

This editorial is about a problem rather than about a solution. However, a few additional remarks seem in order. In my view, the basis is how technology can enable individual ageing persons, as many as possible, to live a life of one's own choice and feel better integrated with family and friends and other communities. This basis is a myriad of micro-views. The macro-view takes many or all of these micro-existences together, but in this necessarily overall approach, essentials of the micro-stories tend to get lost. So the resulting overall macro-picture is both valid and nevertheless devoid of certain essentials of the daily experiences of ageing people.

The minimum that we may ask is to be aware of the limitations of our approach. A macro-approach runs the risk of forgetting what it means for so many individual ageing people and their human environment. Every zoom-

ing-in on specific aspects of ageing people and their environment takes us a step closer to the micro-view. Realizing the restrictions of the mainstream macro-approach may make us think a little harder on what our findings mean for ever so many ageing people, such as by discussing not only central tendencies in the data, but statistical spread of our results as well and the possible consequences for people on the tails of the distribution. A micro-approach runs the risk of suggesting invalid generalisation. In our journal, case studies will not be accepted if generalized validity is out of reach. Only in one case we published an ego-document in micro-view¹. Nevertheless, case studies are well suited for user participation; they may go in depth and reveal aspects that tend to get lost in more general approaches. Consequently, case studies may act as indicators or pilots for research directed at generalization.

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Page 378, left column, last paragraph, first sentence states: "...to the national standard of 1.7 ACH or 25 l/s per person...". This should be "...to the national standard of 1.7 ACH or 7 l/s per person...".

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