

From the Editor

As I write this *From the Editor* I am on a return flight from leading a delegation of occupational therapists to India through the People to People Ambassador Programs. It has been four years since I was in India and the changes were remarkable especially in the area of work. As Dan Younkin, a guest on our delegation said, there is a sense of *hopeful determination* in India.

Change is a constant and we need to facilitate the change we want especially in the area of work. This issue has articles from Norway, Ireland, Korea, Australia, Sweden, Iran, Turkey, the US, and Canada which add to the body of evidence and will help facilitate best practice. These articles investigate a variety of topics such as an evaluation of nursing tasks, a comparison between Norwegian off shore and on shore workers, attitudes towards disability management, organizational politics, pre-placement screenings, manual handling incident claims in the healthcare sector, working women's construction of well being, pre-placement screen-

ings, industrial workers with occupational hand injury, work-based education programs designed to prevent social exclusion of vulnerable youth, the impact of regular physical activity in the reduction of major cardiovascular risk factors, the evaluation of job stress models for predicting health at work, occupational stress and psychosomatic complaints among health professionals, changes in gluteal pressure and pelvic inclination angles after continuous cross-legged sitting.

It is my hope that you will take the evidence in this issue and help make change to improve the quality of life for workers globally.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

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