

Editorial

Our 60th anniversary

The year 2022 marks our journal's 60th anniversary, having launched in 1963 (https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/browse/indhealth/1/0/_contents/-char/en). Most journals in our field are found to have continued publication for over 60 years as of the year 2022: International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health (Vol. 95), Occupational and Environmental Medicine (Vol. 79), Occupational Medicine (Vol. 72), Annals of Work Exposures and Health (Vol. 66), American Journal of Industrial Medicine (Vol. 65), Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (Vol. 64), Journal of Occupational Health (Vol. 64), and Scandinavian Journal of Work, Environment and Health (Vol. 48).

We would like to celebrate this commemorative event with all of you, even in the face of the variety of challenges scientific journals have encountered in continued publication. Compared with other areas, there are less scientists and practitioners covering occupational health and safety. Collecting better quality submissions and managing the re-

view process in a timely manner are vital tasks; however, these are sometimes difficult to complete effectively. Financial issues have affected both the Editorial Offices and contributors, and journals must obtain sufficient funding for publication; in recent years, authors have had to pay \$2,000 to even \$8,000 processing charges to publish just one paper.

The age of 60 has a special meaning in Japan, i.e., rebirth. The 60th birthday of an individual is usually celebrated by wearing a red hat and a padded, sleeveless vest. This sort of attire implies "return to being a baby", together with best wishes for their subsequent period of life (their next 60-year cycle). In the same way, *Industrial Health* is going to be reborn to provide you with more essential evidence and information for workers, workplaces, and society. We greatly appreciate the continued support from scientists, practitioners, readers, reviewers, and editorial board members for our journal.

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