



**Human
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and
Ergonomics
Society**

FELLOW PROFILE

Name: Esmond Nigel Corlett

**Degrees, certifications,
etc.:** D.SC, PhD, M.Eng, B.SC
FREng. Fellow: HFES.,
IEHF., I.Mech.E.,
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Current status: Retired

Biography (How you got involved in the field, your major career activities and milestones):

Running design and development for a major domestic equipment company needed design to avoid instruction booklets! Research into skills and training, followed by design of manufacturing equipment for human use, factory work and organisation, teaching and research into manufacturing systems

Employment History (List top 5 positions):

Professor and Head, Department of Production Engineering, University of Nottingham
Professor of Industrial Ergonomics, Dept. of Engineering Production, University of Birmingham

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Industrial Engineering, Toronto University, Canada. Also at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Purdue University, USA

Head of Design and Development, Servis Washing Machines, also installed and ran the Australian factory.

What were your significant contributions to the field?

First M Sc course in UK linking ergonomics, work organisation and industrial applications, 1959

Founder President and Chairman, Centre for Registration of European Ergonomists, (CREE)

Edited, with Professor John Wilson, Evaluation of Human Work. (Taylor and Francis Ltd)

Established, again with John Wilson, the Institute for Occupational Ergonomics, University of Nottingham

Founder and Deputy Editor, International Journal of Production Research. Editor of Applied Ergonomics. Chairman, and then President of Ergonomics Society, (now Inst of Ergs. and H.F.)

The pleasure of looking after over 40 research students and teaching over 200 M Sc students the delights of being a specialist in Ergonomics!

Did you receive any notable awards or recognition during your career?

Life Fellowship of HFES. Meritorious Service Award, Ergonomics Society, Honorary Fellow, Ergonomics Society. Silver medals from The Ergonomics Society and the Institution of Manufacturing Engineers.

Which articles in the journal *Human Factors* would you say were the most influential to you and your research or practice?

This is not something I can classify, the journal has been a valuable resource for many years.

Please provide any links to your online articles, essays, blogs, Wikipedia pages, etc., that pertain to your research, publications or practice.

Try The Nottingham sit-stand seat in Google

What advice would you give someone considering HF/E as a profession?

Recognise that it is a broad discipline, which you can approach from many directions. Get a sound basis in the Human Factors disciplines, meet people in various branches of the profession and don't confine yourself entirely to one aspect. People are complex and to help them achieve what they are trying to do you need to have a fairly complex background,