Foreword: Indoor and workplace biometeorology

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Although the bulk of weather-health research has historically focused on outdoor conditions, we know many humans spend the majority of their time indoors or at work. As a result, this supplement within the *International Journal of Biometeorology* is particularly exciting as it focuses on how indoor and workplace environments can affect human health and well-being across a geographically diverse series of locations from South America to Europe and North America to Antarctica. This supplement was organized by the Climate-Health Commission within the International Society of Biometeorology, where the primary goal of its nearly 150 members is to examine linkages between weather/climate and human health.

The research here spans four continents and covers important topics ranging from thermal comfort to pollution. More specifically, research conducted in Los Angeles, USA, assesses how the implementation of heat mitigation strategies might impact heat exposure while research from Brazil examines indoor thermal comfort. Work conducted in Spain takes a closer look at air pollu-

tion and occupational accidents. The final manuscript provides a highly unique perspective on the severe environment found in Antarctica and how humans respond to the close confines and extreme isolation.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the role of indoor and workplace conditions in human health has taken on additional importance as people across the planet have been forced to isolate indoors in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. However, surprisingly little is known about how these diverse environments in which humans spend most of their time can affect their health. It is our hope that the manuscripts here will begin to fill a gap within the scientific community and that others continue to explore this important topic to create a more comprehensive picture of how indoor and workplace conditions affect human health and well-being.

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