Subscribe Past Issues HFESNZ **Human Factors and Ergonomics** Society of New Zealand Hello, <<First Name>>, here is your February HF/E news. MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR Ki ora, Thank you to those members who provided feedback on the Newsletter survey sent out late last year. We had a 34% response rate. Generally most respondents felt the newsletter was about right in length, frequency and material but suggesting some sections be shortened. Generally respondents wanted to see more photos, industry news items, individual and professional profiles. Conferences/training, industry news and special interest groups rated as the most enjoyed sections. It is our aim to meet these needs and to provide you with not only summaries of the committee activities but also to share and grow HFE news in NZ. Our profile member this newsletter is Dr Tahlia Fisher who is also presenting our first 2023 webinar on February 28th, details in the events section. Tahlia also a HFESNZ committee member. If you have HFE news you would like shared please get in touch with us at news@hfesnz.org.nz or directly to Karen at gwandkg@gmail.com Ngā mihi nui Karen Goodfellow, HFESNZ A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR Kia ora koutou, A lot has happened since our last newsletter, both within the Society and throughout the country with the tragic weather events across the North Island. I hope all our members are coping ok; if you have been affected by these events and there is anything the HFESNZ committee can do to assist you, please get in touch. On 16 November 2022 we held a one-day conference at Massey Design School in Wellington, which was our first proper in-person gathering in three years due to pandemic restrictions. It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new people – including many of you who I had previously only seen on a computer screen! We had an opening talk from Daniel Hummerdal, followed by a panel discussion on the future of human factors in Aotearoa New Zealand led by Hamish Mackie and including Daniel, Nicola Green, Tiffany Jenkins and Dave Moore. Health Ltd), Health and Safety and it kind of profile and has the greatest chance The rest of the day included some especially impressive student talks and updates from our special interest groups, including our Chair-elect, Steve Kolose, musing on the similarities and differences between "MIG" (musculoskeletal interest group) and STIG (from Top Gear). Discussion: Key questions for MIG stephven.kolose@worksafe.qovt.nz We're now looking ahead to our next big event: our long-awaited conference in Arrowtown, Central Otago, 5-7 July 2023. More info later in this newsletter. We are also looking for more case studies to highlight in future newsletters. If you're working in industry, we would love to hear about how you are applying HFE in your work. Send an email to me (chair@hfesnz.org.nz) and/or Karen gwandkg@gmail.com or to (newsletter@hfesnz.org.nz) and let us know what you're up to **SOCIETY AWARD 2022** At our 2022 conference day, Dave Moore was presented with an HFESNZ award 'For several decades of commitment, mentorship and leadership in human factors and ergonomics in New Zealand and internationally' Marion Edwin and David Tappin, who nominated Dave for the award (years ago – we had to wait a long time for the opportunity to present this in person!) spoke about Dave's history with the Society. Dave first joined the NZ Ergonomics Society in 1991 and gained Certified Professional Member status in 1998, which he still holds. He has been the Society President and Newsletter Editor on multiple occasions, had an extended period as Secretary and general committee member, and served on the organising committee of at least five society conferences. He has also served as our IEA representative and was a member and later convenor of the Board for Certification of NZ Ergonomists for several years. In 2008 he completed a PhD supervised by Professor Tony Vitalis and Tim Bentley, to understand quadbike accidents which was key to improved awareness of usability and design issues with these commonly used farm vehicles. He worked at various times as a teacher and practitioner of ergonomics, most recently at WorkSafe. He's now headed off into "retirement" which we assume will involve a lot of time at the beach. All the best, Dave! Ngā mihi nui, Vanessa Beanland **IN THIS ISSUE:** HFESNZ WorkForce Development Project Message from Editor A Word from Our Chair Special Interest Group **Events and Courses Expression of Interest General News** Membership Update Links to follow us on social media Conference 2023 Professional Affairs Board Update **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST New HFESNZ Committee members** The next HFESNZ AGM will be held in June 2023. At that time, we will be seeking nominations for new committee members in the following roles: Chair General committee member HASANZ Representative • PAB convenor (must be a certified professional member with recent PAB experience) • PAB assessors (must be certified or associate professional member) Formal nomination paperwork will be prepared soon, but in the meantime if you are interested in joining committee please get in touch! Email chair@hfesnz.org.nz Karl will be stepping down from the both the Treasurer and the HASANZ representative roles and has put together an outline of both the roles so those interested can have a better idea of what is involved. This is great way to become more involved in our small team on the committee and to further support the wider membership with representing HFE. Treasurer role: Ideal skills – you do not need to be good at math. You probably need to be reasonably competent to administer a bank account (for unlocking approvers as and when required) Personal benefits – you get involved in society matters. You become a key member of the committee. Financial control could look good on your CV Overseeing the financial control of the society. • Advise the committee of the society balance as and when required. • Asking (people like our Admin, Carole) if anything seems out of place. Providing support (or not) for any financial questions. Reviewing finances and expenditure reports provided before each committee meeting Managing the society bank account, including approving payments (loaded by Admin), and helping to unlock any other approvers who have inadvertently got locked out due to incorrect password entry. • Help support financial decision-making over society projects, e.g., website update, conference planning etc. Full handover will be provided **HASANZ Competency Committee Representative:** Ideal skills – you should be reasonably aware of the breadth of HFE, be willing to listen to others' views and work collaboratively. Personal benefits – get to network with other member societies of HASANZ (https://www.hasanz.org.nz/our-members/) • Represent the HFESNZ at Competency Committee Meetings • Attend at least two meetings per year face to face or online (flights and accommodation paid for) Follow up on any actions imposed on the HFESNZ by liaising with the HFESNZ committee. • Be prepared to diplomatically defend the interests of the HFESNZ at competency committee meetings – this can be done by advising "you need to go back to the committee" before you can comment if you think you need to discuss with others before deciding. • Meetings are held in February and July- February is online, and July often face-to-face. However, people have attended online for that too. • Other delegates work full-time and often juggle their workload with their employer to make time for the meetings. Full handover will be provided MEMBERSHIP UPDATE We have welcomed two new members to the Society since our last newsletter. Dr Barnaby Pace David McBrice We are coming up to our annual membership renewal. Please keep an eye out on your inboxes for the invoice and if they could be paid on a timely basis. If you do not receive your invoice, please email admin@hfesnz.org.nz and we can organise a copy to be sent. **CONFERENCE 2023 HFESNZ FANCY A WINTER HFESNZ Conference Arrowtown, July 5 - 7, 2023** CONFERENCE **GETAWAY IN NEW** Welcome event 5th at 5pm Conference 6th - 7th ZEALAND'S SOUTH Abstracts (400-word limit) close April 6th ISLAND? Join us in Arrowtown as we celebrate the importance of 'service' to HÆ. What is service to you? How has your HÆ work served to improve the lives of others? We would love to learn more. Calls for abstracts are now open!
If you have any queries about the conference, or want to submit an abstract, please contact our conference team on conference2023@hfesnz.org.nz. We look forward to seeing you in July! PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD UPDATE The remaining 2023 PAB assessment dates are: 6th June and 3rd October. Please note that those applying must send all material to the Convenor at least 3 weeks ahead of the named dates to give the assessors time to read the material before the meeting. The HFESNZ encourages all qualified HFE practitioners to work towards Professional Membership and to contact the Convenor at profmember@hfesnz.org.nz for more information. Thank-you to those professional members who completed the PAB questionnaire on 'Changes to the membership criteria" in November 2022. The majority of respondents were in agreement with the proposed changes, and some excellent input was provided on how to further improve the criteria. This input will be used to develop a "Proposed Plan for Changes to Membership criteria" which will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting for final approval. The final plan of changes will be presented at the 2023 AGM." Ngā mihi nui Rachael HFESNZ WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE Workstream 2 – Education (Liz Ashby and Fiona Trevelyan – Leaders) Workstream 2 members are delighted that the Human Factors and Ergonomics postgraduate programme was successfully accredited by the CIEHF in November 2022. It is now being advertised on the CIEHF website and we have been given permission to use the CIEHF logo on course marketing materials. Occupational Ergonomics (RHAB801) is running in Semester 1, 2023 with a greater number of enquiries received than in previous years. An education hui is being held for academics involved in the programme on Friday 24th March where key topics critical to the long-term success of the programme will be discussed. These include building connections between academics; enhancing cohesion and consistency of HFE content across courses; supporting students on the programme and developing links with the HFESNZ. **ACCREDITED** Qualifying Degree Course Chartered Institute of Ergonomics & Human Factors Workstream 4 - Stakeholder Knowledge and Job creation (Rachael Gordon – Leader) "The "Introduction to Human Factors and Ergonomics" video has been completed and has been uploaded onto the HFESNZ website. Thank you to everyone for their input. We are currently planning to launch the video with the support of HASANZ and utilising professional networks. We will be looking for feedback from viewers on the types information that they would be interested in, following-on from the video. https://hfesnz.org.nz/about-us/what-is-human-factors-and-ergonomics-hfe/ SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS Healthcare (Karen Goodfellow, Fiona Trevelyan) Our proposed dates for the Healthcare webinars are as follows: Wednesday 19th April - **Alex Payne PhD I** Product Development Engineer Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Wednesday 14th June- TBC as we may cover in Conference Programme Wednesday 20th September-TBC We also welcome Katie to our small HC team. Katie Buckley (CPSP) Senior Advisor Human Factors/Ergonomics (HFE) **Health and Technical Services** Below are two links to two free webinars presented by Chartered Institute of Ergonomics Human Factors (CIEHF) back in December that may be of interest. They are each about one to one and half hours long. The second webinar is part of a collaboration with the Israeli Human Factors Ergonomics Association (IHFEA). 7 December 2022 **The Future of Healthcare Investigation** This free webinar explores what the future looks like for this critical area of human factors investigation. **13 December 2022 Designing for Healthcare** In this collaborative webinar, we look at the impact of human factors in the design and use of a range of medical devices. Below is a link to an up coming webinar again from the CIEHF which is free to register for. 1 March 2023 International Perspectives in Healthcare If you're interested in joining the group please contact Karen Goodfellow (gwandkg@gmail.com) or Fiona Trevelyan (fiona.trevelyan@aut.ac.nz). **EVENTS AND COURSES** Webinar **Human Factors in Transport Accident Investigation** 28th February 7.30pm Link to register for the webinar with Zoom **Dr Tahlia Fisher** Tahlia Fisher is the Senior Advisor Human Factors for the Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC). Her role encompasses aviation, rail, and marine transport, with the primary responsibility of providing human factors expertise and analysis to support the Commission in determining the circumstances and causes of transport accidents. Previous to this, Tahlia was employed as a Senior Safety Specialist at Air New Zealand for 15 years. Over this time, she led numerous flight safety investigations and contributed to the ongoing development and promotion of the airline's safety management system. Tahlia graduated in 2001 from Massey University with a Batchelor of Aviation and worked as a flying instructor before pursuing a career as a safety investigator. Her particular area of interest is organisational and social psychology, and in 2016 Tahlia completed her doctoral thesis which explored communication barriers between airline pilots and maintenance engineers. **GENERAL NEWS Member news- Sarita Dara** Senior Medical Officer, Aviation Medicine, Civil Aviation Authority of NZ and Space Medicine and Human Factors Consultant and Occupational Medicine Physician with Humane Factors Exponential Limited. Sarita has been invited to the HF conference in Langkawi, Malaysia as a Plenary speaker (about lessons from aerospace HF that can help improve healthcare systems and patient safety). The conference organizers have requested that the link is shared with other HF societies and would like to invite submissions and participation. Last date of abstract submission is 1 March 2023 but may be extended for some more days. Weblink for conference registration etc. https://hfemc2023.org. **CIEHF 'Think'** The November to February issues of CIEHF's Think have been released. They feature articles on using human factors to understand crowd behaviour in the wake of the Halloween crowd crush in Seoul, how the NHS are engaging human factors experts to plan new hospitals, the safety of having buttons rather than touchscreen controls in cars, and a study on how upper body exo-skeletons could reduce injuries in overhead work. Find all the articles from the latest editions here **CLASSIFIEDS** Currently there are no classifieds. Visit us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and our website! Facebook LinkedIn HFESNZ Copyright © 2023 HFESNZ, All rights reserved. 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