

In February this year, Irish national Lisa O'Donoghue-Lindy started as Managing Editor of the Journal.



Dear readers,

I am very happy to have joined the team at the *Scandinavian Journal of Work, Environment & Health*. It has been a challenging period familiarizing myself with the field of occupational health and getting up to speed on the world of academic publishing. I have nine years of experience in communications, public relations, and marketing. I have worked as a sub-editor for The Economist Group's *European Voice* and have held media relations and copy-editing positions in the food and beverage packaging industry, and the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels. For more than five years, I was responsible for government relations and communications at General Motors' European Union office. In my most recent position at the European Network and Information Society Agency in Crete, I wrote press releases and briefing papers, and developed a new brand and visual identity for the Agency. I have a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Pretoria in South Africa and Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University in the United States.

We have been very busy at the Journal lately and I am happy to announce some recent developments. With issue 2, we began publishing advanced access to all manuscripts online. Overall, our aim is to speed up the processing of papers and we pledge to do our best to provide all authors with an initial response within two weeks of submission and a (post peer-review) reply within eight weeks. We are also working hard to shorten our publication lag in order to bring out the final issue before the end of November each year. Including a special section on Gender & Occupational Health, Issue 2 also set the scene for a new approach, in which the Journal will intermittently cover thematic issues. Keep a look out for articles on the Business Case for Health & Safety at Work towards the end of this year.

In line with our objectives for the development of the Journal, we are improving accessibility by offering readers free access to one article per issue specially picked by our Editor-in-Chief, Mikko Härmä. We have also signed up to the World Health Organization's Hinari Initiative which provides free or very low cost online access to major journals in biomedical and related social sciences to local, not-for-profit institutions in developing countries. Moreover, we have signed some new distribution agreements and extended our reach by improving indexing and updating citation records.

In the coming months, our website will get a new look and some additional features will be added. We also hope to complete our archive by offering all issues online back to the Journal's inception in 1975. But there is still a lot to do so watch this space...Thank you for your continued support of the Journal. Your feedback is more than welcome!

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