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EDITORIAL

At the beginning of this issue, we would like to share with you a change in our editorial board. We take this opportunity to thank Sanneke de la Rie for her contributions as the formal managing editor and welcome Eline Ossevoort as the new interim managing editor.

The first article of this issue is a contribution by Duppen, Smetcoren, Hoens, Nackaerts and De Donder (all from Vrije Universiteit Brussel). This research-based contribution describes a study in which the potential role of 'non-care professionals' or 'antenna professionals' is explored for detecting frail older adults without an informal network and potentially leading them to formal care. The contribution brings to light that the 'antenna' professionals could detect frailty in numerous ways, but that there are also some barriers.

The second contribution is written by Noordink (Tilburg University and HAN University of Applied Sciences), Verharen (HAN University of Applied Sciences), Schalk (Tilburg University) and Van Regenmortel (University of Leuven and Tilburg University). In this research-based contribution, the way in which a number of measurement tools of empowerment have been developed is considered and evaluated based on these quality standards. The goal is to gain insight into the value of these quality standards as a framework for developing instruments.

The third contribution is written by Bergsma (senior consultant Solidair Consultancy), Van Haaster (senior researcher 'Instituut voor Gebruikersparticipatie en Beleid', an independent agency for

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research, development and training) and Hassink (senior researcher Wageningen University). In this practice-based contribution, the authors describe the first results of a quality instrument for care farms in the Netherlands. This contribution helps to get a better view of the experiences of different types of participants on care farms and the impact care farms have on their life and that of their family member. Thereby giving farmers and client organizations of care farms information to improve the quality of the care.

The final article is a contribution by Cle Burgers, Evelyn Post (both from community teams in Almere, The Netherlands), Evelien Schipper (organizational psychologist) and Verkooijen (professor Windesheim University of Applied Sciences). In this practice-based contribution, the authors reflect on the signalling task of social community workers. They report on their experiences with a pilot about systematic signalling, with the help of action learning.

Our next issue will be published in September and will include Book Reviews and contributions in "Innovations in Social Practice and Education".

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