

## **Review of the 6th International Ergonomics Conference – ERGONOMICS 2016 – Focus on Synergy**

Dear colleagues and friends,

we are happy to inform you that the 6<sup>th</sup> International Ergonomics Conference - ***ERGONOMICS 2016 – Focus on Synergy*** took place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 in Zadar, Croatia, and it was held in a relaxed atmosphere of the Falkensteiner Hotels & Residences, Borik.

The Conferences in this series have been organized by the **Croatian Ergonomics Society (CES)** every three years since 2001, and from 2016 has been set to organize every two years. Since 2001 until 2013, a total of six International Ergonomics Conferences have been successfully organized: one in Zagreb, three in Stubičke Toplice and the last two in Zadar.

***ERGONOMICS 2016 – Focus on Synergy*** was a joint project with:

- **Swiss Ergonomics Association** (SwissErgo),
- **Ergonomics Society of Taiwan** (EST),
- **Chinese Ergonomics Society** (CES),
- **Chinese Association of Ergonomics Societies** (CAES),
- **Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences** (FPZ), University of Zagreb,
- **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture** (FSB), University of Zagreb and
- **Faculty of Textile Technology** (TTF), University of Zagreb.

Furthermore, for the first time the ***ERGONOMICS 2016 – Focus on Synergy*** was endorsed by:

- **International Ergonomics Association** (IEA) and
- **Federation of the European Ergonomics Societies** (FEES),

During the Conference opening ceremony, Aleksandar Sušić (President of CES and Conference manager) emphasized most important details about the Conference, and asked Yushi Fujita (President of IEA), Eric Min-Yang Wang (past President of IEA), Sylvain Leduc (President of FEES), Yuh-Chuan Shih (President of EST) and Tomislav Mlinarić (Vice Dean of FPZ) to address the participants with a few words of welcome.



Yushi Fujita, President of IEA, during the Conference opening ceremony



Sylvain Leduc, President of FEES, during the Conference opening ceremony

More than 90 papers had been submitted, and after the peer-review process, 68 papers were presented at the Conference in oral sessions, poster sessions or "Research and project space" section. Finally, 60 papers were published in the Book of Proceedings of the Conference with the ISSN 1848-9699, which was printed only with full text of all reviewed papers. Participants came from the following countries: Argentina, Austria, Croatia, China, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA.

In the introductory part of the Conference sessions, the following invited speakers have contributed with their lectures: Yushi Fujita (Japan), Sylvain Leduc (France), Eric Min-Yang Wang (Taiwan) and Uwe Reischl (USA).

During the second day of the Conference, 17<sup>th</sup> of June, IEA-FEES-CES official meeting was held between the following participants: Yushi Fujita (IEA), Andrew Todd (IEA), Eric Min-Yang Wang (IEA), Sylvain Leduc (FEES), Aleksandar Sušić (CES), Ivana Salopek Čubrić (CES), Davor Sumpor (CES), Tanja Jurčević Lulić (CES), Tino Bucak (CES and ASC).



IEA-FEES-CES official meeting

Among the others, the main topics discussed:

- Objective difficulties in the CES work
- Potential action plan of CES linking and effective collaboration with IEA and FEES to support the development of ergonomics in Croatia.

For the first time the participants were able to attend the “Research and Project Space” section, as one of the many sessions, where some of the participants presented their research and professional ideas, hypothesis and results, along with research infrastructure and methodology.

Conference events such as Welcome party, City Tour Zadar, Surprise excursion to Nin Saltworks and Gala Conference Dinner were additional opportunities to meet old and new friends and make new contacts, in order to achieve common goals: open new possibilities for cooperation and contribute to progress within the ergonomics family.

We are excited to meet you again in Zadar in 2018, and you are very welcome to inform others who might be interested to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Ergonomics Conference ***ERGONOMICS 2018 - Emphasis on Wellbeing***, that will take place from 13-16 of June 2018 in Zadar, Croatia. [More...](#)

On the behalf of the CES  
Organizing Committee of the ***ERGONOMICS 2016 – Focus on Synergy***