



## New and Emerging Risks in Occupational Health

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Dear Colleagues,

Today, working environments are constantly changing, leading to the onset of new occupational hazards. In developed countries, on one side, globalization and economic crisis, new technologies and forms of employment and work organizations, as well as workforce aging pave the way to emerging physical inactivity and ergonomic stressors that increase the risks of musculoskeletal disorders, and to important psychosocial risks due to job insecurity, high workload and emotional demands that increase mental health issues. Moreover, there is an increased exposure to new chemical substances, including nanomaterials and unknown carcinogens that require new models in risk assessment and occupational epidemiology.

This Special Issue is an opportunity for the scientific community and occupational stakeholders to present research on new emerging or challenging hazards from their own countries, to give insight into new challenges in occupational health and safety practice.

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