



40 YEARS OF THE CROATIAN ERGONOMICS SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The 40th anniversary of the Croatian Ergonomics Society (CES) Conference took place at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture on May 30th, 2014, at the same institution where CES was founded by Prof. Emeritus Dragutin Taboršak on May 20th, 1974.

It was a great opportunity for ergonomics family reunion, which was honoured with a special and distinguished guest, the President of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA), Prof. Eric Min-yang Wang. With his arrival all the way from Taiwan, Prof. Dr. Wang decided to give full support and improve CES efforts, emphasizing the extent of the importance of all the activities of CES, strategic, operational plans and intentions.

The Conference was organized by the Croatian Ergonomics Society and jointly co-organized by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, Faculty of Textile Technology and Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, all from the University of Zagreb.

The President of the Organizing Committee, Prof. Dr. Jurčević Lulić was the Conference manager and the Conference was opened by Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Sušić, (President of the Croatian Ergonomics Society), who emphasized the importance of cooperation of CES members and induced support for years to come, followed by welcome addresses by Prof. Dr. Juraga, Prof.



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Dr. Bischof and Prof. Dr. Gold, Deans or Vice-Deans of the supportive co-organizing faculties.

The Conference was attended by more than 40 participants, CES members, guests and friends, all motivated to contribute to the future of the Croatian Ergonomics Society. This was an excellent opportunity to present the current research and professional activities and contribution of the CES members to development and promotion of ergonomics, Croatian civil society, and beyond. In order to encourage connectivity and cooperation of CES members, presentations of just a few scientific and professional groups of members were presented, by twelve invited speakers from universities and institutions from all over Croatia. The Conference Proceedings were provided to participants in hard copy entitled "40 years of Croatian Ergonomics Society Conference" with ISBN 978-953-98741-6-0.

The members of CES who are researchers at the Faculty of Traffic and Transport Sciences presented the development of ergonomics at their Faculty. Following the need to continue research started within scientific projects "Cognitive ergonomics in the function of traffic safety increase" and "Eco-impact parameters on infrastructure and transportation systems development", two laboratories were founded in 2013, co-financed by the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences: the Laboratory for Applied Ergonomics in Traffic and Transport and the Laboratory for Aircraft Emissions. About 13 percent of all CES members are researchers from the Faculty of Traffic and Transport Sciences.

Throughout the Conference events, as the extent of this promotion, it has been agreed to establish support, cooperation and co-organization between CES and the allied societies for an upcoming International Ergonomics Conference ERGONOMICS 2016, whose members participated in this Conference. After the formal part of the Conference, the participants were invited to enjoy a delicious banquet, and an informal gathering.

In conclusion, the Conference offered the opportunity to demonstrate the scientific and professional interests, the potential for cooperation and promotion of ergonomics, and to encourage stronger interconnections between science and business. Moreover, a stronger and more supportive IEA connection has been established, as a rewarding benefit. Finally, the Conference provided a good opportunity for new contacts, new experiences and new friendships.

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