

## From the Editor

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One mission of *WORK* is to provide outstanding articles on current theory, research, and clinical practice to help guide your evidence-based practice and research, and to assist your development of innovative and effective intervention and service programs. This issue of *WORK* provides such articles.

Researchers from nine countries have authored articles composing this issue of *WORK*. Our Scandinavian colleagues are well represented. Six articles are written by authors in Sweden. These articles are on a variety of topics such as empowerment and burnout; vocational rehabilitation; Assessment of Work Performance (AWP); job demands and controls; quality of life; and workplace health interventions. Labriola from Denmark focuses on both the individual and contextual level of absence from work and return to work. Roelen and colleagues from The Netherlands discuss which work factors determine job satisfaction.

Researchers Zultowski and Aruin from the University of Illinois at Chicago (USA) share an interesting study on carrying loads and postural sway in standing and the effect of load placement and magnitude. Seseek, Drinkaus, Tuckett, and Bloswick from the University of Utah (USA) along with Khalighi from the Shahid Beheshti Medical University in Iran used structured interviews and vibrotactile testing to develop a screening method for carpal tunnel syndrome. Their findings are especially applicable to clinical practice. Hennessey and colleagues share an important study

on disadvantage-related correlates of career optimism among college and university students with disabilities.

Four articles are from researchers in Canada. Pelham, Holt and White investigated the physical training of combat diving candidates and the implications for the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries. Cloutier and colleagues studied the effects of government policies on the work of home care personnel and their OHS. Biron, Brun and Ivers examined the extent and sources of occupational stress in university staff. Forcier and colleagues investigated supermarket workers and their work and their health, particularly their self-reported musculoskeletal problems and compensable injuries.

Our Israel colleagues, Ratzon and Mizrachi, investigated the area of ergonomics in leisure activities with their article on amateur bowlers.

Finally, researchers Mohan and colleagues from India, share a study which identified the prevalence and risk factors of job strain among foundry shop floor workers.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and invite you to submit manuscripts to *WORK* and share you thoughts on topics for special issues.

Cheers,  
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