

Report - HWWE 2015, 7-9 December 2015, Mumbai, India

The 13th International Ergonomics Conference – Humanizing Work and Work Environment 2015 (HWWE 2015) was jointly hosted by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay and the National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai from 7th to 9th December 2015. Under the theme of “Caring for people” the conference was co-hosted by the Nutrition Society of India (Mumbai Chapter) and the Punjab Engineering College (PEC), University of Technology, Chandigarh. The venue of the conference was the Victor Menzes Convention Centre at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Devang Khakhar (Director IIT Bombay), Prof.(Ms.) Karuna Jain (Director NITIE), Dr. Yushi Fujita (President IEA), Prof. Manoj K. Arora (Director PEC, Chandigarh), Prof. G.G. Ray (President, Indian Society of Ergonomics), Dr. P.K. Nag (Chair HWWE 2015), Dr.(Ms.) K. Sen Ray (President, Nutrition Society of India, Mumbai Chapter) and Prof. B. K. Chakravarthy (HOD, Industrial Design Centre, IIT Bombay).



Inaugural Ceremony HWWE 2015

The conference witnessed presentation of about 500 scientific papers (including poster presentations) categorized as theme paper, invited paper, keynote paper, lead paper, oral presentation and poster presentation in parallel tracks.

Office bearers, council members of IEA and special invited speakers participated in HWWE 2015 included Prof. Yushi Fujita, Prof. Jose Orlando Gomes, Prof. Erin Min-yang Wang, Prof. Rosemary Seva, Prof. Arun Garg, Prof. Seyed Ali Hosseini, Prof. Andrew Todd, Dr. Kazutaka

Kogi, Dr. David C Caple, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Prof. Amaresh Chakrabarti, Dr. B. Sesikeran, Dr. P. K. Nag and Dr. A. K. Ganguli.



ISE Meeting with IEA members



Felicitation of President IEA by President ISE

The conference started with pre-conference workshops on 6th Dec 2015 in which six parallel workshops were conducted in the areas of Automotive Design for School Children (by Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd), Wellness at Workplace (by INTERIO Division of Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd.), Designing in an Inclusive Way - Emergency Evacuation System (by Mr. Charudatta Jadhav), Ergonomic Exposure Assessment Methods for Manual Material Handling (by Prof. Arun Garg), Application of different tools used in work posture assessment (by Dr. Deepak Saran), and Product Design & Innovation (by Mr. Madan Kulkarni).

The conference also organized ‘Young Researchers Award’ programme on 6th December in the categories of under-graduate, post-graduate, and doctoral students. Winners in each category have been awarded with certificates and gift vouchers of USD 200, USD 150 and USD 100 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions respectively, sponsored by Springer publications. Springer publications is also going to publish select papers as a special book entitled “Ergonomics in Caring for People - Proceedings of International Conference on Humanizing Work and Work Environment 2015”. Some of the papers will be published by International Journal of Human Factors and Ergonomics (IJHFE). Other presented papers will be published as conference proceedings with ISBN registration.

In the valediction ceremony, the conference baton was transferred to the National Institute of Technology Jalandhar, Punjab for hosting HWWE 2016.