Message from the Chair

I am thrilled to announce the completion of Phase I of the website update. This phase involved creating an entirely new site on the HFES server at http://edtg.hfes.org. Spring Hull, our webmaster, did a great job with this task—which even included usability testing! Now that a basic site is in place, the next phase will involve improving the visual design, adding content and reorganizing it to best serve current and future EDTG members.

Coincidentally, on the survey conducted at the TG business meeting last fall, the comment "Do something great with the website" was one suggestion in response to a question on increasing membership. So maybe this confirms that we are on the right track. The results from the rest of the survey are summarized below:

1. As a member, what do you want from the EDTG?
   - More information about relevance to other areas
   - What other members are doing
   - Networking
   - Remind HFES about important part of field
   - Advocate for usability analysis of building de-

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**Calendar**

**TFM Show,** April 10-12, 2006; Navy Pier, Chicago, IL, USA; for more information, please visit [http://www.tfmshow.com](http://www.tfmshow.com).

**Environmental Design Research Association’s 37th annual meeting,** EDRA37, May 2-7, 2006, Atlanta, GA, USA; Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel at Colony Square; please visit [http://www.edra.org](http://www.edra.org) for more information.

**New Ways of Working Network symposium—by invitation only,** May 31-June 2; San Jose, CA, USA; please contact joe.ouye@sbcglobal.net or CandCInc@aol.com.

**American Institute of Architects (AIA) annual convention,** June 8-10, 2006, Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, Los Angeles, CA, USA; please visit [http://www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org) for more information.

**Human Factors and Ergonomics Society 50th annual meeting,** October 16-20, 2006; San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, CA, USA; for more information, please visit info@hfes.org; [http://hfes.org/Meetings/06annualmeeting.html](http://hfes.org/Meetings/06annualmeeting.html).


Please send your group’s future plans so that we can include them in this calendar of upcoming events!
The following graphs are based on a convenience sample of 416 “young” and 407 “old” employees from approximately 10 corporations in the United States, including both public and private firms. Mean ages were 29.5 and 47.4, respectively. The “youngest” and “oldest” quarter of employees included 241 and 238 participants, with mean ages of 26.3 and 51.6, respectively.

In our last column, we argued that younger & older workers are actually quite similar along many of the dimensions on which they’re assumed to differ. However, these graphs provide evidence that younger employees work together more than do their older counterparts (except for those in enclosed offices), thus supporting the notion that collaboration may be associated with openness and play a more important role in office environments in the future. (We trust this is not a provocative claim, but if so, feel free to offer necessary critiques.)

“...younger employees work together more than do their older counterparts...”

“...collaboration may... play a more important role in corporate office environments in the future.”
2. What would you like to see in future EDTG program at HFES?
   • Special sessions [Anyone care to volunteer more details?]
   • Practitioner-oriented papers
   • Tour related to Environmental Design
   • Speaker at business meeting

3. What are your environmental design areas of research and/or interest?
   • Design for public places
   • Design for special populations (cultures, children, disabled)
   • Physical built area within patient care and healthcare facility design
   • Topics related to manufacturing companies
   • Occupancy research
   • Architectural design and color psychology impact

4. What organizations and/or people do you think the EDTG should be involved with?
   • EDRA - Environmental Design Research Association
   • HFES Healthcare TG
   • HFES Macroergonomics TG
   • AIA - The American Institute of Architects
   • ASID - American Society of Interior Designers

5. Any suggestions on how to increase membership in the EDTG?
   • Increase awareness about what ED is and how it links to other areas
   • General interest speaker with “Wow” factor at conference
   • Flyers at conference announcing TG business meeting and explaining ED
   • Bring in the history of the TG
   • Do something great with the website

Feel free to contact me with comments on this column or anything related to the TG.
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