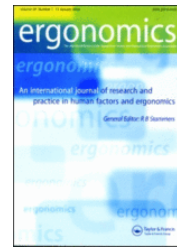


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This recently published special issue of *Ergonomics* has been compiled to celebrate the completion of the Journal's 50th year of publication. Overseen by guest editors Neville Stanton and Rob Stammers, the special issue presents invited peer commentaries on Frederick Charles Bartlett's seminal paper 'The Future of Ergonomics', originally published in *Ergonomics* in 1962.

Much of what Bartlett had to say in his original paper still resonates today. Ten commentators were invited from around the world - Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, UK and USA - reflecting the international character of the Journal (an endorsed journal of the International Ergonomics Association as well as the Official Journal of The Ergonomics Society of the UK). Moreover, Bartlett himself was awarded many honorary doctorates and fellowships from universities and societies around the world.

As well as reflecting on the predictions made in Bartlett's paper with reference to their own specialised field of ergonomics, commentators were also invited to make their own predictions for their field of ergonomics for the next 50 years. Some accepted this latter, as well as the former, challenge.

The invited commentators were (in alphabetical order): Karel Broohuis, Carlo Cacciabue, David Caple, Colin Drury, Jean-Michel Hoc, Bob Hockey, Peter Hancock, Vladimir Munipov, Marcelo Soares and Charles Spence.

The introductory paper from this special issue by the guest editors Neville Stanton and Rob Stammers, as well as the original 1962 by Frederick Charles Bartlett, are **free to read online** until the end of 2008.

[Bartlett and the future of ergonomics](#)

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