From the Editor

I have always associated the growth of WORK with the maturation of my three children, Laela, Josh and Ariel.

I feel a similar sense of amazement as I write this “From the Editor”. The weeks, months and years have flown by so quickly that I can hardly believe that this issue heralds in WORK’s 18th year. Eighteen as a number has special meaning to me because it is one of my Hebrew names and means “life”.

Over the 18 years of WORK’s life we have provided you with high caliber peer-reviewed research and clinical practice articles, student papers, case studies, education on the how to’s of research and commentaries that address the opportunities and challenges we face globally in work. Indeed, a mission of WORK is to provide a global citizen’s perspective on the growing body of knowledge about work.

In this issue, our colleagues from Korea, Denmark, Sweden, Australia, Canada, and the United States investigate many interesting topics such as, the effectiveness of a screening tool to detect injuries among army combat medic soldiers; a 1.5-year follow-up study that assesses enthusiasm and satisfaction with work and health; and a study that looked at self-efficacy to predict return to work after an absence from work.

This issue is composed of other articles, too. There are two articles about truck drivers – the health care risks and access for over-the-road truckers and fatigue management by truck drivers.

Colleagues in Australia, Gadge and Innes and other colleagues from Korea, Yoo, Yi and Kim investigate in two separate studies the effects of three different types of seating for computer users. While Gravina, Lindstrom-Hazel and Austin investigate the effects of workstation changes and behavioral interventions on safe typing postures in an office setting.

The issue concludes with our regular column, Speaking of Research, which explores patterns in perceived employment discrimination for adults with multiple sclerosis.

As always, I welcome your feedback and encourage you to submit manuscripts to WORK.

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