

From the Editor

The Editor, her assistant and Editorial Board diligently strive to include in each issue of *WORK*, the highest quality of articles. This issue is no exception. It is composed of 12 articles on diverse topics from researchers and scholar practitioners in six countries.

Jensen and colleagues begin the issue with an article about excess adiposity and leisure-time physical activity among workers. Dr. Kawada investigated anthropometric obesity indices and metabolic syndrome in Japanese workingmen. As we know, obesity is a growing concern worldwide, which makes these articles very timely.

There are two articles from researchers in Sweden. The well-known *Nordic Questionnaire for Psychological and Social factors at Work (QPSNordic)* is the focus of the article by researchers Wännström et al. While Leufstadius, Eklund, and Erlandsson investigated meaningfulness in work among workers with persistent mental illness.

Roelen, Koopmans, and Groothoff from The Netherlands investigated how occupational rewards relate to the frequency of absenteeism based on illness.

There are two articles from researchers in Canada. Gewurtz and Kirsh conducted a meta-synthesis of disability in the workplace which includes the themes of disruption, disbelief and resistance. Upjohn et al. investigated the evaluation of forearm support provided by the workplace Board on perceived tension, comfort

and productivity in pregnant and non-pregnant computer users.

There are four articles from authors in the United States. Occupational therapist, Dr. Dean Roush, discussed the outcomes from an Oregon Community Based Program which used the menu approach to supported employment for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Hawley, Diaz, and Reid described healthcare employees' progression through disability benefits. Wang et al. studied Los Angeles garment workers and describe self-reported pain and physical signs for upper body musculoskeletal disorders among these individuals. Charles et al. reviewed the epidemiologic literature on occupational hazards experienced by cleaning workers and janitors

Gilworth et al. from New Zealand shared an exploratory study of personal experiences of returning to work following stroke.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and I encourage you to submit a manuscript to *WORK*. We welcome submissions in many forms: research, scholarly investigation of the evidence based literature, case studies, commentaries, and technical notes.

Cheers,
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