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Welcome to the long-overdue 3rd issue of Volume 14 of the *International Journal of Aquatic Research and Education*! This issue has its usual diverse set of articles, both research and education along with a letter to the editor.

The first research paper of the issue, “Attitudes and Self-efficacy of Swimming Coaches towards the Inclusion of Swimmers with Autism Spectrum Disorder,” comes to us from Eleftheria Kasagianni (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), Dimitrios Kokaridas (University of Thessaly), Panagiotis Varsamis (university of Macedonia, and Vasilis Tsimaras (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). This unique topic provides insights into how open Greek swim coaches report about inclusion of swimmers with ASD on their teams.

The next research paper comes from Mark A. Christie and David Elliott, both of University of Cumbria in the UK. The paper, “You Have to Respect the Water: Participant Experiences of Appreciating and Managing the Risks Associated with Open Water Swimming – A Rapid Ethnographic Study” is a fascinating and detailed study of open water swimming training using ethnographic study techniques.

The next two research papers come from a team of researchers from Indiana University-Bloomington. The first paper, “Barriers: Location, Functionality, and Method of Access in Childhood Pool/Spa Submersion Incidents, United States, 2000-2017,” was authored by Alison Miller, Kristina R. Anderson, and William D. Ramos. This important drowning prevention study reviewed narrative case reports from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s database to identify effectiveness of pool and spa barriers associated with fatal and non-fatal drownings. The study is particularly unique since most retrospective studies have relied on quantitative data rather than the narrative reports also imbedded within this drowning database.

The second study by the Indiana University-Bloomington research team of Alison Miller, William D. Ramos, Kristina R. Anderson, and Jill Cuvala entitled, “Lay Rescuer Equipment Preferences and Efficacy During a Simulated Drowning Event,” examined the kinds of rescue equipment bystanders or layperson rescuers preferred to use when confronted with a simulated pool drowning. To discover which of the six pieces of rescue equipment naïve rescuers chose in this study, you need to read this well designed and interesting study for yourself!

The final research paper in the issue, “Perceived and Real Water Competency and Drowning Risk Among Adults,” was composed by Teresa Stanley, Kevin Moran, Dawn Garbett, and Alan Ovens, all from the University of Auckland. In this excellent and extensive paper, the authors have examined the associations between surveys of perceived competency and performance tests of water competency. The findings are quite compelling and reinforce previous research about the tendency of adults, particularly males, to overestimate their performance capabilities around the water.

The final full article in this issue, a professional tome, comes from “down under” in Queensland, Australia. The authors, Elissa Hooper (Central Queensland University), Aaron T. Scanlon (Central Queensland University), Shayne D. Baker (University of Southern Queensland), Samantha Fine (Central Queensland University, Mackay), have authored, “A Research Framework to Improve Evidence-Based Practice Surrounding the Resuscitation Response to Drowning in Surf Lifesaving.” The paper offers a model for studying how well CPR has been and is being performed by surf lifesavers. It is an interesting concept with some potential for improving the quality of surf lifesavers’ performance of CPR.

A letter to the editor comes from Gemma Crawford (Curtin University), Meg Abercromby (Salvation Army), Malena Della Bona (Curtin University), and Justine E. Leavy (Curtin University). It is entitled “Evaluating Drowning Prevention Campaigns – The Challenge of Getting the Right Information to the Right People at the Right Time: A Response to Calverley, Petrass, and Blitvich.” The original article to which they are responding was originally published in *IJARE* back in Issue 3 of Volume 13 and was entitled “Predicting Young Adults’ Intentions and Involvement in Alcohol-Influenced Aquatic Activity” (<https://doi.org/10.25035/ijare.13.03.06>). I apologize to the authors and to readers that it has taken so long to publish this letter to the editor. It was entirely my fault for not having published it much sooner.

Enjoy the fine articles in this issue. The editors are working to reduce our extensive backlog with another issue very soon. Happy reading.

Steve Langendorfer
Founding Editor