

From the Editor

This issue of *WORK* contains cutting edge research on a variety of subjects and with diverse populations of workers from around the globe: Japan, India, Canada, Sweden, The Netherlands, Mexico, the United States.

Risk assessment tools have been described in two articles. Jones and Kumar provide a comparison of ergonomic risk assessment output with trim saw operators, while Mohan, Prasad, Mokkaapati and Venkataraman from India, describe the development of a risk assessment tool for a population of foundry workers.

Welch, Haile, Hunting and Boden examined age, work limitations and physical functioning among construction roofers. Our colleagues, Prado-León, Aceves-González and Ávila-Chaurand from Mexico provide a case study which explores occupational driving as a risk factor in low back pain. Researchers Kawada and Suzuki from Japan provide an interesting article on physical symptoms and psychological health status in various jobs.

Colleagues Brookham, Moreton and Dickerson from Canada describe the perception of shoulder muscular effort during low-demand load transfer tasks. The effect of body mechanics education on the work performance of fruit warehouse workers has been examined by Holmes, Lam, Elkind and Pitts.

Job demands and health complaints in white and blue collar workers have been examined by researchers Schreuder, Roelen, Koopmans and Groothoff. Magill-Evans, Galambos, Darrah and Nickerson describe predictors of employment with a population of young adults with developmental motor disabilities.

There are three articles by Swedish researchers. Medin, Ekberg, Nordlund and Eklund provide a pilot study on organizational change, job strain and increased risk of stroke. Ydreborg, Ekberg and Nilsson share information about the Swedish social insurance officers' experience of their working conditions when dealing with applications for disability pension; and a one year follow-up of outcomes of work rehabilitation for people with various disabilities has been ably written by Wallstedt-Paulsson and Eklund.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and encourage you to submit manuscripts to *WORK*.

Cheers,

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