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The Social Epidemiology of Addictive Behaviors

Message from the Guest Editor

Addictive behaviors are among the first causes of premature death worldwide. Behind genetic factors that account for a considerable weight in vulnerability to addictive behaviors, the role of environmental factors remains a critical area for scientific research. Regarding occupational factors, unemployment has always been identified as the main occupational risk factor for addictive behaviors. However, at least in western countries, the unprecedented wave of resignations should prompt us to reconsider these associations by examining in-depth the context of job loss. In addition, especially during and after COVID-19 pandemic, important changes have arisen in working conditions (e.g., generalization of teleworking, aggravation of work-family conflicts, technical unemployment, and increase in bore-out issues). Thus, it is important to examine the roles of all these changes on addictive behaviors. To conclude, refining social epidemiology of addictive behaviors is an urgently needed challenge, and I am convinced that this Special Issue of the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* will provide new insights into this topic.

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