
Editorial: celebrating IJHFE's 12th issue

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While 12 is not a particularly salient number in the decimal system, it does evoke a few images, such as the number of months in a year, the dozen eggs carton at the grocer's, and perhaps more importantly, it is the last of the pre-teen years of age. Likewise, the *International Journal of Human Factors and Ergonomics* is entering a new age, symbolised by recent achievement of its inclusion in the Scopus database. This followed a positive review by the Scopus Content Selection & Advisory Board. Along another 10 databases indexing the *IJHFE* as well as two important listings, the journal is increasingly being recognised for publishing very good quality articles, while being extremely well cited in the literature. The achievements of the *IJHFE* spring from a collaborative endeavour and are hence a result of the continued efforts and support of many people, including the members of the editorial board, our valued reviewers, the authors of manuscripts submitted to the journal, the staff and collaborators of Inderscience Publishers, and last but not least, our cherished readers, who have been growing in number.

On behalf of the editorial board, we are excited about the line-up of high-quality articles contained in this issue as well as those to be rolled out in the coming issues. In the current issue, we also strengthen our ties with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES), publishing a reprint of a review by Sonja Biede of the book "Competency-based education in aviation: exploring alternate training pathways" that appeared initially on this year's first issue of the HFES - Europe chapter newsletter.

The current issue features research papers by authors affiliated with institutions in four different continents. Chala, Ansari and Fathi, based in Germany, report on the design and implementation of a context-aware dynamic text field, envisaging lowering the pressure on the users as respondents in web surveys and queries. Saha and Kabra, from the north of India, authored a follow-up study to their review on hand-arm vibration exposure and transmissibility from power hand tools presented in the first issue of this volume. Their article published in this issue focusses on the prevalence of hand-arm vibration symptoms of angle grinder operators, from a cross-sectional study improvement. From the USA, Lewis, Roberts and Baldwin, with George Mason

University in Washington, D.C., reviewed existing methods of scaling and suggest that including the method of determining a range of acceptable intensities prior to implementing a scaling method (the CRASINS method) is most effective; they presented visual, auditory and tactile signals and determined separate scales for different parameters in each modality. Also from the USA, Preusse, Gonzalez, Singleton, Mitzner and Rogers, with Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, identified the range of challenges in everyday activities that might be experienced by older adults aging with pre-existing impairments in vision, hearing, or mobility. With this knowledge, the human factors community can ultimately improve aging for this understudied sector of adults with pre-existing sensory and mobility impairments, and assist in the development of successful aging. And for the first time, an authoring team based in Nigeria is publishing in the *IJHFE*: in this issue, Victor Kosisochukwu, Yvonne Nelson and Ukachukwu report on a cross-sectional study of string instrumentalists focusing on risk factors for the onset of playing related musculoskeletal disorders.