ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The deadline for proposals for the HFES 2014 International Annual Meeting has been extended to Monday, March 10, 2014! Submit your VETG proposals ASAP!
- We are hosting a contest for designing a new VETG logo and would love your submissions.
- We have elected some new VETG officers for 2014-2016. (See page 3.)
- If you haven’t already, please check out the new VETG website: http://tg.hfes.org/vetg/
- Follow us at our new Twitter account: @HFES_VETG
- We are always seeking content for the newsletter! Please email becca.kennedy92@gmail.com if you have content to share!

VETG Logo Contest

The VETG needs a new logo, and that means we need your design submissions! The logo will appear on our website, Twitter, and other publications. Why not take this opportunity to flex your creative muscles and build your design portfolio?

Requirements: An EPS vector file is preferred, but not necessary. If creating a raster format logo, please submit a large (minimum width 800px), high-quality, transparent PNG or TIFF (PSDs also welcome).

Please email Katelyn Procci (kprocci@knights.ucf.edu) if you have any questions or to make your submission(s). Logo submissions are due by March 31st at the latest!
Dear Colleagues:

Greetings to all! The 2013 HFES Annual Meeting was a great success for VETG. As many of you many know, VETG is growing through great transformation and we are very excited for 2014 HFES annual Conference. As part of our revitalization efforts, we have drafted a mission and vision for the group in Fall of 2013 that was approved by the officers. I also wanted to take this opportunity to invite you all to submit your entries for VETG Logo Competition (see Page 1 for details).

We have also planned a great list of activities for the annual conference including “Me and My VETG Session,” “Town Hall Meeting,” and the “Best Student Paper” competition. The deadline for submitting the abstracts has been extended to Mar 10, 2014 and we hope that you would consider submitting your work to VETG session this year.

Hope to see you at Chicago and have a wonderful Year!

Sincerely.

Hari Thiruvengada

HFES VETG President
Letter from the Editor

Becca Kennedy

Hi everyone! My name is Becca Kennedy and I am happy to introduce myself as the 2014-2016 editor for the VETG Newsletter. I am a doctoral candidate in the Human Factors Psychology PhD program at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. My research involves the design and use of simulations and virtual environments for training in healthcare. I am also passionate about improving people’s lives through user experience (UX) research and design.

I am looking forward to collaborating with the other officers to bring news and updates to VETG members. We aim to keep you informed through outlets like our website, Twitter account, and this newsletter.

I encourage you to email me with suggestions for newsletter content (becca.kennedy92@gmail.com). We would love to include announcements, news stories, write-ups of research, or opinion papers. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Annual VETG Meeting and Networking Reception

At the 2013 International Annual Meeting of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society in San Diego, the Virtual Environments Technical Group meeting was held on Tuesday, October 1st. The meeting was attended by several old and new members.

Old business that was discussed included the VETG Best Student Paper award and the rollout of the new VETG website. Attendees also discussed the future of the technical group, including how to increase both membership and HFES Annual Meeting submissions. We also took nominations for new officers and conducted a random drawing to give away an iPad mini. After official group business was completed, there was plenty of time for networking with fellow VETG members.

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting! Also, congratulations to the newly-elected 2014-2016 VETG officers:

- Program Chair Elect — Alex Proaps
- Newsletter Editor — Becca Kennedy
- Webmaster — Katelyn Procci
- Communications Officer — Fleet Davis

Hari Thiruvengada gives Becca Kennedy an iPad mini.
HFES 2013:
Me and My VE 2
Demonstrations

As an alternative, interactive session format, *Me and My VE* gives researchers the opportunity to share their serious games and simulations at the HFES annual meeting. This is the second year for *Me and My VE*, and the session continued to be well-liked.

Below is a list of session participants. If you missed the session, be sure to check out the VETG website (http://tg.hfes.org/vetg/) for more pictures and videos of the demonstrations!

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On the Calendar

HFES Events:

2014 International Symposium on Human Factors and Ergonomics in Health Care: Leading the Way
Chicago, IL — March 16-19, 2013

2014 International Annual Meeting of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Chicago, IL — October 27-31, 2014

Other Events:

The Seventh International Conference on Advances in Computer-Human Interaction
Barcelona, Spain — March 23-27, 2014

IEEE Virtual Reality 2014
Minneapolis, Minnesota — March 29-April 2, 2014

Toronto, ON, Canada — April 26-May 1, 2014

2014 IEEE International Conference on CIVEMSA (Computational Intelligence and Virtual Environments for Measurement Systems and Applications)
Ottawa, ON, Canada — July 15-17, 2014

5th International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics (AHFE 2014)
Krakow, Poland — July 19-23, 2014

The VETG Needs You!

To submit information for the next VETG newsletter, please contact Becca (becca.kennedy92@gmail.com)!

- Announce conferences or events
- Discuss your research with virtual environments, simulations, or serious games
- Share your opinions and viewpoints to spark discussion