

Ergodesign 84

Ergodesign 84 was a conference and an exhibition, held in Montreux (Switzerland) on 6–9 November 1984. Ergonomists, designers, and manufacturers took part to discuss the integration of ergonomics into the processes of designing terminals, furniture, and computerized office systems. About 1 000 visitors came to see the 80 stations at the exhibition, and 330 persons participated in the conference, which included 10 review and introductory papers and 22 case studies, followed by a roundtable discussion.

The aim of the conference was to show ways of integrating ergonomics into design and manufacturing. Among the most interesting and important contributions were a very user friendly adjustable workstation (O Oestberg, Sweden) a display with excellent photo-

metric characteristics (T Abrahamsen, Burroughs Corp, USA), a display with an optimized reversed presentation (D Bauer, University of Dortmund, FRG), a chair with a backrest giving full support to the back at any degree of inclination (E Hort, Giroflex, Switzerland), and design recommendations based on experiments (AM Paci, Olivetti, Italy, and C Abernethy, Digital Equipment, USA).

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