This issue of WORK provides a variety of fascinating topics from authors in six countries: the US, Canada, Australia, Netherlands, Sweden and Spain.

Dale and her occupational therapy students at the University of Indianapolis begin the issue with a paper looking at a global theme of immigration. These authors describe the meaning of work in the United States for two Latino immigrants from Colombia and Mexico. Jack’s article looks at The effectiveness of using two different types of anti-vibration gloves compared to bare hand condition at dampening the frequencies associated with hand-arm vibration syndrome. Burnet, Naumann, Price and Sanders, researchers from Western Australia, describe a comparison of training methods to increase neck muscle strength. Droeze and Jonsson evaluate ergonomic interventions that are used to reduce musculoskeletal disorders in the Netherlands.

This issue welcomes our first authors from Spain, specifically from the University Institute for Community Integration of the University of Salamanca (Instituto Universitario de Integración en la Comunidad (INICO). Universidad de Salamanca). De Urríes, Verdugo, Jenaro, Crespo, and Caballo have written an interesting article on supported employment.

This issue contains two articles from colleagues in Sweden. Rolander, Karsznia, Jonker, Öberg and Bellner have written an article about the Perceived contra observed physical workload in Swedish dentists. Hansen, Edlund and Bränholm have authored an interesting article entitled the Significant resources needed for return to work after sick. It is with deep regret that I write that Inga-Britt Bränholm passed away before the publication of this article. It is an honor to publish this article as a tribute to her distinguished career accomplishments. Inga-Britt will be missed.

Muñoz et al. have authored an important article on homelessness entitled, Project Employ: Engineering hope and breaking down barriers to homelessness. To foster the developing body of evidenced based research on youth and ergonomics, I am pleased to include in this issue a pilot study by Wingrat and Exner on the impact of school furniture on four grade children’s task and sitting behavior. The issue concludes with an interesting article authored by occupational therapist Peled on workplace safety assessment and injury prevention in hospital settings.

WORK welcomes the submission of Case Study Reports. Case Study Reports are composed of novel or complex case examples encountered in the area of work. The focus can be on a client, a family, a community, an institution, or any other defined unit. Alternatively, the focus can be on an event, trend, initiative or project. Please go the IOS Press website at www.iospress.nl to review the authors’ guidelines.

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

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