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**INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR ENTRIES FOR THE IEA/LIBERTY MUTUAL MEDAL**

**MADISON, WI, January 29, 2008** – The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) announced today that entries for the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal would be accepted beginning immediately, with a deadline of May 31, 2008. The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal recognizes outstanding original research leading to the reduction of work-related injuries and/or to the advancement of theory, understanding, and development of occupational safety research. In a 2005 report, the International Labor Organization estimates that the global workforce of 2.8 billion persons suffers some 270 million serious non-fatal injuries annually.<sup>1</sup>

The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal carries significant recognition, with one application being selected worldwide. The medal has been restructured in 2008, replacing the previous IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal. The new Medal will be awarded annually to the author of an original paper that meets criteria for innovation and impact. This is the most prestigious award of its kind in the field of occupational ergonomics and safety and it carries a stipend of \$10,000. The winner's work will be presented at the IEA's Council meeting being held this summer in Reykjavík, Iceland.

Participants must submit a letter of application detailing a summary of the research methodology and the anticipated contribution to occupational safety together with a research paper that meets the following criteria:

- Original work, containing non-proprietary data, describing laboratory, field, or intervention research
- Be unpublished at the time of submission (submitted for publication is allowed)
- Be thirty pages or less, single-spaced using point size 12 with 1 inch margins

Papers should describe the aims of the research, the study methodology, results and discuss its implications for risk reduction. Additionally, it should indicate the contributions of the research to theory, i.e., how the work has advanced the understanding of the causes of accidents and/or ability to mitigate occupational injuries or disability

Applications will be accepted after today. The deadline for all submissions is May 31, 2008. An international review committee, established by the IEA, will select the winning contribution. Persons wishing to be considered for the 2008 prize should submit an application to the IEA Awards Committee Chair at the following address:

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<sup>1</sup> [Decent work – Safe work, Introductory report to the XVIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, 2005](#). International Labor Organization.

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Applicants will be notified of the results by mid-July. Announcement of the award winner will be made public on August 31, 2008.

Past recipients of the IEA/Liberty Mutual Prize and Medal have included:

**Mutual Prize In Ergonomics And Occupational Safety:**

- 1998: Andrew Imada, USA
- 1999: Shirley Ann Gibbs, Australia.
- 2000: Peter J. McAlindon
- 2001: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2002: H. Hsiao, B Bradtmiller & J. Whitestone
- 2003: William S. Marras, Sue A. Ferguson, Deborah Burr, Kermit G. Davis and Purnendu Gupta
- 2004: David DeJoy, USA
- 2006: D.M. Rempel, N. Krause, R. Goldberg, D. Benner, M. Hudes, and G.U. Goldner

**The IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal In Ergonomics And Occupational Safety:**

- 2000: Andrew Imada, USA
- 2003: Peter A. Hancock and Selma N. de Ridder
- 2006: D.M. DeJoy

Additional information on the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal can be found at:

[http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=libertymutual\\_prize](http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=libertymutual_prize). For a list of frequently asked questions about the IEA/Liberty Mutual Medal, please visit:

<http://www.iea.cc/browse.php?contID=faq>.

The International Ergonomics Association (IEA) is the federation of ergonomics and human factors societies from around the world. The mission of the IEA is to elaborate and advance ergonomics science and practice, and to improve the quality of life by expanding its scope of application and contribution to society. For more information on the IEA, please visit [www.iea.cc](http://www.iea.cc).

The Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety is an internationally recognized research facility dedicated to advances in scientific knowledge in the areas of occupational injury and disability prevention. Located near Boston, U.S.A., the Institute publishes the results of its research in the peer-reviewed scientific literature. For more information, please visit [www.libertymutualresearch.com](http://www.libertymutualresearch.com)