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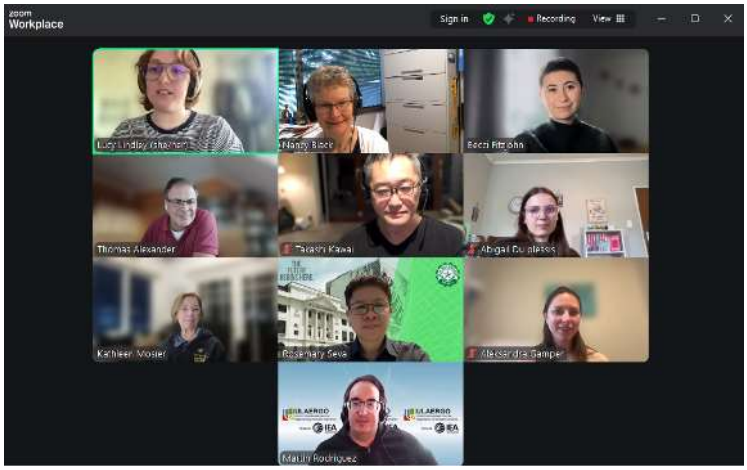
## October 2026

The global IEA community is hard at work organising many exciting events, including conferences and webinars, in 2026. Keep up to date with the latest events and news to ensure that your 2026 is filled with all things HF/E while preparing to attend IEA2027! In this edition, the 'Announcements' section shares some exciting HF/E news, including efforts to strategically improve communications to stakeholders, recent IEA ambassadorial visits, updates on IEA2027, the IEA Council meeting in Florianópolis, Brazil, 2- 3 November and more! The 'Upcoming Events' section includes information on three webinars in November, as well as several HF/E events and conferences scheduled for months to come. We highlight the Gold Level Sustaining member **TeamScape LLC**. 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

### Working to improve IEA stakeholder communications

In August, IEA retained the services of "Social for Good (SfG)" to help develop a strategic operational plan. Since then, SfG facilitated two virtual workshops with members of IEA leadership to 1) develop objectives, understand audiences, define the role of social, and 2) develop content strategies. In the coming weeks, IEA will receive the reports summarizing their recommended *Social Media Strategy* and implementation "playbook". These will be discussed at the IEA Council Meeting 2-3 November.




*Screenshot taken during Workshop 2 with Social for Good facilitators defining communication content strategy*

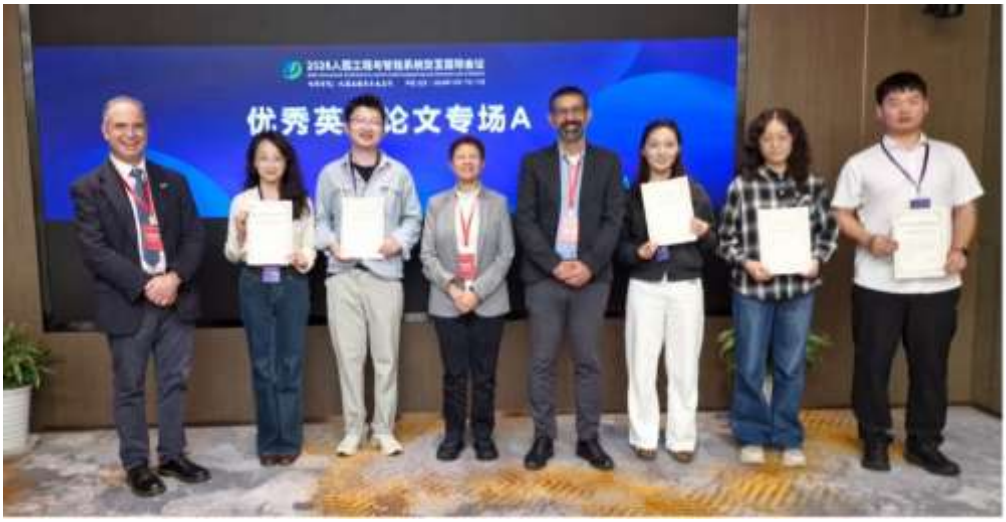
## Report from IEA ambassador visit: 11th International Ergonomics Conference

The 11th International Ergonomics Conference 2026, hosted by the Croatian Ergonomics Society, brought together international ergonomics representatives in Dubrovnik, Croatia to discuss the key challenges in the field. IEA President Andrew Thatcher delivered a keynote on the grand challenges for ergonomics, while the federation of European Ergonomics Societies (FEES) welcomed Anca Draghici as its new President, succeeding Bernard Michez.

**Learn more**

## Report from Ambassador visit: Chinese Ergonomics Society Conference

IEA President Andrew Thatcher attended the Chinese Ergonomics Society's international conference on Human Factors Engineering and Interaction with AI Systems in Beijing in October 2026, delivering a keynote on the future of work and challenges for HFE. IEA representatives participated in a workshop preparing for IEA2027 and chaired sessions showcasing the outstanding English-language papers, many presented by early-career researchers.




*One of the Outstanding English paper sessions and the presenters with their certificates (L to R: Andrew Thatcher, Rosemary Seva, Yakir Yaniv*

**See details**

## IEA Awards 2027 ANNOUNCEMENT

The IEA has announced its 2027 awards programme, featuring eight Triennial Awards alongside the annual IEA Fellow, IEA/Tsinghua, and IEA/Kingfar Awards, as well as the inaugural Thomas Waters Memorial Award for students. Nominations are due by 1 December 2026 for the K. U. Smith Award and 15 January 2027 for all other awards, with recipients invited to attend the IEA2027 Congress in London.




**Learn more**

Part of the mission of IEA is to recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments of members of IEA Societies in diverse areas of Human Factors/Ergonomics.
In the September NewsBriefs, we announced the 2026 recipients of the IEA Fellow Award, the IEA/Tsinghua Award, and the IEA/Kingfar Awards. Details are available on the IEA website.

**2026 Awardees**

### Coming soon: 2026 IEA Council meeting 2-3 November in Florianópolis, Brazil

The 2026 IEA Council meeting will take place in Florianópolis, Brazil at the Oceania Convention Centre, followed by ABERGO's annual conference. Council members will receive updates from IEA Officers, Executive Committee members, and Member Societies, with proxy voting available for official representatives unable to attend in person. Onboarding resources are also available for new and prospective Council representatives.

**See details**

### Updates about IEA2027!




IEA2027 has extended its Early Bird rate to 1 March 2027, introduced a 10% group discount for bookings of 6 or more, and is exploring further student

discounts. With submissions closing on 1 November 2026, preparations for the conference are underway, with opportunities for sponsorship, exhibition, and meeting space bookings.

**See news on IEA2027**

## IEA WEBINARS

### Anthropometry Technical Committee Webinars

Two webinars are organised by the Anthropometry Technical Committee in November: Three most important things to know for fit and sizing optimization.

This two-part webinar series will explore practical approaches to improving apparel fit and sizing through measurable fit definitions, fit testing, and population anthropometry. Sessions will take place on **5 and 12 November 2026**.



**Learm more**

### Resilience Engineering Technical Committee has two webinars upcoming:

The IEA Resilience Engineering Technical Committee has two upcoming webinars exploring safety control measures, regulatory gaps, and gendered knowledge dynamics in resilience engineering. The sessions will examine the application of STAMP to safety regulations (**19 November 2026**) and gender inequalities on research and its influence on knowledge generation from a resilience engineering perspective (**10 December 2026**).

**Webinar #1**

**Webinar #2**

**Past recorded IEA webinars**

We keep recordings of our webinars on our YouTube channel, where they are freely available to everyone. We invite you to watch them at your convenience and share them with your colleagues and professional networks.

**Explore IEA Webinar Library**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**8. Wiener Ergonomie Forum / International Conference on Human Centred Design of (interactive and safe) Systems**
**17-18 November**
**Vienna, Austria**

The 8th Wiener Ergonomie Forum will bring together researchers and practitioners to explore human-centred design, safety, health and socio-technical systems. Learn more about conference themes, programme activities and participation opportunities taking place in Vienna from 17-18 November 2026.

**Visit Conference Website**

**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia (HFESA)**
**30 Nov – 2 Dec 2026**
**Sydney, Australia**

The Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia (HFESA) is accepting abstracts for their 2026 conference, to be held 30th Nov – 2nd Dec at the Mercure Sydney hotel. Researchers or practitioners in any work sector or domain of HFE (i.e. physical, cognitive, organisational) are welcome to submit an abstract to be part of HFESA26.

**Learm more about the event**

**Humanizing Work and Work Environments 2026 (HWWE 2026) of ISE**
**9-11 December 2026**
**Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India**

HWWE 2026 will be hosted by the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India. This annual conference of the Indian Society of Ergonomics, envisions a future where work environments are designed to maximize well-being, safety, and efficiency. The conference aims to serve as a catalyst for transformative ideas, fostering a world in which ergonomics is seamlessly integrated with emerging technologies and sustainable practices.

**More information about the conference**

## IEA SUSTAINING MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT:

The IEA spotlights TeamScape LLC, a gold-level Corporate Sustaining Member since 2018, specialising in human factors research on space operations, communication delays, and crew autonomy. Founded by former IEA President Kathleen Mosier, TeamScape highlights the growing importance of aerospace research and practice in ergonomics.




**Learn more**

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (TCs):

**New Technical Committee: Ergonomics and Human Factors of Sport**

The Technical Committee on Ergonomics and Human Factors in Sport, chaired by Assoc. Prof. Tihomir Atanasov Dovramadjiev, PhD, Eng. (President of the Bulgarian Association of Ergonomics and Human Factors) was officially formed. This international group brings together ergonomists, sport scientists, engineers, and coaches to advance human safety, health, and performance across all athletic domains.

The TC's multidisciplinary scope includes professional, amateur, and recreational athletics, mental sports and esports, machine-supported disciplines like motorsports, and nutritional ergonomics. Specialized working groups are dedicated to cognitive workload, injury prevention, vehicle cockpit safety, metabolic recovery, and the integration of AI-driven performance analytics and wearables.

Researchers, practitioners, and industry experts are invited to collaborate and help shape future global standards in sport ergonomics. Interested members can sign up here:

**Sign up form**

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**
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!

**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.

**IEA TC sign up form**

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

**A list of the IEA TCs**

## 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
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