

## From the Editor

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This issue of *WORK* includes a tapestry of topics. Gustafsson and Saksvik begin the issue with their article, *Outsourcing in the public refuse collection sector: Exploiting old certainties or exploring new possibilities?*

Occupational therapist Boyette shares her expertise in hand therapy with her article on *Splinting for adaptation of musical instruments*. For those of you working with musicians or who might play an instrument yourself, you will find this article very informative.

We welcome Prado-Leon and her colleagues with their first article, I hope of many, from Mexico entitled, *Occupational lifting tasks as a risk factor in low back pain: A case study in a Mexican population*.

The subsequent article takes us to Sweden where Alexanderson and colleagues report on an 11-year follow up study regarding gender differences in sickness absence and disability pension of workers with low-back, shoulder, or neck diagnoses.

Occupational therapists DeRosier and Farber report on an interesting pilot study of user satisfaction and the psychosocial impact on speech recognition software as an assistive device.

Two articles take us to Canada. Marchand, Durand and Demers inform us about work and mental health in the Quebec workforce between 1987 and 1998; and McGinn and colleagues explore the vocational issues and strategies for Canadians living with HIV/AIDS.

Elrod, Jabben, Oswald and Szirony explore the vocational implications of post-polio syndrome.

Adding to the budding body of knowledge of computer use by children, occupational therapists Ang Ramos, James and Bear-Lehman report their study entitled, *Children's computer usage: Are they at risk of developing repetitive strain injury?*

Miller and Larson's Rehabilitation Ergonomics column is entitled *Professional guidelines in occupational health and ergonomics*.

This issue of *WORK* introduces the first of many columns by Jennifer Wright. Jennifer is an occupational therapist and a member of the Graduate School of Coaching, International Association of Coaches and Oceania Senior Executive Director of International Virtual Women's Chamber of Commerce. She has worked in large health care organizations as staff and management and taught at university level in the US and New Zealand. On May 16, 2005 she was featured in *Time Magazine* in an article entitled, *Midlife crisis? Bring it on!* I know you will enjoy each of Jennifer's important column topics.

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

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