From the Editor

I have been the editor of WORK for 16 years. During this time, it has been my privilege, working along with its Editorial Board, to participate in WORK's growth in adding to the global evidence-based body of research and scholarship related to work. This issue continues to add to this developing body of knowledge with the eight articles from four countries: US, Sweden, Canada and Australia, composing it. The first article and one of the three written by authors in the United States, is entitled, The use of the coefficient of variation in detecting sincerity of effort: A meta-analysis, and is authored by researchers Shechtman, Anton, Kanasky Jr. and Robinson. The two additional articles from the US are Maximizing competence through professional development: Increasing disability knowledge among One-Stop Career Center staff, authored by Cohen, Timmons, Boeltzig, Hamner and Fesko; and Facilitators and barriers to employment among individuals with psychiatric disabilities: A job coach perspective, by Blitz and Mechanic.

There are four articles from our colleagues in Sweden. Two from The Sahlgrenska Academy at Gothenburg University: High incidence of disability pension with psychiatric diagnosis in western Sweden: A population-based study from 1980 to 1998 by researchers Andersson, Nyman, Spak and Hensing; and Effects of co-financed interdisciplinary teamwork on sick leave for people with musculoskeletal disorders by Hultberg, Lönnroth, Allebeck and Hensing.

Sandqvist, Törnquist and Henriksson from the Department of Neuroscience and Locomotion, Section of Occupational Therapy at the Villa Medica, University Hospital authored an informative article on the development of an evaluation instrument, the Assessment of Work Performance (AWP). Borg, Goine, Söderberg, Marnetoft, and Alexanderson from Link öpings Universitet share with us a Comparison of seven measures of sickness absence based on data from three counties in Sweden.

Researchers in Canada, Cheng, Dumas, Smith, Leger, Plamondon, McGrath and Tranmer have provided us with an interesting article on the Reproducibility of a task description questionnaire for working pregnant women; and from Australia, researchers Osmotherly and Attia have studied The healthy worker survivor effect in a study of neck muscle performance measures in call-centre operators.

The issue concludes with an informative Speaking of Research on Comparing groups on latent variables.

As always, I welcome your comments and invite you to submit a manuscript to *WORK*.

Cheers

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