

Editorial

It is with great pleasure that I provide Volume 3, Number 1 for your review. I hope that the articles contained herein will challenge your thinking and at the same time allow you to engage in a cursory glance of the interesting international career research from 6 different countries. Given the number of articles submitted to the Journal from around the world there is no shortage of interesting research. The international stage is well populated with cutting edge career research and we are happy to share it with you in this volume.

Within these covers we have provided articles from 6 countries. Cora L. Diaz, (Venezuela) in her article entitled *Primo Tenori: Serendipity and Pseudo –Serendipity in Early Career Paths* has provided an interesting article of happenstance and the career path of opera singers. In Australia, Mary McMahon, Brigid Limerick and Jan Gillies add to the growing body of literature on mentoring and in this case the role of mentoring in fostering career exploration in the information technology sector for girls. Their article entitled *Mentoring as a Career Guidance Activity: Fostering Non-traditional Career Exploration for Girls* provides a foundation for further international work. Jonathan Roberti's article, *Can sensation seeking explain a vocational interest in forensic identification*, is included at a time when forensic identification careers are becoming a career option for many students given the prominence mainstream media has on students perceptions of interesting career paths. Yet another prominent discussion in Canada and other countries is how the ageing baby boomer cohort will challenge existing assumptions of how we engage in career work with our older workers. Mary Rogers and Norm O'Rourke (Canada) provide a foundation upon which further research can be conducted in this exciting field of career development in their article entitled *Health, Job Loss, and Programs for Older Workers in Canada*. Leonor Almeida and Helena Rebelo Pinto from Portugal in their article *Life Values Inventory (LVI): Portuguese Adaptation Studies* provide a review of how they have adapted the Life Values Inventory (LVI) for Portugal. Finally we have an article from Jussi Onnismaa from Finland. His article on *Ethics and professionalism in counselling* is timely in its treatment of the topic and a topic that we should all be consistently aware of as we work with our clients. Our book review this issue is the new text by internationally recognised best selling career author Barbara Moses entitled, *What Next?* Roberta A. Neault's synthesis of the contents will provide a glimpse inside the covers of the book and some items for discussion.

This issue also signals the announcement of our new International Award for creativity in career development programming. We believe that there is a great deal of cutting edge creativity in career development programs occurring at the grass roots level around the world. This award is not designed to recognize career work that is national in scope but rather grass roots programs that are having a significant impact on the clients they serve that we can celebrate and share with the international career community. For further information please look on page 3 for the official announcement and guidelines.

I sincerely hope that you find something inside the covers of this issue that will inspire your practice. This is our first international issue and one which I hope we can provide again in the very near future.

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