

Preface

The year 2007 is a significant and important year for the future of the journal, *Occupational Ergonomics*. The editorial and publication responsibilities of the journal have been transferred from the International Society for Occupational Ergonomics and Safety (ISOES) to the IOS Press, starting in January 1, 2007. This will allow the future growth of the journal by opening the individual subscription of the journal to a larger number of societies (Federated Societies of the International Ergonomics Association or IEA) around the world: Europe (Federation of European Ergonomics Societies or FEES), USA (Human Factors and Ergonomics Society or HFES, Industrial Ergonomics Group and Society of Work Science of the Institute of Industrial Engineers), Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, etc. Only the members of the Federated Societies of the IEA will be able to subscribe to the journal at a special individual rate of US \$55 per year.

Occupational Ergonomics will continue to be published quarterly as an international refereed journal. I shall continue to serve as the Editor-in-Chief. Considerable changes both in the structure and membership of the Editorial Board (EB) are planned to give new strength and vitality to the EB.

A new focus is given to the "Aims and Scope" of the journal, on the special areas of ergonomics: physical ergonomics, work physiology, work science and engineering and industry/occupational applications (other areas of ergonomics will also be included but not focused). This will make the journal unique or distinct among the existing journals in the field. Hopefully, this will promote and attract increased journal subscriptions. A special endeavour will be made to promote journal subscription and call for papers or manuscript submissions by contacting universities, institutions and societies around the world.

I believe that with the interest and cooperation of all concerned, the journal can grow and flourish in the future. Thus, the journal can become one of the leading journals in the field of ergonomics.

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