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President's Message

by Beth Meyer
President



You may find that there is no need to let your mind stay on vacation this summer - we have a lot of things going on for summer break!

Our July meeting, described at right, should be an interesting encounter with an international colleague. While the presentation will deal with accessibility and usability measurement, it will also be interesting to hear about how human factors can make a difference in the people's lives in other cultures.

For those of you who do not yet have a certification from the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics (BCPE), and are interested in obtaining one, please consider the exam preparation workshops that we are planning for August 6 and 13. A fuller description of this event is found on page 3 of this newsletter.

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Slovenian Researcher To Present at July Meeting

On Thursday, July 21, 2005, the Rocky Mountain HFES chapter meeting will host Dr. Matjaž Debevc, a researcher in human-computer interaction from the University of Maribor in Maribor, Slovenia.

Slovenia is generally the most technologically advanced of the former Yugoslav republics, and scientists there are very active in the European research community. Debevc (whose name is pronounced mut-YAHJ de-BEHRTS, incidentally) has been advancing distance education in Slovenia and southern Europe for over a decade. His work has included both international research projects and design of specific distance education programs at the University of Maribor and elsewhere.

In this meeting, Debevc will present a system that he developed to make distance education more effective for deaf students and those with hearing loss, as well as the results of the usability and performance evaluations of the system. This system won an innovation award in 2004 from the Slovenian Fund for Awarding Innovations in the Training, Life and Work of the Disabled.



The meeting will be held in downtown Denver, in room 110 of the King Center at the Auraria Higher Education Center. Parking will be available at the Tivoli lot (a parking map is available at www.ahec.edu/parking/index.htm). The rough schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30 pm Gather for social time
- 6:00 pm Dinner (Finger food, veggies and soft drinks)
- 6:30 pm Chapter business over dinner
- 7:00 pm Program with Matjaž Debevc

Free Simulation Seminars in July

Discover the Power of Simulation and Get a Chance to Win an Apple Ipod!

by Suzi Arnold

Simulation is an innovative approach to making your processes more efficient. Micro Analysis & Design invites you to participate in a free seminar to learn how simulation can benefit you and your organization. Come see how simulation, with Micro Saint Sharp, can provide answers to your questions about how to increase productivity, improve facilities design, maximize worker performance, and many other unique applications!

Register, Attend, Learn & Win!

Join Micro Analysis & Design for a free breakfast, learn powerful solutions about how simulation and modeling using Micro Saint Sharp can help your organization, and get a chance to win an Apple Ipod.

With a computer simulation of your process, you can get the answers to your "what if" questions without the expense of experimentation. What if I want to ensure that customers do not wait more than 20 minutes for service? What if I want to change my manufacturing process? Find the answers quickly for systems of all sizes, shapes, and complexities.

Register: Join us for one of these sessions in the Denver area. To register, simply contact Suzi Arnold at 303.442.6947 x148 (sarnold@maad.com).

Registration deadline is July 7, 2005.

Tuesday, July 19 – Denver
Denver Marriott Tech Center
4900 South Syracuse
Denver, Colorado

Thursday, July 21 – Boulder
Boulder Marriott Courtyard
4710 Pearl East Circle
Boulder, Colorado

Attend: Event registration begins at 8:30 a.m., continental breakfast will be provided. This seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Learn: Learn why simulation is useful, the requirements for building a model, and how Micro Saint Sharp can benefit you and your organization by improving your processes.

Win: By attending the seminar, you will automatically be

entered to win an Apple Ipod! There will be one winner for each event. (Must be present to win.)

Seminar Agenda:

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Overview

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Simulation Seminar

°Why Use Simulation

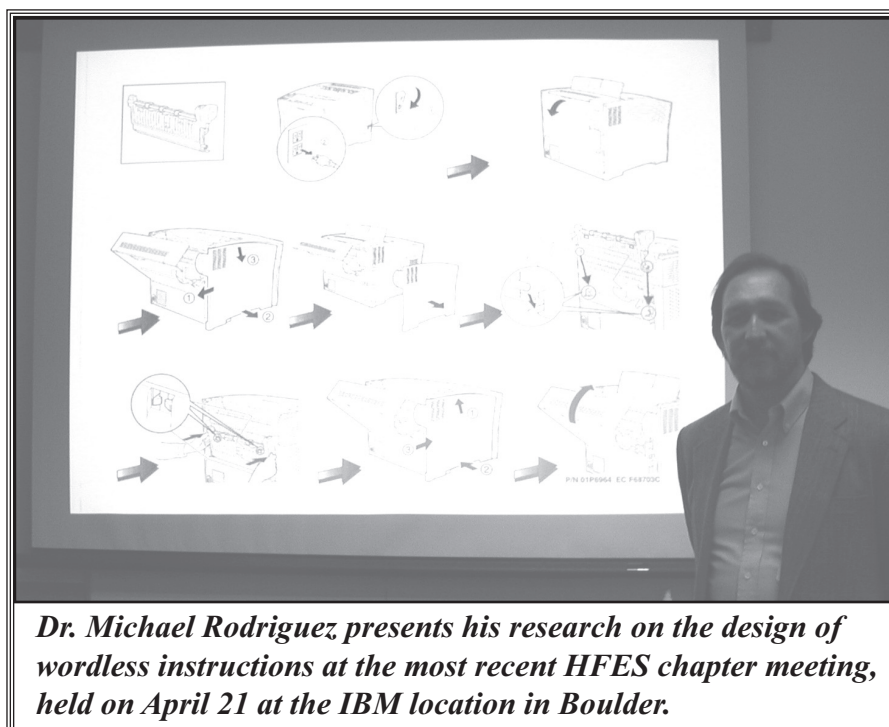
°Simulation Requirements

°Introduction to Micro

Saint Sharp

°Simulation Applications

Seminar seating is limited, so please RSVP today. For more information about Micro Saint Sharp and Micro Analysis & Design, visit our website at www.maad.com. We look forward to seeing you!



Dr. Michael Rodriguez presents his research on the design of wordless instructions at the most recent HFES chapter meeting, held on April 21 at the IBM location in Boulder.

BCPE Exam Preparation Workshop Series Scheduled for Weekends in August

Our chapter is planning a series of two workshops to help local professionals prepare for the BCPE certification exam. If you have been considering taking the exam to obtain your CPE (Certified Professional Ergonomist) or CHFP (Certified Human Factors Professional) certification, this set of workshops is a great opportunity! This workshop was previously held in January of 2004, to the benefit of a group of local professionals who have gone on to obtain CPE or CHFP certifications.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, August 6 and Saturday, August 13, from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm each day. The classes will take place at the King Center building of the Auraria Higher Education Center, room 208. Fees are \$100 for RMHFES members and \$250 for nonmembers. (To become a member, go to our web site at www.rmhfes.org and select "Membership" to obtain a membership form.) Lunch and parking on both days are included with paid registration. The registration deadline is July 29, 2005, though earlier registrations are better to ensure that we have enough participants. A registration form is available on the chapter web site.

The presenters from the previous workshop, Hal Hendrick, JP Purswell and Chris Plott, have graciously agreed to present this one as well. If you have any questions about the workshop, please feel free to send a message to president@rmhfes.org. If you have questions about the CPE certification or the process of applying to take the exam, visit the BCPE web site at www.bcpe.org.

The schedule for upcoming CPE exams is as follows:

September 25, 2005, at the HFES Annual Meeting in Orlando
(Application deadline: June 25)

November 28, 2005, at the National Ergonomics Expo in Las Vegas
(Application deadline: August 28)

March 6, 2006, at the Applied Ergonomics Conference in Orlando
(Application deadline: December 6)

April 10, 2006 in Denver and other cities
(Application Deadline: January 10, 2006)

Coming Soon: Chapter Web Site Enhancements!

Our planned improvements to the www.rmhfes.org web site are underway! The most prominent of these will be a secure members-only area. This area will be password-protected, with individual passwords that members can set themselves, and will be designed to be invisible to automatic e-mail harvesters. In the members-only area, there will be a member directory and job listings.

We will also add a section for links to sites of related organizations (such as local chapters of ACM SIGCHI and STC). As part of this section, we will offer members a link to their business web sites as well.

Your input is welcome on any of these plans. Please feel free to send a message to president@rmhfes.org,



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To share your ideas, publish your articles or announcements and comment on material in previous editions, please contact Beth Meyer at bethmeyer@mindspring.com.

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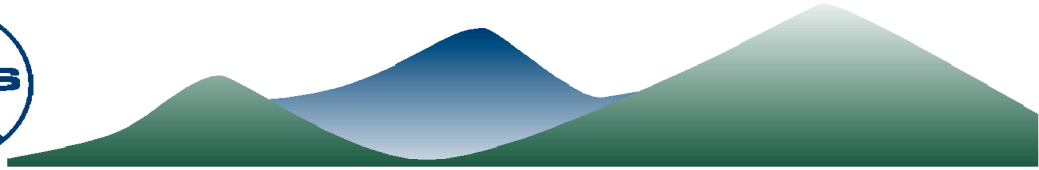
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President's Message

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We are also working on additional interesting programs for the fall, and plans for spreading the word about human factors and ergonomics during National Ergonomics Month. All of these efforts will be more successful with more chapter members involved - and we're always interesting in your input. So keep in touch, and let us know what interests you!



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

NEW MEMBER

(Please complete this application and include a brief biography or resume).

MEMBER RENEWAL

(Please fill in areas, indicate any changes where appropriate).

Please fill in the form below for your chapter directory listing as you would like it to appear in the membership directory (hard copy and online).

Name _____ Nickname _____

Home Address _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Home E-mail _____

Business E-mail _____ Fax _____

Your Title _____ Business Address _____

Specialties and interests: _____

Other professional organization affiliations: _____

Please check the boxes to indicate your preferred E-mail, phone, and address for correspondence.

Are you a member of the **National HFES**? (Membership not required to join the chapter) ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Willing to Volunteer? Please indicate your choices.

Database Development

Program Development

Web Page Administration

Fundraising

Public Relations

OTHER _____

Newsletter

Training Development

What activities and presentation topics are you interested in seeing the chapter host?

In what location(s) would you like to have meetings held (city or town)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Chapter Dues for Members and Associate Members | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Special” Chapter Dues (Includes students) | \$10 |

All membership applications are screened and approved by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of HFES Executive Council. Membership dues are for the calendar year (January through December). Renewals should be received by March 1st of the calendar year. Dues received after October 1st will be applied to the next calendar year and Membership will begin Jan 1st of the next calendar year.

Please enclose a check made payable to the **Rocky Mountain Chapter of HFES** and mail it with your completed membership/renewal application and a brief biography or resume to:

Membership Chair/Rocky Mountain Chapter of HFES
5966 County Road 109
Carbondale, CO 81623

Please add any additional comments on the reverse side of this application. For more information about the Rocky Mountain Chapter of HFES please visit our web site at www.rmhfes.org.