



## **Editorial**

# **Welcome to the first issue of EJOHN**

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Dear Readers, Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the first issue of the European Journal of Occupational Health Nursing (EJOHN), the official journal of the Federation of Occupational Health Nurses within the European Union (FOHNEU)!

It is my privilege and pleasure to write this letter and to introduce EJOHN, which aims to be a high-quality, peer reviewed, open access journal. The main objective of the Journal is to serve as a vehicle of communication for the dissemination of innovative and impactful research and clinical content in the field of occupational health nursing.

EJOHN started out as an agenda point at the Post-Congress FOHNEU Board Meeting in Budapest, Hungary one and half year ago, when representatives from Spain put forward a proposal to establish an on-line European Journal for Occupational Health Nurses. One of the aims of FOHNEU is to encourage research into areas of occupational health practice, education and management with publication of the results. So, we had a vision to create an innovative and authentic scientific journal in this field.

In the first phase we are focusing on to expand and refine the editorial board to embrace top experts. At present we are pleased to already be able to welcome the following editors to the board: Manuel Romero Saldaña PhD (University of Córdoba, Spain) as editor in chief, Melek Nihal Esin PhD (University of Istanbul-Cerrahpaşa, Turkey) as managing editor, Gema Arévalo Alonso MSc (FOHNEU) as editorial officer, Elisabete Borges PhD (University of Porto, Portugal), Walter de Caro PhD (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy), Rocío de Diego Cordero PhD (University of Seville, Spain), Javier González Caballero PhD (National Institute of Social Security, Spain), Henriett Éva Hirdi PhD (FOHNEU & Semmelweis University, Hungary), Alfonso Meneses Monroy PhD (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain), Lucia Mitello MSc (San Camillo Forlanini Hospital, Italy), Paula Naumanen PhD (University of Oulu,

Finland), Laura Sabatino PhD (Centre of Excellence for Nursing Scholarship of Ipasvi Rome, Italy), Julie Staun PhD (FOHNEU, Denmark), and Livia Szobota MSc (FOHNEU, Hungary) as associate editors. The fact that editors are based in different countries and are able to communicate in a number of European languages makes the Journal's operation more efficient.

The topics covered in the Journal include but not limited to: health surveillance, immunisations, hazard assessment and control, emergency response and advanced emergency care, ergonomic assessment, health promotion and education, legislation, prevention and management of occupational diseases, return to work, disability management, etc.

We want EJOHN to be an international forum for sharing the best practice ideas and for exchange of information on all of the above topics and more, in various formats: original theoretical, quantitative and empirical research and discussion papers, survey papers, insightful systematic reviews, and case studies in nursing care. We also welcome proposals for special issues on topics, within the scope of EJOHN that might be of current scholarly and clinically interest.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our current editorial board members for their commitment to the standards to which this new Journal aspires. Beginning this year, these board members have handled the first-round submissions. I also would like to thank all authors who contributed manuscripts for this 1st issue and other authors who are waiting patiently to get their manuscripts published in subsequent issues.

We envisioned this year going a bit differently. The World Health Assembly has designated 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. We are very disappointed to report that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel many of the in-person meetings and celebrations.

Hereby, I would like to express my gratitude to all of my colleagues for participating in the fight against COVID-19. Over the past months, employers around the world have taken unprecedented steps to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Closing workplaces and ordering workers to home office, then later the reopening has had different impact on the health and well-being of the workforce. Employers and employees need decision support as they consider their options to assure safe and healthful working

conditions. We all know, that occupational health nurses play a vital role in providing health advices and services. Thank you for all you have done for the working community in the efforts of keeping them safe and healthy.

Finally, I'm proud to emphasise that this year also marks the 120th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Mária Baloghy, the director of the very first industrial nurse training in Hungary. She was very interested in girls' and women's education and occupational health. In order to properly elaborate a training scheme for Occupational Health Nurses, the high school teacher Dr. Baloghy took up a job as a factory workwoman; she lived and worked with workwomen, and thus she gained sufficient experience. Because of her efforts, the first industrial nurse training launched in 1933 in Budapest, Hungary. The first students passed their final exam in June 1934. Between 1933 and 1945 more than 150 women become industrial nurses. She encouraged her students and the certified industrial nurses to share their experiences, best practices in the occupational health community.

I close this message by inviting everyone to submit their exciting articles to EJOHN keeping up the tradition inherited by Dr. Baloghy.