds, Metrics, and Concepts

A group of researchers (Erin Chiou, Douglas Lange, Jason Wong, and Julie Marble) are currently seeking book chapter submissions for an edited volume to be published with CRC Press. Chapter submissions should describe the work of designing, building, implementing, or evaluating a human-AI team testbed, metric, or concept. Manuscript submissions from authors based in countries outside of the U.S. are especially encouraged and may be granted extensions to the planned submission deadlines depending on chapter fit. For more information about the solicitation, please see the following webpage:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1woSOrzqtzV2J4MGKWAobPh73zVBw9o7vXfnqed4yTbM/edit?usp=sharing> or contact the lead

editor, erin.chiou@asu.edu.

Preparations for 2025 Council meeting in Beijing

Reports from all IEA member societies and Executive Committee members are now being collected in advance of the 28-29 October Council meeting in Beijing. Reports and the meeting agenda will be made available to Council attendees 4 weeks before the meeting. Those unable to attend may vote by Proxy according to IEA operating procedures.

All council representatives planning to attend the meetings (in-person or virtually) should have responded to the survey prepared by Wei Zhang and sent by email in July.

ONGOING: IEA social media: Help us share your content!

The IEA is keen to promote your activities, events and achievements. Please help us make the most of your content!

1. Your Content

We are keen to share your content that aligns with the IEA's mission and values. Suitable content includes:

- Human factors and ergonomics insights

- Industry news and updates
- Events, conferences, and workshops
- Research findings and case studies
- Member achievements and spotlights

2. What works?

- LinkedIn: Professional and informative tone. Can include links, images, and short videos.
- Instagram: Visually appealing, engaging, and concise. Use high-quality images or short videos.

3. Writing Captions

- Keep it clear and engaging.
- Avoid jargon – make it accessible to a broad audience.
- Include relevant hashtags (e.g., #HumanFactors #Ergonomics #IEA).
- Mention any relevant individuals or organizations if applicable.

4. Pictures paint a thousand words

- Images: High resolution (minimum 1080x1080 pixels). No excessive text on images.
- Videos: Under 60 seconds for Instagram. Include subtitles if possible.
- Links: Ensure links are functional and relevant.

5. Send to us to share

- Send posts to cpr@iea.cc at least 5 days in advance.
- Include your name and contact information in case we need clarifications.
- Indicate preferred posting date (subject to approval).

6. Tag us to repost

- For any posts that you create, tag the IEA accounts on LinkedIn and Instagram (@IEA handle).
- We will monitor and consider relevant posts for reposting.

7. Distribution & Promotion

The IEA team reserves the right to edit or modify content for clarity, alignment, and engagement.

Not all submissions will be posted, but we aim to share content that aligns with our strategy.

EVENT REMINDERS

Informal Work in the United States: Case Examples from New York City, Informal Work Webinar Series, 25 September 2025, 16h00 UTC

This webinar organized by the IEA Informal Work TC is a part of an ongoing webinar series on ergonomics and informal work in different countries around the world. In this webinar, the most representative informal jobs from New York City,

the largest city in the US, will be presented from the perspective of both occupational health service providers and community-based organizations serving informal workers. The role of ergonomics in addressing occupational health in an urban informal work setting will be highlighted.

Presentations:

1. Introduction to Informal Work in New York City - Acran Salmen-Navarro, MD.
2. Informal Work and Community Based Organizations - Nilbia Coyote, New Immigrant Community Empowerment (NICE)

Zoom

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r8f7YxTkTDem5_pzyqQ3sA

Informal Work in Latin America: Ergonomics Perspectives and Experiences from Brazil, Informal Work Webinar Series. 29 October 2025, 16h00 UTC

This webinar, organized by the IEA Informal Work TC and the ICOH Working Group on "Demographic Changes, Inequalities and the Future of Decent Work" in collaboration with the School of Public Health of the University of São Paulo and the Federal University of São Carlos will present an overview of informal work in Brazil with an emphasis on the impacts of technological and organizational innovations in the precariousness of working conditions. The dynamics of precariousness and how informality repositions the place of work in society will also be addressed.

Presentations:

1. Opening Remarks, Frida Marina Fischer, PhD, Department of Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of São Paulo, Brazil.
2. How can technological and organizational innovations in the world of work increase the precariousness of working conditions and push more people into informality? Brief notes from Brazil, René Mendes, PhD, University of São Paulo, Brazil.
3. Transformations at work in the context of multifaceted crisis, Dari Krein, PhD, University of Campinas.

Zoom

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jKyp2Mw2RmW6ZQBbY_ATMg

Past recorded IEA webinars can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDnjCjRcYB7rBR2PJFw6k6w>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Symposium of the Resilience Engineering Association and Annual Resilient Health Care Society Meeting: 20-24 October 2025, Canela, Brazil

This conference aims at advancing the knowledge of Resilience Engineering in complex sociotechnical systems such as healthcare, oil and gas, software engineering, and others. The theme will be Collaboration Across Boundaries for Adaptation in the Era of Climate Change. The conference will be held in the city of Canela, Brazil, from the 20th to the 24th of October 2025. Canela is a cozy town in the Guacho Highlands in the southernmost Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul and is a traditional venue to large and small conferences.

For more information, please visit the conference website: <https://www.ufrgs.br/resilience/>

XXV Brazilian Congress of Ergonomics and Human Factors, IX International Congress of Ergonomics and Human Factors & BRICS Plus Ergonomics and Human Factors Network Meeting: 4-7 November 2025, Ceara, Brazil

The Brazilian Association of Ergonomics and Human Factors (ABERGO) and the Latin American Union of Ergonomics (ULAERGO) are organizing a Human Factors and Ergonomics congress in November 2025 with the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and Technological Innovations: challenges for ergonomics and human factors'. This event will take place from the 4th to the 7th of November at the Events Center/Business Factory in Iracema, Fortaleza in Ceara, Brazil, hosted by the Federal University of Ceara, Brazil. More information coming soon.

HFESA Annual Conference: Human Factors in a Complex System, 1 - 3 December 2025, Launceston, Tasmania

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia is hosting their annual conference in Launceston from 1 to 3 December 2025.

This year's theme, 'Human Factors and Complexity Systems', will explore how contemporary methods help solve real-world, complex problems. The conference will highlight strategies for identifying, managing, and mitigating hazards in complex environments while evaluating the effectiveness of innovative solutions.

HFESA 2025 will bring together world leaders, emerging scientists, practitioners, and strategists across disciplines, including human-centred design, safety science, engineering, psychology, occupational health, environmental design, technology development, and more.

This event aims to create a vibrant environment that fosters lively debate on pivotal issues shaping our future, gain insight from a broad range of expertise, and inspire action as you leave invigorated, equipped with new knowledge and courage to contribute to a better future.

For more information, please visit the conference website: <https://conf.ergonomics.org.au>

The 15th International Symposium on Human Factors/Ergonomics in Organizational Design and Management (ODAM), 8 - 10 June, 2026, University of Connecticut

The 15th International Symposium on Human Factors/Ergonomics in Organizational Design and Management (ODAM), sponsored by the IEA Organizational Design and Management Technical Committee and the HFES Macroergonomics Technical Group, will take place from June 8–10, 2026, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs campus. The conference theme is "*Innovating for the Future: Human-Centered Organizational Design in the Age of Emerging Technologies and Evolving Work.*" Call for Submissions is open! The first call for submissions has been extended to 31 October 2025!

The ODAM meetings bring together researchers and practitioners from around the globe. This conference presents an excellent opportunity to expand your global network of human factors and ergonomics professionals, and we hope it will inspire you all to participate and contribute. We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Connecticut and encourage you to explore the university and the beautiful New England area.

For more information, please see the conference website: <https://uconnuecs.cventevents.com/event/0b6e69d6-52c9-4a73-bf0c-86a7e4617973/summary>

or follow the QR code below:



The slips, Trips and Falls International Conference (STF2026) will be held on 18-19 June 2026, Huntsville, Alabama, USA

Mark your calendars and save the dates for this conference on slips, trips and falls taking place in Huntsville, Alabama in June 2026.

For more information, please visit the conference website: <https://w3.tohoku.ac.jp/stftc/category/news/>

SPOTLIGHT ON IEA TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TC)

After featuring the *Ergonomic Work Analysis and Training* TC in our previous issue, in this edition, we turn our focus to the *Gender and Work* TC.

The Gender and Work TC was created to address issues around gender and work and to promote gender-aware ergonomics. The *Gender and Work* was involved in a call for papers for the International Journal of industrial ergonomics with a focus on the understanding of gender-related issues in the workplace through ergonomics research, the role of ergonomists in ensuring inclusivity and sustainability within the workplace and practical recommendations for creating equitable work environments. The submission deadline for this call for papers closes on the 30th of October 2025

(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/315047/ergonomics-gender-and-social-sustainability>)

Objectives of the Gender and Work TC

The objectives of the *Gender and Work* TC are:

- To advance an understanding of the interactions between gender, sex and the science and practice of ergonomics.
- To advance an understanding of gender issues in the context of work, in relation to the science and practice of ergonomics.
- To enhance the contribution of the science and practice of ergonomics to equal access of men and women to economic, physical and psychological well-being.

If you wish to join the Technical Committee [Please Click On This Link](#)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TCs):

The IEA's Technical Committees (TCs) are ad-hoc special interest groups that are formed as a platform to exchange up-to-date information on and discuss a particular HFE field. More information is available at: <https://iea.cc/leadership/technical-committees/>

TC Creation

Reminder: If you, with at least 5 colleagues, share a passion for a particular special interest area which does not exist as a *Technical Committee (TC)* and you wish to create a *new TC*, please contact stpchair@iea.cc for formalizing this. The process is easy and free!

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TCs) SIGN UP SHEET

The IEA Technical Committees (TCs) are seeking to expand their membership and invite new members from federated societies. To facilitate this, we have created a sign-up form that provides an overview of the role of Technical Committees, including their four primary functions. By completing the form, you can express your interest in joining up to two TCs. Once submitted, TC administrators will review your submission and reach out for further details.

Sign-up form for Technical Committees: <https://forms.gle/mMpZ9V9PhBGHPBHQ6>

Joining a TC is free and there are no qualifying criteria (just that you are a member of a federated society) to join and to participate. You can also join more than one TC if your interests are broader. A list of the TCs can be found on the IEA's website:

<https://iea.cc/leadership/technical-committees/>.

You are always welcome to reach out to TC chairs in addition.

IEA LINKS OF INTEREST

Archive of previous IEA NewsBriefs: <https://iea.cc/iea-newsbriefs-archive-of-past-issues/>

More news from IEA: <https://iea.cc/category/headlines/>

IEA Press publications: <https://iea.cc/publication/>

IEA YouTube channel (includes recorded IEA webinars): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDnjCjRcYB7rBR2PJFw6k6w>

IEA LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1114517/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/iea-international-ergonomics-association/>

IEA Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalErgonomicsAssociation>

