

**In memory of Ana Maria de Moraes, 1942–2012**  
**Ergonomist, Full Professor**  
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It was with extreme regret that the announcement of the sudden death of Ana Maria de Moraes, Distinguished Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Human Factors and Ergonomics*, was received. Her death occurred in the early hours of 16th February, 2012 in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, where the researcher and teacher was attending the 18th World Congress of Ergonomics (IEA 2012). Her untimely death was attributed to heart failure by the forensic authorities of Boa Viagem, Recife.

Ana Maria de Moraes was a graduate in history from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and in industrial design from the State University of Rio de Janeiro, a Master of Science in Production Engineering from Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, and received a PhD in communication from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

She was the President of the Brazilian Ergonomics Association (Abergo) between 1994 and 1995. In 2006, Ana Maria de Moraes was honoured at the IEA 2006 – 16th World Congress of Ergonomics, taking place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, where she received the title of ‘Fellow’. She is the only Latin American to have received this honour, awarded to people who have contributed significantly to the international development of ergonomics.

Author and co-author of several books, Full Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), and a Principal Investigator of Design in Brazil, Ana Maria de Moraes led the Laboratory of Ergonomics and Usability of Interfaces (LEUI) and directed dozens of dissertations and theses in the area, reflecting her significant scientific and academic production over a period of 37 years.