A warm welcome to long-time and new members of the EDTG (Environmental Design Technical Group),

EDTG is an organization of environmental design professionals and academics and I look forward to working on your behalf for 2013. I am delighted to report that EDTG continues to have a strong membership of 169 consisting of academics, independent researchers, professionals and students.

Many of you attended the HFES 2012 Annual Conference, October 22-26. We had two well attended sessions. (might want to reference Karen’s report on the two sessions) A big “thank you” to Karen Jacobs, Program Chair and all the proposal reviewers and session volunteers. A joint business meeting was held with the Macro Ergonomics Technical Group on Wednesday afternoon. The two groups discussed how to increase our memberships and encourage other TGs to join ours. Possible TG group activities for the coming year include:

- Invite Klaus Zink as featured speaker
- Sponsor Outreach
- 2014 Chicago Meeting meet at the Merchandise Mart –Showroom for Steelcase
- Bring Back Breakfast for the Session Chairs

We closed out the official business meeting and began a dedication was given to Bill Dowell and a formal tribute for Bentzi Karsh. Their contributions to HFES were invaluable and are fondly remembered by friends and family.

During this upcoming year I will be focusing on developing and implementing a strategy to increase membership, sponsor outreach, plan for special events, and invite featured speakers to our future HFES conferences. I look forward to hearing from all of you regarding any thoughts that you might have about our EDTG organization and innovative ideas for events, featured speakers and an EDTG award or scholarship.

Please submit your proposals by February 19, 2013 for the upcoming HFES Annual meeting Sept 30-Oct 4, in sunny San Diego.

Sincerely,
Conne Mara Bazley,
EDTG Chair

A quick search for #Environmental Design turned up the following postings and points of interest.

#Environmental Design

New Environmental Design Film Series Launches on Kickstarter

LOCAL: Make the Switch to a new consciousness for people who don't just "like" or "comment" —they act.
Local: Make the switch

LOCAL is a campaign to produce 25 stories in digital media that promote locally-based alternatives to the global consumer culture. This film project will explore the power of thinking locally and how design can impact the world. The profiled stories are not feel-good tales about recycling incentives and solar gardens. Instead, they revolve around transforming entire communities from the bottom up, through design and through visionary participants. Many of the films will focus on new forms of urbanism with interviews with environmental thought leaders, adding a personal touch to the work profiled.

The film project, co-developed by 5 long-time producers, is the first step in a media site designed to connect those who yearn to participate in creating livable communities and those who are making them happen. “Local” is a buzz word thanks to groups like Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) and the shop local mantra, but economics is just a small part of the lesson being displayed across the US. The movement argues that, we can’t just shop our way to well-being – we need to literally grow, design, and organize holistically for where we live.

LOCAL focuses on community movements and individuals dedicated to creating global change. The producers believe that stories help synthesize these communities into a global network, with people working together to move forward and create the appropriate change in the world. Stories of smart cities, food activism and food security, environmental justice, living communities, transition towns, people living off-the-grid, regenerative design, the turn towards urban agriculture and crises in food and water infrastructure. Community is the solution. The production team has posted their first sample film on Kickstarter to offer a peek at the production quality and inspired content.

“SMALL ACTS, WHEN MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD.”

Article credit: Andrew Michler via Inhabitat.com

Check out the Kickstarter page for more information: http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1168514094/local-make-the-switch-0
Global Site Plans’ (GSP) The Grid puts together the Top 20 International Urban Planning Websites. Those interested in urban planning might want to check out this list of non-profit, for profit, and hobbyist sites dedicated to urban planning and environmental design.
1. Planetizen
2. Sustainable Cities Collective
3. Un-Habitat
4. Project for Public Spaces
5. The American Planning Association
6. Urban Land Institute
7. BLDG BLOG
8. The Big City
9. Cyburbia
10. Next American City
11. The City Fix
12. Streets Blog Network
13. DYI City
14. Planning Resource
15. Human Transit
16. The Canadian Institute for New Urbanism
17. Living Streets
18. Arcosanti
19. Congress for the New Urbanism
20. Rebuilding Place in the Urban Space

More info: http://tinyurl.com/d63zu9v

NSF hosts grant writing workshop

NSF is to host Writing Winning Grants On-line Webinar on March 21, 2013 2-4pm. This webinar is geared for those who wish to submit research proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF). Webinar will cover many application topics including avoiding the most common application pitfalls and navigating NSF Fastlane.

Location: ONLINE Webinar!
Date: 03/21/13
Time: 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM
Cost: $195.00
Type: NSF Grant Development

More info: www.granttrainingcenter.com

Meet Our New Webmaster

Clive D’Souza is a PhD candidate in Human Factors and Ergonomics in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Clive is also a research assistant at the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA Center). His research applies human factors research and analysis methods to the design of the built environment for people with disabilities. In between working on our EDTG website, he is writing up his dissertation research on the interior design and usability of low-floor transit buses for mobility impaired users.

EDTG Gets Web Make-Over!

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TECHNICAL GROUP

The EDTG officers are proud to announce the new TG webmaster, website, and Linked-In group. Over the course of the next few months, we will strive to make these web tools a useful resource for you. If you have any comments, suggestions, or contributions to the website or Linked-In group please feel free to contact us. [clive.dsouza@gmail.com, ephillips@knights.ucf.edu, cbazley@yahoo.com]

http://tg.hfes.org/edtg/
State of ED/ME TG report

Membership & Activities
- Membership
  - Increase membership
  - Encourage HC to join our TG’s
- ED Program Activities & ME Program Activities
  - Invite Klaus Zink as featured speaker
  - Sponsor Outreach
  - 2014 Chicago Meeting meet at the Merchandise Mart - Showroom for Steelcase
  - Bring Back Breakfast for the Session Chairs
- 2013 Paper Submissions and Reviewers

Environmental Design TG
- Balance 3453.06 (1/2012)
- Income 304.00
- Expenses 0.00
- Balance 3757.06 (9/2012)
- Surplus 304.00
- Number of Members
  - 12/2011 164
  - 09/2012 169

Macro-Ergonomics
- Balance 9510.94 (1/2012)
- Income 480.00
- Expenses 0.00
- Balance 9990.94 (9/2012)
- Surplus 480.00
- Number of Members
  - 2011 186
  - 2012 196

Dedication
Bill Dowell
1954 – 2012

Formal Tribute Bentzi Karsh
2013

A Joint Session with ME/ED and HC for 2013 the HFES Meeting

http://www.odam2014.org/

- 17–20 AUGUST 2014
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- 11th International Symposium on Human Factors in Organisational Design and Management (ODAM)
- 46th Annual Nordic Ergonomics Society (NES) Conference
- We are looking forward to welcome you to Copenhagen, Denmark

In case you were unable to attend the joint ED/ME business meeting at HFES 2012, here is some info from the state of the ED/ME TG reports.
JEVP Special Issue: Light and Lighting Design

Inspired by Experiencing Light 2012, an international conference on the effects of light on well-being (http://www.experiencinglight.nl/), we are currently preparing a special issue for the Journal of Environmental Psychology (JEVP) titled 'Light and Lighting Design'. The special issue will bring together a selection of studies in the broad domain of lighting and psychology, encompassing daylight and electric lighting, and covering the relationship between light received at the eye and any behavioral outcome (e.g., affect, perception, cognition, motivation, performance, health)
• or both clinical and non-clinical populations, and any demographic group;
• in any setting (e.g., work, home, school, care and leisure environments).
Manuscript needs to be written in professional English, and bring news to the field. We also ask that authors adhere to APA style. The selection process will be based on double-blind peer review.

Deadline: March 31, 2013.
Correspondence to: el2012@tue.nl
Available at: http://ees.elsevier.com/jevp/.

EID Special Issue: Global Warming

EID is planning a special issue on human factors/ergonomics solutions to global warming and climate change. EID is soliciting article contributions to this special issue on any topic related to how human factors/ergonomics principles and practices have been applied, or are being applied, in efforts to address global warming and climate change. Articles should show how critical the science of human factors was for the project or research, provide useful information to practitioners, and show how the results of the project or research addresses the problem of global warming and climate change. The special issue will highlight the wide range of areas in which HF/E specialists have contributed knowledge and expertise to include design of the new technology, such as smart homes and green buildings; design of tasks, as well as the jobs and systems needed to implement and expand the new technology.

Deadline: April 8, 2013.
Correspondence to: knemire@yahoo.com
Available at: http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/