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## New Year Greetings & President's Newsletter from IEA

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Dear IEA members, colleagues, and friends,

It is the end of the year again! While you are preparing for celebration of Christmas and New Year, I would like to share with you some of the events that have been happening with IEA in 2012.

**The IEA council meeting and the IEA Triennial Congress in Recife, Brazil.** The IEA began the year with preparation of the Council meeting and the IEA Triennial Congress in Recife, Brazil from February 11 to 16, 2012. These events were in Brazil and in Latin America the very first time ever in the IEA history. It symbolizes the increasing development of ergonomics worldwide as well as more influence and needs of ergonomics in developing countries. The updated IEA rules and the operation procedures along with other important items were discussed and approved by the council. New officers were elected by the council members and the executives were formally transferred in the closing ceremony of the congress.



*The Council meeting in Recife was closed on February 12, 2012 by taking this group picture of the delegates.*

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*The IEA Award winners received the certificates and plaques in the opening ceremony of the congress in the evening of February 12, 2012.*

**Interactions with IEA Collaboration Associations the International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) and the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA).**

ICOH held its 30<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Occupational Health in Cancun, Mexico in March 18 to 23, 2012. Andy Imada, the immediate past President of IEA, and Noel Tresider, the IOHA President, were invited and had interactions with ICOH President Kazukata Kogi and friends from WHO, ILO, and many other professional organizations.

About a half year later, on September 16 to 20, IOHA celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and held its 9<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. IEA President Eric Wang and ICOH President Kazutaka Kogi were invited and gave keynote speeches in the conference. A consensus on an initiative of group effort towards publishing a guidance book on risk prevention was achieved by the three

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Presidents. The MOUs on collaboration among the three associations will be renewed by next May.



*Andy Imada, the immediate Past President of IEA, gave an opening speech in ICOH Congress in Cancun, Mexico in March 18, 2012.*



*The Presidents of the three collaboration associations were in front of the slide after Eric Wang's speech in Kuala Lumpur on September 20.*

*From left, Eric Wang (IEA), Jacob Naerheim (IOHA), and Kazutaka Kogi (ICOH).*

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**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dutch Ergonomics Society (NVvE), presenting of Liberty Mutual Award, and others.**

On October 25 of 2012, NVvE celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society for the Registration of Dutch Ergonomists and the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society of Registered Ergonomists in The Netherlands. On behalf of IEA, Pieter Rookmaaker delivered the President's Greetings message of "Share the 50-year-YOUNG Experience with the World" to NVvE and the other two societies and the audience. Ernst Koningsveld presented the IEA Liberty Mutual Award to Berry den Brinker followed by Berry's brief presentation of the study. On November 7, Ernst presented the medal to both authors, Berry den Brinker and Paul Schepers, at the International Cycling Safety Conference in Helmond, The Netherlands. The response of the audience was very positive.



*Ernst Koningsveld (Right) presented the Liberty Mutual Award to one of the authors Berry den Brinker (Left) in NVvE 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting.*

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**New President of Chinese Ergonomics Society (CES) elected and the first IEA Executive Committee meeting in Beijing.**

Chinese Ergonomics Society held its Congress and officers election on November 30 in Tsinghua University in Beijing. Wei Zhang, professor and deputy head of Industrial Engineering Department at Tsinghua University in Beijing and IEA Chair of Science, Technology, and Practice Standing Committee, was elected the new President of CES for the next four years term. Eric Wang was invited to witness the election and deliver a keynote speech on “Rethinking and challenging of ergonomics development: GLOBALization + LOCALization”. Congratulations to Wei!



*Eric Wang (Left) presented a formal letter of greetings to CES President Sheng Wang (Right) for the success of the congress at the CES Congress opening ceremony in Tsinghua University, Beijing, China on November 30.*

The first IEA Executive Committee meeting was held in Beijing on December 2 and 3. Andy Imada (Immediately Past President), Margo Fraser (Vice President and Secretary General), Yushi Fujita (Vice President and Treasurer), Barbara Silverstein (Chair of International Development Standing Committee), Wei Zhang (Chair of Science, Technology, and Practice Standing Committee), and Eric Wang attended the meeting. Goals, policies, initiatives were discussed and action items were concluded.

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*IEA EC meeting in Tsinghua University on December 2 and 3. From left, Wei Zhang, Yushi Fujita, Eric Wang, Margo Fraser, Barbara Silverstein, and Andy Imada.*

**Newsletter as an open platform for all IEA member societies.** It is important for all IEA member societies to have more communications among each other. Moreover, it is even more important for those who are interested in ergonomics having access to the information of ergonomics activities that are going on around us. To encourage interactions and communications I would like to make the newsletter an open platform for all IEA member societies starting from the new year of 2013. Please share your news articles with all members in IEA family. Aiming at this goal, I am looking for a Chair of Communication Standing Committee who will be responsible for promotion of internal and external communications for IEA including editing and publishing the newsletter. This position is open for anyone who is enthusiastic and has the talent in achieving the goal. I welcome nominations from all presidents of the IEA

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federated societies. Please submit your nomination and your news article to me while the Chair of Communication Standing Committee is not yet appointed. I look forward to receiving your news articles.

In the Christmas Eve, I wish you enjoying the peace and the silence of the night. I also wish you a Happy New Year throughout the 2013!

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