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In a world with constant changes in the working environment the older work force appears to be losing its foothold with innovations.

In this article we would like to present the research in which we will try to establish a framework of the correlation between ageing and work performance among Slovenian occupational therapists, who work with different populations in the fields such as Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Somatic medicine.

Interestingly this study is one of the rare attempts to evaluate the occupational capabilities of the work force.

Empirical research with quantitative analysis of questionnaire, based on the assumption that with age the work force's capability to learn and to adapt to changes decreases, which is eventually shown in the attitude towards their daily work.

Measurements of the results of the research is still in progress and will be presented at the Congress.

We find, that occupational therapy as a profession offers occupational therapists much satisfaction at work processes, gives intellectual opportunities and possibilities for creative work but it can also cause burn-out, especially in older employees.