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Health Literacy, Promotion and Prevention Improve Workers' Health

Message from the Guest Editors

At the dawn of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in a globalized and increasingly connected world, workers are faced with many new challenges. This Special Issue focuses on innovative approaches and theories aiming to prevent and protect workers from the health effects caused by occupational harmful factors, to promote their overall health and wellness. Recognizing the importance of a shared responsibility between employers and employees when it comes to occupational health and safety, contributions pertaining to the interplay between workplace/organizational factors and workers' physical and/or mental health literacy and self-management practices will be considered particularly relevant. Given the importance of developing a holistic conceptualization of health, contributions recognizing both positive (i.e., protective) and negative (i.e., risks) factors as well as positive and negative mental and/or physical health outcomes will be deemed particularly relevant. Additionally, contributions pertaining to emerging occupational health issues, as well as risks and opportunities offered by increasingly prevalent ways of working and new tools are sought.

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