

TECHNICAL GROUPS, cont.

A panel of seven judges selected the winning products based on their design (functional obviousness, ease of operation, and creativity) and the user research methodology involved during concept development, design, and evaluation. The contrasting nature of the winning products shows that human factors/ergonomics principles and research can be universally applied.



Karen Piegorsch

In accepting the award, Synergo Director Karen Piegorsch thanked partners Oxlajuj B'atz', Mayan Hands, and Maya Traditions, who teamed with her to make the project possible. Microsoft user researcher Hugh McLoone accepted the award for Microsoft and its research partners: 56seven8 design; the University of California, Berkeley; and the University of Washington. Piegorsch and McLoone each presented a paper about the winning product and its development at a well-attended special PDTG session.

Thanks go to PDTG members Steven Belz, Richard Buttiglieri, Jay Pollack, Elizabeth Mauer, Bryce Rutter, Brian Stonecipher, and William Vigilante for their diligence in evaluating all the nominated products. ☒



Hugh McLoone

STANDARDS

DoD HFE TAG Seeks Liaison

By Arnie Lund, HFES Standards Domain Leader

The Department of Defense Human Factors Engineering Technical Advisory Group (DoD HFE TAG) is seeking candidates for HFES liaison. The primary responsibility of the liaison is to facilitate the mutual sharing of information between the Society and DoD HFE TAG members.

The DoD HFE TAG is composed of representatives from each of the three primary branches of the U.S. DoD (Army, Navy, and Air Force), plus NASA and the FAA. These representatives are engaged in their respective organizations' human factors/ergonomics (HF/E) and human factors engineering-related activities. One of the primary objectives of the DoD HFE TAG is to allow the exchange of related concepts and ideas for utilization in the research, design, development, manufacturing, and deployment of the large variety of equipment and systems for which these organizations are responsible.

The liaison is expected to attend all semiannual meetings of the DoD HFE TAG. As an intermediary for a professional society, the HFES liaison automatically becomes a member of the Technical Society/Industry (TS/I) Sub-TAG, which always meets in conjunction with the DoD HFE TAG. In this forum, the liaison will be asked to provide input and information relative to activities

and actions of HFES. The liaison may also be asked to make presentations at Sub-TAG meetings (particularly the Human Factors Standardization Sub-TAG), or even the Plenary Session, on particular areas of HFES activities.

The HFES liaison to the DoD HFE TAG is also required to report pertinent activities of the TAG back to the HFES Executive Council and the HFES Institute. The liaison will submit these reports through the structure of HFES, utilizing the report formats developed by the Executive Council and staff.

Those interested in being considered should contact me at arnie.lund@microsoft.com. ☒

CALLS FOR PAPERS

BRIMS 2008

The Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation (BRIMS) Executive Committee invites submissions for its 17th Annual Conference, to be held April 14–17, 2008, at the Westin Providence in Providence, Rhode Island. BRIMS 2008 will be co-located with the Simulation Interoperability Workshop and in affiliation with the Simulation Interoperability Standards Organization and the Institute for Simulation and Training.

Proposals for papers, posters, demonstrations, symposia, panel, and tutorials are welcome. The deadline for submissions is **January 25, 2008**. Visit the BRIMS Web site (<http://www.sisostds.org/>) for submission guidelines. Questions regarding the conference and submissions should be directed to Pat Burgess, pburgess@ist.ucf.edu, 407/882-1372).

North American Congress on Biomechanics

The North American Congress on Biomechanics (NACOB 2008), a joint meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics and Canadian Society for Biomechanics, invites paper submissions on a broad range of biomechanics topics. The conference will be held August 5–9, 2008, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

Online submission will open **February 1, 2008**, and the deadline for abstract submission is **March 1, 2008**. Submit abstracts electronically at <http://www.abstracts.nacob2008.org/>. For more information about the meeting, go to <http://www.nacob2008.org/>. ☒

CALENDAR

Items are published according to space availability. The full Event Calendar is available at <http://hfes.org>.

★ **48th Israel Annual Conference on Aerospace Sciences**, February 27–28, 2008, Tel-Aviv and Haifa, Israel, <http://www.aeroconf.org.il/>.

Work, Stress, and Health 2008: Healthy and Safe Work Through Research, Practice, and Partnerships, March 6–8, 2008, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. American Psychological Association, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Society for Occupational Health Psychology, <http://www.apa.org/pi/work/wsh.html>.

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