

From the Editor

Technology and Disability is, as any journal, a means for communication in the field addressed by the journal. As I mentioned in an earlier introductory note, it is the policy of the journal to enhance this communication in the professional society for assistive technology and we therefore encourage a debate on any field within the scope of *Technology and Disability*. I would like to draw your attention to two new items in this journal.

First, a Letter to the Editor, which comprises a review or comment to a special issue you received earlier entitled "The Assessment of Assistive Technology Outcomes, Effects and Costs". The guest editors told me that the views expressed in the letter were not contradictory to the views expressed by the author of this commentary. I am very happy with this type of comment and high level, well thought out commenting and debating, including appropriate references. This type of debate takes much time to produce but it is certainly a good way to have a balanced view on issues. I invite the readers to send me comments on this issue and any related topics.

Secondly, we include a short technical note on a

saddle for a walking bike developed by an individual using a walking bike in daily life. *Technology and Disability* does not have the intention to publish all slightly modified new models of equipment, but some of the design problems are very tough and progress is hardly made due to physical limits or, perhaps, a lack of creativity. This seems to be the case for this walking bike, intended for persons with limited endurance in standing up and walking but not inclined to use a wheelchair or a similar mobility device.

We encourage the showing of innovations where readers are challenged to think of new solutions and to give comments to the inventors. Read also the comments attached to the technical note itself.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue and many more issues to come.

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Editor
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