



45th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Ergonomists (ACE)

Diverse interventions, diverse populations: What are the issues and challenges facing ergonomics?

October 7-9, 2014

At the *Au Cœur des sciences* pavillon in Université du Québec à Montréal's Complexe des sciences Pierre-Dansereau

At the heart of the Quartier des spectacles in downtown Montréal

The 2014 conference will be delving into the diversity of ergonomic practices: mobilization, assessments, transformation projects, training, advice, research-interventions, etc. Whether our interventions are short or carried out over a longer period, use a systematic approach or concentrate on one specific aspect, how do we help improve work situations and preserve health in the workplace?

As for the growing diversity of the work force, what knowledge and tools do ergonomists use to keep this shift in mind? While ergonomists have traditionally taken people's anthropometric characteristics into consideration, what about the age, gender, immigrant status and job status of the workers? Are our practices and research adapted to this diversity?

Diversity, whether in ergonomic practice or in the populations we serve, raises numerous issues and challenges. First, what exactly do we mean when we talk about ergonomic interventions? Evaluating our interventions, for example, is a sizable challenge given the diversity of the practices. Can considering the differences between people lead to discrimination? What intervention strategies should we develop? How does the current ergonomic training prepare practitioners to meet these challenges? How can research help shed light on the issues affecting interventions in the workplace?

All are invited to take part in this debate, which focuses on knowledge and practices.

Deadline for submitting a paper for oral presentation or symposium session: December 15, 2013

New deadline for submitting a paper for oral presentation or symposium session: January 20, 2014

Notice of outcomes sent to authors: March 1, 2014

Deadline for submitting final paper (4-6 pages): May 1, 2014

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