



6<sup>th</sup> International Ergonomics Conference  
**ERGONOMICS 2016 - Focus on Synergy**

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**Subject: Review of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15-18 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 (CrES)** every 3 years since 2001, and from 2016 is set to be organized every 2. During little more than 4 decades of existence, CrES have recognized the importance of exchange knowledges and experiences between scientists and experts, as well as in the broader population, which is now one of the most featured objectives of CrES plans and strategy.

Since 2001, five International Ergonomics Conferences have been successfully organized, in their consecutive order, as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> International Ergonomics Conference – *Ergonomics 2001, Zagreb,*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Ergonomics Conference – *Ergonomics 2004, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Ergonomics Conference – *Ergonomics 2007, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,*
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Ergonomics Conference – *Ergonomics 2010, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,*
- 5<sup>th</sup> International Ergonomics Conference – *Ergonomics 2013, Zadar.*

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



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

During the Conference opening ceremony, Aleksandar Sušić (President of CrES 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 welcome words.



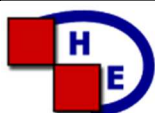
Yushi Fujita, President of IEA, during the Conference opening ceremony



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

More than 90 papers had been submitted, and after the review process, 60 papers were presented at the Conference in oral or poster sessions. Presented papers are published in the Book of Proceedings of the Conference with the ISSN 1848-9699, which was printed out 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, UK and USA.

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



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During the second day of the Conference, 17<sup>th</sup> of June, IEA-FEES-CrES official meeting was held between the following participants: Yushi FUJITA (IEA), Andrew TODD (IEA), Eric Min-Yang Wang (IEA), Sylvain LEDUC (FEES), Aleksandar SUŠIĆ (CrES), Ivana SALOPEK ČUBRIĆ (CrES), Davor SUMPOR (CrES), Tanja JURČEVIĆ LULIĆ (CrES), Tino BUCAK (CrES/ ASC).



IEA-FEES-CrES official meeting

Among the others, the main topics were discussed:

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

For the first time the participants were able to attend the Research and Project Space, as one of the sessions, where some of the participants were presented their research and professional ideas, propositions and problems, along with experimental instrumentation and methodology.

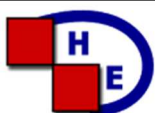
Conference events such as Welcome party, City Zadar Tour, Surprise excursion to Nin Saltworks and Gala Conference Dinner were additional opportunities to meet old and new friends and make new contacts, in order to achieve common goals: open new possibilities for cooperation and contribute to progress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

In the future Croatian Ergonomics Society will be open for extension of more intensive cooperation with all institutions and associations from Croatia and abroad dealing with ergonomic research and assessment, with the aim of mass popularization of humanity during human work.

We are excited to meet you again in Zadar on 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**.

On behalf of the **Croatian Ergonomics Society**,

Organizing Committee of the *Ergonomics 2016 – Focus on Synergy*



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