

Special Issue on Global and Cultural Perspectives on Therapeutic Recreation

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Ten percent of the global population has persons with a disability. Individuals can acquire a condition that impedes their abilities to access work, education, and leisure engagement across their life course. Stumbo and Singleton (*Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 41(2), 2007) noted that professional development needs to be placed within the context of the society. The guest editors framed the special edition around questions such as the following: What is the role of Recreation and Leisure for accessing and using leisure opportunities globally? How are persons with differing abilities perceived within the various countries? What are the governmental policies in differing countries related to access and inclusion for persons with differing levels of abilities? Now 11 years later, this current call for papers is intended to revisit some of the topics in the 2007 special issue as described above and to explore the vast changes our world has experienced and how these changes influence the field of recreational therapy and therapeutic recreation (RT/TR). Given our world's current political and globalized climate,

the guest editors of this issue are encouraging all RT/TR scholars to consider how these factors may influence their research.

The International TR Coalition (Australia, South Africa, Japan, Canada, New Zealand, United States, NCTRC) has emerged in 2017 to share and exchange information related to this profession globally. The purpose of this special issue is to have authors reflect on the articles in the special issue edited by Stumbo and Singleton (2007) (Australia, Finland, Japan) and provide insights into how recreation and leisure services have emerged for individuals with differing abilities within their country.

This special issue is intended to document the RT/TR movements in the world and enhance future collaborations within the field of TR beyond national borders. With this special feature, we can see the changes since 2007 among the countries documented in the previous special issue and the emergence of a global RT/TR movement. In addition, this feature aims to observe how different countries conceptualize RT/TR in their sociocultural context. Readers will notice the differences in the a) definition of the term *leisure and recreation*; b) definition and scope of practice of the profession of RT/TR that enhances access to leisure opportunities; c) gaps in the development of the field; d) educational requirements for entry to practice for the profession; e) development of professional organizations; and f) credentialing structure or organizations that exist to protect the consumer of services. As a result of each country's unique sociocultural context, the profession has evolved in a slightly different way, with inherent strengths and opportunities for growth in each country and globally. This feature will give us opportunity to think about how we tap into those strengths and globally support opportunities for individuals with differing abilities.

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Potential Manuscript Topics or Themes

- The impacts of globalization on RT/TR services and research
- The history of RT/TR service globally
- Case studies on global populations or exemplary RT/TR programs and interventions, which may include specific program protocols
- RT/TR service in response to global crisis and/or natural disaster
- Challenges with offering RT/TR service in a globalized climate
- Specific interventions targeted for refugees or newcomers
- Methodological or research considerations with global populations
- Cross-cultural RT/TR comparisons

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References

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Submissions

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