I am writing From the Editor as the northeast United States digs out from Blizzard Nemo. The closure of most of Boston gave me a day off from work, which provided the perfect opportunity to craft this introduction to issue 45(1).

This issue of WORK contains a special section on social justice which was guest edited by Dr. Yda J. Smith. The five articles contained in the special section advance our understanding of social justice.

There are seven articles contained in the regular section of this issue. Adding to the emerging evidence-based research on the use of tablets, Young, Trudeau, Odell, Marinelli, and Dennerlein investigated wrist and shoulder posture and muscle activity during touchscreen tablet use. The use of tablets is a growing technology. In 2012, it is estimated that 118.9 million tablets were sold worldwide (http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/1980115). WORK is interested in advancing the understanding of this technology and welcomes the submission of manuscripts for future issues.

Entrepreneurs defined as business owners “...are the major foundation for the world economy” (http://www.ted.com/conversations/286/does_the_world_has_enough_numb.html). It was reported by the Global Entrepreneur Monitor (GEM) that in 2011, there was “…an upsurge in entrepreneurship around the world – entrepreneurs are now numbering near 400 million in 54 countries – with millions of new hires and job creation expectations in the coming years” (http://www.gemconsortium.org/news/758/entrepreneurs-now-num berin-near-400-million-in-54-countries,-according-to -gem-2011-global-report). Owens, Kirwan, Lounsbury, Levy and Gibson add to a better understanding of entrepreneurship with their article on reported personality correlates of self-employed small business owners’ success.

There are two articles about firefighters. Prati, Pietrantoni, Saccinto, Kehl, Knuth, and Schmidt discussed the risk perception of different emergency situations in a sample of European firefighters. While Sinden and MacDermid described a qualitative study of the experiences of female firefighters.

Siu, Hung, Lam and Cheng provided an interesting study of work limitations, workplace concerns, and job satisfaction of persons with chronic disease.

Two articles addressed populations of health care practitioners. Sturesson, Edlund, Fjellman-Wiklund, Falkdal and Bernspång investigated the views of Swedish occupational therapists and physicians on work ability. Vicentic and colleagues share their study on burnout, quality of life and emotional profile in general practitioners and psychiatrists.

I hope you enjoyed reading the articles composing this issue of WORK. As always, I welcome hearing from you and look forward to your submission of a manuscript to our journal.

Cheers,
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