
Dear Readers,

We present to you the 56th issue of the scientific quarterly “Disability – issues, problems, solutions”. The mission of our journal is to continually promote innovative concepts. These solutions have a real impact on the quality of life of people with disabilities. We strive to support their full inclusion in social and professional life. The current issue is a compilation of texts of great practical importance that combine the worlds of science, modern technology, and everyday support.

The leading theme is the role of technology in the process of professional activation. An article on assistive technologies (AT) presents them as a key factor in overcoming labor-market barriers and emphasizes the importance of investing in such solutions. It is not only a matter of human rights, but also a strategic socio-economic action that brings tangible benefits to individuals, employers, and society as a whole.

A continuation of the employment theme is the analysis of the challenges related to supported employment services. The text presents research results on job coaching in Poland and abroad, including Sweden, Germany and the United Kingdom. The authors point to the need for systemic regulation of this form of support in our country. An important element here is also the process of shaping the profession of a job coach.

Regarding innovation, the issue includes a study concerning a reverse-lock module for manual wheelchairs. The project was implemented based on the Human-Centered Design (HCD) method and is an excellent example of the use of experimental research in design. Direct user feedback enabled the creation of a device that enhances safety and the comfort of movement.

The topic of subjectivity was addressed in an article about the relationship between a patient with a visual impairment and medical personnel. The text points to the fundamental importance of individualizing communication. The authors emphasize the role of modern, multisensory health education methods. These solutions significantly improve the quality of care in specialist offices.

The issue concludes with a moving review of the book “My Next Breath”. The story of the struggle for recovery after an accident described there prompts deep reflection. It concerns the rehabilitation process and confronting one’s own limitations. Authentic experiences also show the great strength that comes from relationships with loved ones.

We believe that this issue will provide you with many sources of inspiration. We hope the knowledge gained will help further break down barriers. Together, let us build an open and inclusive society.

Respectfully

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