

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue marks the first-year anniversary of **WORK**. We hope you have enjoyed our journal thus far. We continue to be committed to providing you with high-caliber articles on important and emerging realms in the arena of work. As always, our mission is to foster interdisciplinary and international communication among health professionals in work practice.

Our second year finds the addition of a new column, *Work Technology Review*. We are pleased to welcome Deborah Lechner, MS, PT, as its editor. Lechner will review state of the art work equipment, evaluations, and technology.

We are all aging. It is a fact of life. However, individuals are living longer, healthier, and more productive lives. How successfully we age depends on many variables, some of which are addressed in this issue, *The Older Worker*.

MacRae sets the stage for us in *Perspectives* and describes normal aging changes older workers face, and provides a perspective on occupational therapy intervention. Next, Isernhagen elaborates physical aging changes and challenges us to meet the needs of older workers. Connolly's article focuses attention on issues relating to visually impaired older workers.

Other articles address topics specific to older

workers. Franits and Meader look at trends in heavy industry and the incidence of injury for older workers. Brady and Fortinsky's upbeat article is designed to give some special insights to employers of older workers. They describe a research study that addresses older workers' definitions of "successful work." Coy and Davenport explain age changes in older workers and implications for injury prevention, while Porter addresses rehabilitation of older injured workers and provides a commentary by a former client.

Two articles focus attention on two specific types of workers: farmers and caregivers. Purschwitz and Field describe a specific aging population, farmers. In particular, they discuss the farm fatality situation of older workers in Indiana. Zimmer sets forth some of the issues of family caregivers, the extent of care they provide, and the types of stress and satisfaction they experience.

Finally, *Sounding Board* begins with a touching personal commentary by an older worker. Perron continues the article with riveting legislative and demographic challenges and recommendations for both older workers and health professionals.

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