

## From the Editor

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I know you will enjoy this issue of *WORK!* It provides a wide variety of topics by researchers and clinicians globally.

The issue begins with two articles which share perceptions/opinions of experts. James and MacKenzie from Australia share the opinions of health professionals working within occupational rehabilitation regarding the clinical utility of functional capacity evaluations. Darragh and colleagues discuss the perceptions of therapy staff about therapy practice within a minimal lift environment.

Colleagues Kawada, Kuratomi, and Kanai from Japan discuss lifestyle determinants of depressive feeling and a feeling of unhappiness among workers at a Japanese workplace.

There are two articles which focus on older workers. Fraser, McKenna, Turpin, Allen and Liddle from Australia explore the benefits, barriers and adaptations for older people in the workforce. Ergonomist Choi discusses safety and ergonomic considerations for an aging workforce in the US construction industry

DeRijk et al. from The Netherlands discuss a behavioral approach to return to work after sickness absence: the development of instruments for the assessment of motivational determinants, motivation and key actors' attitudes.

Researchers Engström and Janson from Sweden use a salutogenic perspective of the predictors of absenteeism from work. Other researchers from Sweden, Lydell et al. describe the predictive factors of sustained return to work for persons with musculoskeletal disorders who participated in rehabilitation.

I avidly participate in yoga practice and was intrigued with the article by researchers in India who discuss the effect of yoga on musculoskeletal discomfort and motor functions in professional computer users.

I have a difficult time working when background music is playing, so I was intrigued with Shih, Huang, and Chiang's pilot study on the correlation between work concentration level and background music.

This issue contains a special section on *transportation* which was ably guest edited by Dr Robin Gillespie. Many thanks are extended to Robin for soliciting articles for this special section. The following are the titles of four articles with a focus on transportation:

- The HADRIAN Approach to Accessible Transport.
- Hospitalization for lifestyle related diseases in long haul drivers compared with other truck drivers and the working population at large
- Improving a workstation in an existing cab by means of a participatory approach: The case of subway operators' workstations
- Truck Drivers Hours-of-Service Regulations and Occupational Health

This issue's Canadian Association for Occupational Therapy (CAOT) column: *Enabling the WORKability of Canadians* is focused on the current advances and practical information for clinicians on helping clients cope with chronic pain.

Finally, I participated in a workshop on *Work Transitions in the 21st century: Advancing Occupational Justice* at The University of Western Ontario in Canada in June 2009. This very stimulating workshop developed by Dr. Lynn Shaw and colleagues was the catalyst for our newest column entitled, *Narrative Reflections on Occupational Transitions*. I am very pleased that Rhysa Leyshon has agreed to be the editor of this column. I know you will enjoy reading it and hope that you will encourage others to share their stories with us.

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

Cheers,  
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