From the editor

In 2017, the editorial team processed nearly 340 manuscripts including original submissions and revisions. My sincere thanks to the Associate Editors, Professors Tom Stone (Oklahoma State University, USA), Julia Richardson (Curtin University, Australia), Bert Schreurs (Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium), Akram Al Ariss (Toulouse Business School, France), Sean Lyons (University of Guelph, Canada), and Jos Akkermans (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands) for sharing in the workload. As we begin 2018, please join me in saying goodbye to Akram who is moving on to other opportunities. I thank him for his contributions as an Associate Editor and I will sorely miss his expertise of qualitative methodologies. Please join me in welcoming Professor Deborah O’Neil (Bowling Green State University, USA) as our newest Associate Editor. Deb is an accomplished Researcher and an outstanding Reviewer known to most members of the Careers Division. She has contributed to CDI as a Reviewer for more than a decade, and the editorial team is pleased to welcome her.

This past year, Jos Akkermans led the effort to promote the journal. Working with his students, he has constructed a database of articles published in CDI and has started the process of making newly published articles available to scholars who have previously published on the topical area of accepted articles. Such an effort has been long overdue and will encourage readership, citations, and a renewed interest in the journal. Constructing such a database enabled Jos to publish, what I hope will be an influential paper, entitled “Trending topics in careers: a review and future research agenda” (Akkermans, J. and Kubasch, S., 2017, Vol. 22 No. 6, pp. 586-627).

As we say goodbye to Melissa Fojt, former Publisher of CDI, who has left Emerald to pursue an advanced degree, we welcome Andrew Peart. Although Andrew is new to Emerald, he has significant experience in the publishing industry. James Martin continues to serve as the Content Editor and my lifeline to managing day-to-day affairs of the journal. The editorial team thanks Emerald for its continued support of CDI.

The scope of CDI remains unchanged. We will continue to publish mainstream career research as well as research addressing topics in the broad areas of human resource management and organizational behavior that have implications for careers and managing careers. CDI publishes theoretical papers, review articles offering new insights and research directions, qualitative and quantitative studies, and special issues on topics dealing with important issues, concerns and emerging trends.

I am happy to report that four special issues are in progress:

(1) Impact of job insecurity on job performance, guest edited by Nele De Cuyper (University of Leuven, Belgium), Bert Schreurs (Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium), Hans De Witte (University of Leuven, Belgium), and Eva Selenko (Loughborough University, UK).

(2) The impact of the global refugee crisis on career ecosystem, guest edited by Julia Richardson (Curtin University), Charlotte Karam (American University of Beirut), and Fida Afiouni (American University of Beirut).

(3) Sustainable career and innovation during manufacturing transformation, guest edited by Tachia Chin (Hangzhou Dianzi University), Weiwei Wu (Harbin Institute of Technology), and Hao Jiao (Beijing Normal University).
The role of career shocks in career development: integrating structure and agency, guest edited by Jos Akkermans (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands), Ricardo Rodrigues (King’s College London UK), Scott Seibert (University of Oregon, USA), Svetlana Khapova (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands), and Stefan Mol (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands).

Potential guest editors are encouraged to contact us with their ideas for special issues. Prospective authors are encouraged to visit the journal’s homepage to peruse previous issues and learn about the submission process.

I am pleased to publish the special issue entitled “Work engagement: where to next?” as the first issue of 2018. This special issue guest edited by Professors Arnold Bakker (Erasmus University) and Simon Albrecht (Deakin University) has an excellent collection of papers and, I am sure, will have a substantial impact on the field.

As I begin my 11th year as the Editor, I am very grateful for the support I continue to receive from the associate editors, editorial board members, reviewers, and colleagues at Emerald. I am looking forward to another great year for Career Development International.

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