Message from the Guest Editors

According to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the number of workplace accidents has decreased by 25% over the last 10 years. However, work-related diseases still account for an estimated 2.4 million deaths worldwide. It is a priority to provide an evidence base for prevention, policy, and practice.

New risks have been identified, stemming from the use of nanoparticles, green jobs or developments in ICT and digitalization of work. There have been changes in the structure of the workforce and the labor market, new work organization and new forms of employment, with the introduction of new processes, substances or technologies. However, traditional risks such as mental health at work or occupational cancer remain a priority.

Biological risk at work is also important, with a long history and various aspects that require investigation, and with great current relevance after the appearance of COVID-19. It also represents a great challenge for occupational medicine and public health.

Papers addressing these topics are invited for this Special Issue, which will cover a wide range of topics related to the prevention of risks at work.
Addressing the environmental and public health challenges requires engagement and collaboration among clinicians and public health researchers. Discovery and advances in this research field play a critical role in providing a scientific basis for decision-making toward control and prevention of human diseases, especially the illnesses that are induced from environmental exposure to health hazards. *IJERPH* provides a forum for discussion of discoveries and knowledge in these multidisciplinary fields. Please consider publishing your research in this high quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal.

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