Editorial

It is with excitement about our future that we present volume 11, number 1 of the Canadian Journal of Career Development. This issue marks our second decade of publishing peer reviewed academic research and best practices in career development in Canada and around the world. It is a significant milestone for any journal but we are especially pleased that we were able to produce a text entitled: A Multi-Sectoral Approach to Career Development: A Decade of Canadian Research to celebrate the occasion. This text was distributed to all delegates at the CANNEXUS 2012 Conference in Ottawa, Ontario.

We are also proud to announce that this issue is our first environmentally friendly virtual edition. The Canadian Journal of Career Development will now publish one edition every year in hard copy and the second edition digitally.

We are also very proud to announce that the Journal was both invited and nominated to apply to be included in the Directory of Open Access Journals. We are honoured to announce that we were recently accepted into the Directory. “The aim of the Directory of Open Access Journals is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. The Directory aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content.” (Accessed April 20, 2012 at www.doaj.org). We are extremely pleased that our current authors in this issue and future authors will now have an even farther reach for their published work.

In this current edition we have a vast array of career related topics. In ‘Accessing counselling services and achieving career goals for first-generation women university students in Atlantic Canada’ by Marilee Remier, readers are introduced to the topic of support services for post-secondary students and whether they are supportive to first generation women.

From across the ocean, Oyesoji Aremu informs us about the impact of emotional intelligence training has for teachers in Nigeria. ‘Effectiveness of emotional intelligence Training in enhancing teaching self-efficacy of career-frustrated teachers in Ondo State, Nigeria’ is an insightful article about whether or not career-frustrated teachers should be provided with emotional intelligence training in order to improve their teaching self-efficacy.

Returning closer to home in the article entitled ‘Understanding the possible impact of a community service learning experience during university on career development’ by Mark Baetz, Chris McEvoy, Keith Anderson, and Colleen Loomis the authors examine the impact that volunteer and community-service learning experiences have on university students career development and decisions. Their findings help open the door and shine light on past research in this area, as well as provide guidance to career counsellors and teachers in facilitating programs that foster student career development.

In a continuing theme regarding health and career development often medical situations occur when it is least expected and affect people in many ways. These events, can and often do, carry over into the work world and impact individual’s careers. In ‘Women’s career decision-making after brain injury’ Maria Iaquinta, Norman E. Amundson, and William A. Borgen enlighten and raise awareness of this particular group need for specific career research and differentiated forms of counselling.

On ongoing societal issue is the movement of populations from rural to urban centres. Craig Tucker, Gerry White, and Ken Stevens in their article entitled ‘Ten-years on student leavers from a remote island community’ examine the question “where do we go from here.” Working with rural Canadian students ten years after they graduated from high school, their finding provide a new lens on how future teachers are trained and how their advice impacts the career decisions of rural high school students.

In the final section of this issue we have included an informative article by Roberta A. Neault, Deirdre A. Pickerall, and Cassandra M. Saunders. In their article entitled ‘Look before you leap: The role of self-employment coaching self-efficacy in facilitating client’s success’ the authors interview Canadian career practitioners on their client engagement, views on self-employment, and factors that contribute to CDP’s usage of self-employment conversations. The article begins a thought provoking discourse that self-employment is increasing in popularity and counsellors need to be provided with the skills and knowledge to assist clients make a career decision in this direction.

As you can see from this editorial we are not resting on our laurels but embracing the opportunities the next decade will provide. We are energised by the success of the last 10 years and will assure you that the next 10 will be equally as exciting.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

Rob Shea
Founding Editor