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In my wildest dreams, I never thought I would be writing an editorial during a worldwide pandemic. This past year was one of challenges in both our personal and professional lives. During this time, we have confronted the challenges of social isolation and embraced the opportunities of technology. During this challenging year, one thing has stood out abundantly. The importance of resilience.

For many of us, we have discovered within ourselves a resilience that was tested time and time again. We have navigated the complexities of our lives in the midst of a global pandemic. Our normal routines were disrupted as we retreated to our safe spaces. For many our careers were punctuated with a different work environment, the challenge to use multiple modalities of technology, different workgroups among many other challenges, and redefining what work meant to us personally. Yet, we have all delved deep into this conversation and the outcomes, as yet unknown, will define the new dawn of career discussions. I believe, these new discussions will centre around career resilience, the use of technology, remote learning, remote work and how social interaction is a key component of the workplace. Yet, throughout all of this, we will survive and many of us thrive. Why do I believe this? It is because human beings have always adapted. We are a resilient species.

Over the past decade, we here at CJCD/CERIC have celebrated the life of Etta St. John Wileman and her pioneering work that occurred in the early 1900s; A time when the world was in the grip of a world war and a pandemic. Yet, her resilience and those around her conceptualized the idea that work is of value...that unemployment is not a personal failing but a social responsibility...that parents are the purveyors of significant career guidance...and that government needs to be intimately involved in the discussion and support of Canadians who are navigating the complexities of all aspects of employment and unemployment. Out of those tumultuous days, those individuals survived, thrived, and evolved and we will do it again!

In the coming months, the Canadian Journal of Career Development/ Revue canadienne de développement de carrière will be launching a call for a special international issue on the future of career development in a post-pandemic world. We are excited, as your peer-reviewed journal to be the convenor of a thoughtful, deliberate, and evidence-based discussion on the future of career development.

In conclusion, many thanks to the authors whose time and commitment to research and writing during a pandemic has brought you these articles. To Diana Boyd, our Associate Editor, thank you for pivoting during this year to ensure authors, reviewers and others were supported all the while navigating working from home with a young child. Thank you to our funders CERIC, Memorial University and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for your continued support in enhancing evidence-based research on career development. To you, our readers thank you for your discerning work and always being there to support us through your reading and thoughtful comments on the articles published. You have contributed to a record of 1,907 full-text article downloads per month this past year. I look forward to watching that increase over the coming year.

Yours in career research,

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