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***Message From the President***

*By David Schroeder, Division 21 President*

Let's start out with a refresher regarding recent or ongoing activities. By the time you receive this newsletter, the Division 21 program for the annual convention in Toronto will have been submitted to APA. Scott Shappell has worked hard at developing a program that will, hopefully, have something for everyone (most of the attendees). In an effort to encourage greater involvement by individuals interested in human-computer issues, Henry Emurian has arranged two sessions that focus on "The many faces of human-computer interaction researchers in information systems" and "Multidisciplinary perspectives on human-computer interaction". Additional details regarding the time and location for the sessions will be provided in the Summer newsletter. Scott has provided some additional information regarding the overall program elsewhere in this newsletter. I would encourage each of you to attend APA and to participate in the Division 21 activities. Doug Griffith has served as the Division's representative in planning the APA cluster program. This involves representatives from several other divisions with shared interests. At this point, the focus appears to be on aspects of human decision-making and/or decision support systems.

We had anticipated that two Division 21 members would be presenting a workshop on the Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS), a taxonomy for analyzing accidents/incidents at APA. This workshop was presented last year with very good attendance and received excellent reviews from the attendees. It was submitted again for consideration for presentation at Toronto. Doug Wiegmann and Scott Shappell recently received a notice that, due to the large number of submissions for workshops, their presentation was not approved. We are working to have this decision reconsidered for two reasons. First, there are typically few workshops that appeal to members from our division and to applied experimental or human factors psychologists. Second, since the workshop was successful last year and resulted in Scott and Doug contributing their honorarium to the Division's treasury, it would serve as an additional source of revenue for this year. We have asked for additional information concerning why the workshop was not renewed.

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