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Editor's note

I have great pleasure to offer the following selection in this second issue.(Vol 1 No 2, Dec 2013)

Sydney Engelberg in his refreshing approach talks about the 'Organizational Myths: How Organizational Change is Misunderstood and Why it is So Rarely Successful?' He examines the underlying assumptions in the HRM world and show that they are primarily derived from a certain set of biases in favour of "positive" emotions and attributes. As a result, other aspects of human interaction and organizational life that involve "negative" emotions and attributes have been neglected, given only lip service attention, or are in subtle ways denigrated. These "negative" aspects and their outcomes can be called the "dark side" of organizational life.

Nikolova K, Wright R, Ponnuswami I, in their article on ' Early Childhood Development Programs: Consideration for Implementation in India' explore the fallout of an interesting study in the field of early childhood education programs (ECD) and the effectiveness, financial benefits, and relevance of early childhood development (ECD) models in the Indian context. Results suggest that childhood educational and health policy is enrooted to being developed in India but insufficient resources, a lack of interdepartmental communication, and a lack of monitoring of early childhood development outcomes and related programming have resulted in implementation problems in service delivery.

Mukesh Kumar, submitted an interesting article on the case experience from a Delhi based Hospital on the role for Social Workers in Cadaver Organ Donation and Transplant Coordination. From policy perspectives he mentions that although the removal of human organs for therapeutic purposes has been legalized by the government, it has not yet received social sanction to facilitate cadaver transplant in Indian society, calling for a much concerted role of social work in Indian society.

Yehoshua, Siu Fung Chung have made an interesting review of the 'Psychodrama and Group Process'. They contend that psychodrama practitioners and researchers have largely ignored the group processes.

Ksenija Butorac, Marijan Šuperina, Ljiljana Mikšaj Todorović in their article on 'the missing persons in the republic of Croatia' discuss the disappearances of children and the youth result in significant restlessness and the increased interest of the public, which makes the police actions exposed to certain criticism and pressure. In order to introduce the readers with the social occurrence of disappearance of the missing persons in the Republic of Croatia, the authors present a short overview of the previous completed researches and analyses.

Harriett Arnold, Charlane Starks in their article on discovering pedagogical influences trace the impact of ethnicity and gender representation in early childhood education. They propose to explore the personal development and deeper meanings, seek purpose, and understand the power of transcendence. This article focuses on dolls, gender, discovery and metacognitive thought that are major elements in an action research project set in an undergraduate social justice and diversity course.

Rachel Mitchell presents a literature review in the form of a critical essay on perspectives of coping and resilience based on a recently released book in 2013. She examined the concepts of coping and resilience within a range of diverse fields such as social work, psychology, art, spirituality and management science, have emerged and have shifted a focus from sustainable practices to resilience building.

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