
Editorial

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This special issue consists of high quality submissions originally presented at leading international conferences held in Bled, Slovenia and Wuhan, China focusing on important aspects of e-health and e-wellness. Today, globally, with the rapid rise of chronic diseases such as diabetes and obesity coupled with the escalating costs of healthcare, more focus is placed on prevention and wellness management. Moreover, given the contemporaneous growth in various technologies, most especially mobile, it is unsurprising that we are witnessing more research in the nascent sub-domain of e-health

and e-wellness. This special issue attempts to capture in this miscellany, some of the leading thinking at this point in time in this growing sub-domain.

Specifically, the paper by Quade and Leimstoll 'Perceived value of smartphones and tablets for mobile business in small and medium enterprises' investigates the value of smartphones for e-health and e-wellness activities.

Simons et al. focus on how it might be possible to improve employee health in their paper 'Improving employee health; lessons from an RCT' which is a central concern in e-wellness studies to date.

Kari et al. examine 'The expected and perceived well-being effects of short-term self-tracking technology use' which is a question often asked given the rise in the myriad of self-tracking devices we see today.

Finally, Makkonen et al. also investigate another e-wellness issue in their paper 'To sit or to stand, that is the question: examining the effects of work posture change on the well-being of software professionals'.

Clearly, a special issue on e-health and e-wellness cannot cover all areas. This special issue doesn't claim to do such, rather it tries to whet our readers' appetites and encourage them to also pursue research in this newly developing area which has far reaching implications for healthcare delivery, public health and society.

We trust our readers enjoy this special issue at least as much as we have enjoyed working on its compilation.