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This Issue of the journal commences with the Vale to the Chief Editor Barry Francis Dunn who passed away in 2020 and then consists of two (2) research papers. Regarding other matters of social importance, the COVID 19 Pandemic continues to have an unprecedented adverse effect upon the Higher Education Sector Globally and this continues to impact upon the support for the journal. The backlog of submissions is still overwhelming and with the passing of the Chief Editor and the dwindling number of volunteers it is regrettable that no new submissions can be considered for processing until further notice.

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The “Vale - Barry Francis Dunn” (Laing, 2020) is an acknowledgement of the achievements of Barry and is a recognition of his accomplishments in his life. Further, page 1 has been left to the memory of Barry as a mark of respect and special recognition for his commitment and contribution to the journal.

The second paper “The Blurred Boundaries of Social Media: Can Social Media Interactivity Reduce Work Exhaustion?” (Lu, Lo & Lam, 2020) investigate two types of social media interactivity, vertical and horizontal interactivity, and whether they can help users reduce work exhaustion through the coping mechanisms perceived social support, perceived enjoyment, and social identification. The results indicate that that social media interactivity can help reduce work exhaustion through the creation or enhancement of the three coping mechanisms.

The third paper “Treatment of Panic and Agoraphobia: A Comparison of Medication versus Cognitive Behaviour Therapy” (Dunn, 2020) examines the effectiveness of treatment of panic and agoraphobia by medication versus cognitive behaviour therapy. A significant difference was found between the two forms of treatment - medication and combined behaviour therapy. However, there was no significant difference found between the two types of treatment providers (general practitioners and psychiatrists).

References

