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From the Editor

Eleven interesting articles compose this issue. The authors are from eight countries including the United States, Canada, China, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

The issue begins with an article by DeArmond and colleagues about corporate financial decision makers' perceptions of their company's safety performance, programs and personnel. The authors answer the question: Do Company Size and Industry Injury Risk Matter? The issue continues with an article by Roelen et al. which investigates subjective health complaints related to absenteeism.

Betters explores a global growing area of concern – obesity – in his article about weight gain and the US workers' compensation system. Our colleagues, Muschalla, Markova, and Linden share an important study about perceived job anxiety and perceived social support in the Germany health care system. Reinholdt, Upmark and Alexanderson share notable findings about disability pension in Sweden.

Haslam and colleagues investigated the processes of task performance as measured by the Assessment of Motor and Process Skills (AMPS) as a predictor of work-related outcomes for adults with schizophrenia. Mental health is also a topic for the article by Poon, Siu, and Ming from Hong Kong. These researchers conducted an outcome analysis of occupational therapy programs for persona with early psychosis.

Workplace stress is a growing area of concern. Westerlund et al. investigated managerial leadership and its association with employee stress, health, and sickness absenteeism.

An informative case report on ergonomic and behavioral interventions as the primary treatment for work-related lateral epicondylitis was authored by physical therapist McCormack.

Researcher Melkas provides an interesting article about Finnish care workers employed in Finnish Elderly care organizations. Care workers are very important and a future special issue of *WORK* will be devoted to this topic.

Finally, the issue concludes with a cross-sectional study in Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Italy on harassment among university hospital physicians. Workplace violence including harassment is another growing concern and a future special issue of *WORK* will focus on this topic.

As always, I welcome hearing from you. I hope you will share your thoughts about future topics that you would like to see published in *WORK*; and of course, we welcome your submission of a manuscript.

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