
Introduction

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First my thoughts go out for the COVID-19 victims.

It gives me great pleasure that *International Journal of Forensic Engineering and Management (IJFEM)* is publishing its first volume as a special issue on Ergonomics and Human Factors Engineering. I would like to thank Guest Editors: Mohammad Muzammil, Abid Ali Khan, and Faisal Hasan for the effort they put in getting the special issue out.

IJFEM publishes peer-reviewed articles. The journal aims to provide a refereed source of information to researchers and practitioners on failure in technical and societal systems. The journal specifically recognises the interplay of engineering and management in the causation and prevention of failures. This is where ergonomics and human factors engineering play an important role. I believe the special issue helps shed light on this role.

IJFEM focus is on management, policy, risk, and standard of forensic engineering in management systems. This makes the journal unique in its scope as the journal covers management and engineering failures both. Hence, innovative ideas to detect and manage failures are welcome. If failures occur, how to mitigate and minimise risk associated with such failures is also important for the journal.

IJFEM topical areas become more relevant in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Delay in recognising or lack of knowledge of the protocol on the onset made the crisis worse than what originally it was. Managing healthcare systems: physicians, nurses, other employees, and facilities like personal protective equipment (PPE), hospital beds, ventilators, etc. is an example of a complex management system, which did not work sufficiently proactive.

In the end, I encourage researchers and practitioners to submit their research articles and case studies in the area of forensic engineering in management systems to *IJFEM*.