Greetings EDTG members and friends,

I hope this edition finds you all well. We are happy to announce the election of two new officers for the 2014-2016 term. In addition, we would like to invite you to our speaker’s series being held at this year’s annual meeting (see pages 2 & 3 for more).

We also hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of beautiful San Diego (see page 4 for suggestions).

As always we strive to bring you informative and interesting articles and announcements about environmental design. If you have suggestions for articles or announcements that you would like to see included in the newsletter, on the website or linked in group, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [ephillips@knights.ucf.edu; clive.d souza@gmail.com].

Similarly, if you have suggestions for content you would like to see more (or less) of, please let us know.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Phillips

Welcome our new officers for 2014-2016!

The EDTG is delighted to announce the election of our new officers, Karen Jacobs and Peter Vink.

Please help us welcome our new officers by attending the EDTG business meeting on Wednesday October 2nd at 3:45pm in which Peter will be giving a lecture on the impact of environmental design in our everyday lives.

Karen Jacobs EDTG Chair

Peter Vink EDTG Program Chair
Environmental Design/Macro Ergonomics Speakers Series

Please join us for the joint Environmental Design/Macro Ergonomics speakers series at the 2013 HFES Annual Meeting. Presentations will be held during the EDTG/METG business meeting.

Wednesday, October 2nd 2013
3:45pm

“Some thoughts about Human Factors/Ergonomics and Sustainable Development”

In a great number of books, essays and articles he discussed concepts for the development of work and organisations and impacts on the quality of work.

He is member in numerous national and international committees and on the Editorial Board of several journals.

1994-2001 he was on the board of the German Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (GfA), 1997-1999 as President and 1999-2001 as Past-President.

1995-2000 and 2004-2009 he was a member of the Council, 2000-2003 a member of the Executive Committee and 2009-2012 Vice President of the International Ergonomics Association (IEA). He received the IEA Fellow Award in 2000, the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) 2006 Distinguished International Colleague Award and in 2009 the IEA “Ergonomics Development Award.”

Professor Dr. Klaus J. Zink

Klaus J. Zink is scientific director of the “Institute for Technology and Work” at the University of Kaiserslautern.
“The Impact of Environmental Design is larger than we think.”

- After Walking in Nature, our cortisol and blood pressure registers lower and we also feel less stress.
- Views of nature help us recover faster and reduces painkillers medication intake.
- Adding white light during the day makes us sleep better at night.
- Plants in the office increase productivity by 2-3%.
- An environment encouraging correct posture results in productivity increases by 4-5%.
- A meeting at a standing table is 34% shorter with the same outcome.

Professor Dr. Peter Vink

Peter Vink is a professor of Industrial Design Engineering at the Delft University of Technology and winner of the 2011 Hal W. Hendrick Award for outstanding contributions to the HF/E Field.
The EDTG will be hosting 3 sessions at this year’s Annual Meeting. Please join us for engaging presentations covering a wide area of interests in Environmental Design.

**Environmental Design with Special Populations:** Tuesday, October 1 from 12:30-15:00.
- Classroom design and student engagement.
- Characterization of pulling forces exerted by primary school children while carrying trolley bags.
- Research tools to learn about the needs of children with autism.
- Design competition as pedagogical tool to teach concepts of universal design in India.

**Environmental Design: Personal—Environment Interactions:**
Wednesday, October 2 from 10:30-12:00.
- A pilot study investigating the impact of indoor wall construction on performance during long monotonous work.
- Ship engine room design: Analysis of current human factors & ergonomics regulations and future directions.
- Space planning for multitouch workspaces: Preliminary analysis considering screen angle and scenarios of use.
- An observational study on usability issues in Mumbai local trains.

**Environmental Design: Potpourri:** Thursday, October 3 from 10:30-12:00.
- Benefits of a proactive office ergonomics program.
- People, places, and potentialities in design research tools to examine challenges in behind-the-counter work.
- Sustainable and user-centered: Applying human factors solutions towards improving the effectiveness of “Green”.
- Observing the urban space: A protocol to analyse street furniture in public squares.

**Join us at the Joint Business Meeting**
Again this year the EDTG will be hosting the Annual Business meeting in partnership with our friends in the Macro Ergonomics TG. Please join us Wednesday October 2nd at 3:45pm for the meeting.

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10 Fun and (mostly) Free things to do in San Diego

1. Visit La Jolla Cove to see the sunset.
2. Visit downtown’s Seaport Village for leisurely strolling and shopping.
3. Stroll through the historic Gaslamp Quarter.
4. Enjoy a free concert at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.
5. Explore San Diego’s history at Old Town.
6. Experience the natural beauty of the desert at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.
7. Explore the tide pools in Point Loma.
8. Take a trip to the Mu-seum of Contemporary Art San Diego.
9. Bike, skate, or walk down the mission beach boardwalk, a scenic 3-mile boardwalk down mission and pacific beaches.
10. Stargaze outside the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The 1st Wednesday of every month the San Diego Astronomy Association sets up telescopes to offer great views of the stars to the public.

While in San Diego this year, why not enjoy the beautiful weather, legendary beaches, and these attractions? Check out these fun things to do in San Diego.

Environmental Design San Diego

The American Planning Association California is holding their annual meeting October 6-9th. This may be a good opportunity to extend your stay to meet and network with professionals in urban and built environment planning.

Presented annually, this statewide conference attracts planning professionals from throughout California and the United States. Ride sharing opportunities are also available. Check out their website for more.

Also, did you know that the San Diego chapter of the American Planning Association supports a built environment education program (BEEP)?

BEEP San Diego is a volunteer organization advocating for school-age youth participation in the built environment. The organization strives to create opportunities for exposing young people to the practice of urban and built environment planning.

For more information, make sure to visit their website.