

New Year Message of the Year of Snake (Little Dragon)

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Dear IEA members, colleagues, and friends,

Today is the New Year's Day of the Chinese Year of Snake which has a nickname of "Little Dragon". Traditionally, we greet and congratulate to friends for the Chinese Lunar New Year with all kind of good words relate to the zodiac animal of the year. In Chinese culture, snake is not necessarily represents evil, it also symbolizes quickness, flexibility, dexterity, and smoothness. Therefore, I would convey my best wishes to you and wish you a smooth Year of the Little Dragon, 2013.



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New Year's Day is also the time for evaluating the performance of the past year and setting up the plan for the new year. While looking back, I found it has been almost one year since we had the Council meeting in Recife, Brazil. For the past year, although some of the executive activities had been done as I mentioned in my newsletter of December 24, 2012, the development of the executive team and the associated activities were slower than I planned. Therefore, for the work plan in the year of little dragon, we have to be accelerating and plan to add at least two new EC members by next EC meeting scheduled on April 12 and 13 in Cambridge, UK, prior to the conference of Ergonomics and Human Factors 2013.

It is also our goal to enhance and encourage communications among IEA member societies, partner societies, governmental bodies, and other stakeholders by turning the IEA President's Newsletter into IEA public newsletter for more interactions among ergonomics community. We believe that communicating with others makes people know each other better and becomes more knowledgeable. We welcome any news articles, from our member societies and our partners, that are to share with the other colleagues worldwide. Please submit your articles to Margo Fraser, the Vice President and Secretary General, at vpsg@iea.cc.

IEA is a big family that consists of you and me and needs everybody's care to ensure its success and sustainability. We look forward and appreciate your support and suggestions. Let us work together for promoting ergonomics. Again, I wish you have a prosperous year of little dragon!



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