

## From the Editor

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This issue of *WORK* provides an assortment of interesting topics from authors in eight countries: Australia, Canada, Israel, Norway, Sweden, France, The Netherlands, and the United States.

Our colleagues in the United States have provided papers on a wide range of subjects. Chang and Maynard begin the issue with an article looking at factors influencing the slip index measurements with the horizontal pull slipmeter.

Shaw and his colleagues provide a controlled case study of supervisor training to optimize injury response in the food processing industry.

Holland's article explores the effect of shift work related fatigue on the family life of train operators and the implications for safety and health professionals.

Rosenblum and Shankar have provided an interesting study of the effects of isokinetic pre-employment physical capability screening in the reduction of musculoskeletal disorders in a labor intensive work environment

Chiang, Jacobs and Orsmond provide additional research to the developing body of knowledge about children and ergonomics in their article on backpack use and students' low back pain. Low back pain is a continued area of focus in the article authored by Ratzon and Fromm in Israel, who evaluate postural control in nurses.

Authors Montreuil, Laflamme, Brisson and Teiger from Canada, Sweden and France have written an interesting article on the conditions that influence the elimination of postural constraints after office employees

working with VDU have received ergonomics training.

Researchers Pelham, Rowe, Robinson and Holt share a pilot project to test the efficacy of current pedorthic practices in the Canadian Forces.

Our colleagues in Australia, Netto and Burnett, evaluate the reliability of normalization methods for EMG analysis of neck muscles.

Gustafsson and Saksvik, our colleagues from Norway, provide an interesting article on outsourcing in the public refuse collection sector: exploiting old certainties or exploring new possibilities?

This issue contains additional articles from colleagues in Sweden. They are authored by Eden, Andersson, Ejlertsson, Ekstrom, Johansson, Leden and Petersson; Vaez, Leon and Laflamme; Hansen, Edlund and Henningsson; Norrby and Linddahl; and Gard and Larsson. Topics range from quality of life to the return to work issues of disability pensioners and factors related to return to work to the reliability of an instrument (DOA). I know you will enjoy all of these articles.

As always, we welcome a discourse on subjects published in *WORK* and this issue is no exception. Reneman, Kuijjer and Brouwer from The Netherlands have written a *Letter to the Editor* which has been responded to by Authors Gibson and Strong of Australia.

Cheers

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