This non-thematic issue of WORK adds to the growing body of knowledge that is helping to direct best practice in the area of work. Bedell’s article investigates a pilot intervention for persons with HIV/AIDS in balancing health, work and daily life. Village, Backman and Lacaille evaluate selected ergonomic assessment tools for use in providing job accommodation for people with inflammatory arthritis. Low back pain and depression is examined in Mexican workers by Aceves-Gonzales and Prado-Leon.

Three articles are written by colleagues in Sweden. Bergström and colleagues describe a comprehensive workplace intervention program and its outcome in relationship to lifestyle, health and sick leave, while Löfgren, Broman and Ekholm share an electromyographical study with clients who have fibromyalgia. Kaiser, Marklund, Wimo, and Mattsson discuss a long term follow up study of clients with gait impairments.

An article authored by Boeltzig, Timmons and Marrone describes innovative and collaborative strategies between the “One-Stops” and the mental health systems of care. Wolf, Morrison, and Matheson explain the initial development of a work-related assessment of dysexecutive syndrome.

Colleagues, Theurel, Offret, Gorgeon, and Lepers from France provide an interesting article that looks at the physiological stress monitoring of postmen during work. Pompili and colleagues discuss suicide risk and exposure to mobbing. It is the first time that this important subject has been covered in WORK and for those of you unfamiliar with the term “mobbing” it is “systematic psychological harassment in the workplace”.

Strauser looks at trauma symptomatology and its implications for return to work. Heyman and Dekel describe an educational program for elementary school-aged children in Israel. The issue concludes with our Speaking of Research article which is authored by Agan, Koch, and Rumrill. It discusses the use of focus groups in rehabilitation research.

As always, I welcome your submission of manuscripts to WORK.

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