From the Editor

Welcome to the interdisciplinary, international journal WORK. Each of the articles contained in this issue address a variety of topics related to work by authors internationally.

Straker provides the second part of A review of research on techniques for lifting low-lying objects. Surrey and her students provide A Comparison of performance outcomes between the Minnesota Rate of Manipulation Test and the Minnesota Manual Dexterity Test. Lee and Chan share the Use of Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) on formwork carpentry – A comparison between the US and Hong Kong. Truchon, Fillion and Gélinas provide the Validation of a French Canadian version of the Organizational Policies and Practices (OPP) questionnaire. Millet and Sandberg explore the Individual status at the start of rehabilitation: Implications for vocational rehabilitation programs.

For those of you providing services or working in a food service agency, you may find Williams' article about A novel redesign of food scoops in high volume food service organizations to be of interest.

Our Student Paper has been authored by Cavallo, Hlavaty and Tamase and is entitled: A pilot study for the development of a primary prevention program: What is the average weight of a fourth grader's backpack? Detailed figures have been provided in this article so that the reader may want to use them to guide future inquirer in the areas of backpack awareness. The issue concludes with the Speaking of Research column authored by Dimitrov and Rumrill on an important topic of Pretest-posttest designs and measurement of change.

Finally, I am delighted to share with you that WORK is now indexed in MEDLINE beginning with issue 18(1).

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

Cheers,

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