

## From the Editor

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# Work-related tech predictions for 2022

I write this *From the Editor* in December 2021 for publication in January 2022. Thinking about 2022, I began to read articles about predictions for this new year. One article, *10 Tech predictions for 2022* written by Katie Sanders and published in The Enterprisers Project caught my interest especially with the statement, “If the past two years have proved anything, it is the importance of rapid adaptability in the face of uncertainty.” I found that all of these tech predictions were work-related and thought they would be interesting to share:

1. “Hybrid cloud adoptions grows in the hybrid work era
2. New hybrid workforce tools emerge
3. More choices for multi-cloud deployment
4. Kubernetes and AI/ML get together for next-wave applications
5. Expanded use of analytics in digital transformation
6. Open source experimentation grows
7. Diversity and inclusion efforts expand on tech teams
8. Moore emphasis on tech skills, less on degrees
9. Decentralized databases and edge computing gain popularity
10. Augmented reality rollouts increase” (<https://enterprisesproject.com/article/2021/12/tech-predictions-2022>)

Although we can’t predict the future, I hope that we heed both Helen Keller’s words, “Life is an exciting business and most exciting when it is lived for others” and Albert Einstein’s, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

This issue of WORK has 25 articles. There are eight free-to-read articles on COVID-19 with other papers on topics such as work-related musculoskele-

tal disorders, whole-body vibration exposure, and prevalence of low back pain among many other interesting subjects.

The first 2022 *Learn at WORK* webinar is on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 1pm-2pm EST by Dr. Bhibha M. Das on her article published in WORK titled, *Nurses’ physical activity exploratory study: Caring for you so you can care for others*. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2817144919007435277>

On February 23, 2022 at 1-2pm EST, Dr. Michelle Robertson will present her article, *Assessment of organizational readiness for participatory occupational safety, health and wellbeing programs*. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5314202899773869837>

On April 6, 2022 at 1-2pm EST, Dr. Suzanne van Hees will present her article, *Understanding work participation among employees with common mental disorders: What works for whom, under what circumstances and how?* Besides the protocol article published in WORK, the results article of this systematic realist review’s findings, as well as the experience with the method realist research will be shared. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/387735498196046864>

On May 4, 2022 at 1-2pm EST, Dr. Andy Cheng will present his article, *Work productivity loss in breast cancer survivors and its effect on quality of life*. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6197342733590764300>

On June 15, 2022 at 1-2pm EST, Dr. Thomas Tenkate will present his article, *Setting priorities: Testing a tool to assess and prioritize workplace chemical hazard*. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1936437208271158795>

On July 27, 2022 at 1-2pm EST, Dr. Khader Almhdawi will present his article, *Mental and*

*physical health-related quality of life and their associated factors among students of a comprehensive allied health institution. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4954045770999434512>*

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