

Preface

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WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment & Rehabilitation is honored to publish as a supplement, the Proceedings for the **18th Triennial International Ergonomics Association's (IEA) Congress. The theme of the Congress was *Designing a Sustainable Future***. We must all make a commitment to help design a sustainable future. As described on the Congress website;

“As a discipline which is involved in the designing of the interactions among humans and other elements of a system, ergonomics must consider “sustainability” as a key aspect in optimizing resources to improve human well-being and overall system performance. So, one of the major challenges in the field of ergonomics for the 21st Century will be the design and management of systems that satisfy custom demands in terms of the requirements for human compatibility and at the same time consider sustainability” (www.iea2012.org).

The Congress papers contained in this supplement are a global snap shot of the science-driven and evidence based research and scholarly work being conducted by practitioners, scientists, researchers, academicians, and students. All papers are indexed with DOI numbers so they can be easily accessed and will add to the growing body of evidence in ergonomics.

It has been my pleasure to be part of the IEA's Executive Committee and the Organizing Committee of this Congress during Dr. Andy Imada's term as President. Andy, thank you for your leadership. Congratulations to Professor Marcelo M. Soares, the Congress Chair, the Congress Organizing Committee, the IEA, the Brazilian Ergonomics Association and the Union of Latin-American Ergonomics Societies on a successful Congress.

With much admiration,

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