

## From the Editor

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In 2013, I had the pleasure of traveling to Sri Lanka, an island nation south of India in the Indian Ocean. It is a beautiful teardrop under India. I was invited to Sri Lanka by Dr. Kapila Jayaratne whom I collaborated with previously on backpacks and the International Ergonomics Association (IEA). Our collaboration expanded to submitting a National Science Foundation International Partnerships for Science and Technology (IPSAT) Resource Person Award promoting international research collaborations, technology transfer, and obtaining expertise towards developing globally-engaged research and scientific community in Sri Lanka. We received this award to inculcate ergonomics into Sri Lankan settings. One of the outcomes of our collaboration is being realized with the publication of a special section of *WORK* devoted to ergonomics and work in Sri Lanka. My congratulations to Dr. Kapila Jayaratne, Dr. Chamaine de Silva, and Dr. Manjula Danansuriya for being the co-guest editors of this special section. I am proud to publish these interesting articles.

The second section of this issue has a variety of topics. There are 15 articles that I know you will find of interest on topics such as an examination of sit-stand workstations, mental health and work ability in sedentary office workers in Western Australia; the role of work engagement in the support of people through the recovery process and in preventing relapse in drug and alcohol abuse; issues in the employment of individuals with Lupus; the role of psychosocial and physical work-related factors on the health-related quality of life of Iranian industrial workers, among other topics.

I hope you have enjoyed our complimentary *Learn at WORK* webinar series. Recordings of the first two *Learn at WORK* webinars can be enjoyed at our *Learn at WORK* YouTube channel. The topics of these were: *Employment and Community Living Issues for People with Multiple Sclerosis* by Dr. Phil Rumrill and Dr. Malachy Bishop and *Guidelines for Schoolbag Carriage: An Appraisal of Safe Load Limits for Schoolbag Weight and Duration of Carriage* by Dr. Sara Dockrell. I hope you will be a subscriber to our *Learn at WORK* YouTube channel, too.

Here are our upcoming *Learn at WORK* webinars:

October 17, 2016; 1-2 pm EDT – Dr. Julie Keysor & Dr. Rawan Alheresh will discuss *The Work-It Study for People with Arthritis: Study Protocol and Baseline Sample Characteristics*.  
[global.gotomeeting.com/join/143927685](http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/143927685)

Access Code: 143-927-685

December 8, 2016; 1-2 pm EST – Dr. Tom Albin will discuss *Computer Ergonomics: State of the Art*.  
[global.gotomeeting.com/join/637945141](http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/637945141)

Access Code: 637-945-141

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As always, I welcome hearing from you.

Cheers,

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