

Denis A. Coelho, Chair



With core competencies in work environment analysis and ergonomic product development research, Denis has a great interest in human-technology interactions that live on a physical, cognitive, emotional, organizational and even cultural level. His research spans working conditions from the ergonomic and psychosocial perspective, as well as the design, usability and electromyographic study of concrete interfaces.

A Portuguese citizen, Denis has been involved in several different research environments, both in Europe and the United States. As a senior lecturer at Jönköping University, he is now working on research and with development of teaching in the broad Human Factors Engineering domain.

Jakob Ugelvig Christiansen



Jakob has a Master of Science from University of Copenhagen in Biology and Work Physiology. He is a consultant with special a focus on biomechanics, prevention strategies, legislation and forensic ergonomics.

Jakob has joined the NES board in 2006

Gunnhildur Gísladóttir



Gunnhildur is an Occupational Therapist from the University of Arhus and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Florida International University.

She has worked for almost 30 years in Reykjalundur Rehabilitation Centre, working with people with chronic pain. Now working as a teacher at the University in Akureyri, teaching ergonomics, while also working at the Administration of Occupational Safety and Health.

Gunnhildur has been a board member in Vinnís since 2010, a former president but currently the treasurer.

She has joined the NES board in 2019.

Päivi Kekkonen



Päivi is a representative of the Finnish Ergonomics Society (ERY) in the NES board. She works as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Oulu and carries out research in a research team focusing on well-being at work and productivity under the industrial engineering and management discipline. In her doctoral thesis in 2021 she examined the concept of a shared workplace and the collaboration of several actors in shared workplaces and situations which have similarities with them.

Her research interests focus on organizational ergonomics and use of participatory ergonomics methods. Päivi is also certified as a European Ergonomist. During her earlier career, she has carried out research in the field of physics, where she has a doctoral degree from University of Oulu.

Päivi joined the NES board in 2022.

Wessel van Leeuwen, secretary



Wessel van Leeuwen (MSc. in neurosciences from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) is representing the Swedish Ergonomics and Human Factors Society (EHSS) board and has his research interests in the field of working hours, sleep, and fatigue at the Stress Research Institute at Stockholm University.

Wessel joined the NES board in 2022.

Elisabeth Gedde



Elisabeth is a qualified occupational therapist with a master's degree in health promotion. In addition, she has a year's immersion in occupational health and business economics. health and quality of life.

She has a strong commitment to finding resources and opportunities with the aim of contributing to meaning and value creation for both the individual, the group and the business.

Elisabeth joined the NES board in 2022