

## EDITOR'S NOTE

It is our pleasure to inform our *Iranian Rehabilitation Journal* readers and contributors that the journal had been indexed in IndexCopernicus Journals Master List which can be seen in <http://journals.indexcopernicus.com/masterlist.php>. We intend to enrich the quality and variety of articles in the future issues, so we kindly request all scholars and researchers to submit their manuscripts in wide range of topics related to rehabilitation.

Despite the increasing recognition of the magnitude of disability throughout the world, in many countries the existing services are still meeting no more than two per cent of those in need. The World Health Organization has presented Community Based Rehabilitation as one contribution to meeting the challenge. It explores the value of this approach within the context of a rehabilitation program that has been operating in the rural areas and the spiritual motivation of the volunteers who comprise the backbone of this project is explored. Community Based Rehabilitation is a topic which Dr. Einar Helander who is famous in this field reviewed a paper on this issue. We will welcome manuscripts related to management specially virtual aspects of rehabilitation such as Tele-rehabilitation.

There are many challenges in the area of rehabilitation. Rehabilitation robotics can be one of them. It has been divided into two main areas, assistive robotics including personal care robots, and rehabilitation therapeutic systems. Trends show these areas of rehabilitation robots branching into several directions. In rehabilitation robots for therapy, new trends are seen in the provision of robots for stroke therapy that assist in training of the whole arm and hand in both reaching and grasping and the use of robot therapy systems that are coupled with methods for uncovering how motor learning is occurring and how cerebral plasticity such as fMRI. In contrast, there is the trend to provide novel systems for home rehabilitation and monitoring that are low-cost and affordable. The use of wireless, wearable and portable technology to provide home monitoring and the use of low-cost gaming technology or VR systems to provide home therapy is frequently seen. We are looking forward to receive articles related to these trends and seek to uncover what they tell us about the future of the rehabilitation.

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