Chair’s Corner

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Once again we find ourselves on the cusp of the annual meeting this time held in the Birthplace of America. While I am very hopeful to see everyone there, I also believe it is a great opportunity to examine the past and future of the Human Factors discipline. Why not draw inspiration from your investigations of Philadelphia to also survey this year’s program.

As you might explore America’s past with its challenges and successes, also explore HF’s past by attending sessions such as the Past President’s Forum. While you search for a trendy new restaurant that might offer a different fare than you are accustomed to, why not explore a different sub-discipline. If you are a city explorer who enjoys wandering on a quest to discover something unique, try popping into a few random sessions and possibly discover a new interest. If you enjoy being the tour guide, how about guiding some students by mentoring. Or, maybe you call Philadelphia home, and much in the same way, I hope that all of you will have the opportunity to attend the ETG sessions and the business meeting as your TG home.

Hope to see you there!

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Movies, Media... Learning Spaces

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Usability, Assessment, ...Future

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Cross Training

Connecting Students with Human Factors Fellows

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Hello Student Members,

One of our goals as president and president elect is to engage student members in Society activities and projects of interest.

One specific goal at this time is for students to have closer links to our Fellows and, at the very least, learn about their contributions. To achieve this, we are looking for students who would like to get involved with HFES and work as a team to update our Fellows page on the HFES website. See https://hfes.org/ContentCMS/ContentPages/?Id=D31zLO519Os=

The project includes designing the Fellows profile form to collect Fellows’ summaries and contributions on video. The goal is to have 10% of the video taped Fellows profiles completed before the 2018 Annual Meeting and the remaining 90% by the 2019 Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in being part of this team, send an email to Fellows profile Update Task Force Chair Ron Shapiro (DrRonShapiro1981@SigmaXi.Net). Indicate if you’d like to work on design and implementation or conducting Fellows interviews and serving a liaison. Include a brief description of your background (school, prior leadership experience, etc.). Thank you for your support!

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