

From the Editor

This issue provides a variety of articles from colleagues around the globe. There are three articles by colleagues in the United States. The issue begins with one of these and is about data entry workers perceptions and satisfaction response to the “Stop and Stretch” software program authored by occupational therapists Trujillo and Zeng from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Researchers Lage, Castelli-Haley and Oleen-Burkey from HealthMetrics Outcomes Research in Groton, Connecticut, discuss the effect of immunomodulatory therapy and other factors on employment in workers with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The final article is by Sanders and discusses overprotection and lowered expectations of persons with disabilities.

There are two articles by our Canadian colleagues. The first is one about participatory ergonomics co-authored by St-Vincent, Bellemare, Toulouse, and Teller; and the second, by Fagarasanu and Kumar, describes the prevalence of musculoskeletal symptoms among support staff in a large telecommunication company.

There are three articles from our colleagues in Sweden. The first article is a case-control study of gender and the effects of psychosocial working conditions authored by researchers Lidwall and Marklund; next, gender and age are discussed in a 12 year population based prospective cohort study by researchers Karlsson, Borg, Carstensen, Hensing and Alexanderson. The final article from Sweden is by Leijon, Härenstam, Waldenström, Alderling and Vingård and describes an exploratory cluster analysis of working and living conditions.

Finally, from Iceland, Gunnarsdottir, Sveinsdottir, Bernburg, Fridriksdottir and Tomasson discuss lifestyle and harassment at work.

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

Cheers

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