

## Preface

I am very pleased to inform all of readers that this year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Industrial Health. Since Volume 1, No. 1, 1963, the journal has published approximately 2,000 papers. The recent number of submissions has dramatically increased to approximately 200 papers per year. The present status is not possible without excellent, continued contribution by the authors, reviewers, and editorial board members worldwide.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, the journal publishes a series of special papers to show the current situations and the future directions of occupational safety and health in selected countries and regions (USA, EU, China, Korea, Australia, and Japan) in this and subsequent issues. In addition, the journal invited distinguished experts to provide their message to Industrial Health. On this issue's Editorial, Dr. Kazutaka Kogi (President of International Commission on Occupational Health and our Advisory Editor) has emphasized the importance of interactive research into proactive risk control and its facilitation by effective team work services. The Editorials by colleagues of World Health Organization and International Labour Organization will be followed in the forthcoming issues.

The mission of Industrial Health is to publish peer-reviewed papers and reports in the fields of occupational health and safety to upgrade the quality of working life and workplaces. This anniversary is an important milestone to remind us how occupational health and safety research should be and how the findings reported would be translated into the real workplaces. I as Editor-in-Chief am anticipating that more novel and influential articles will be submitted to us and circulated to researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders all over the world toward the next 50 years by our journal.



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