

NEWS LETTER

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Dear Members,

I take immense pleasure in inviting you to participate in the General Body Meeting of AIOTA on **18th February, 2017** and **OTICON'2017** i.e. **54th Annual National Conference of AIOTA**, from **17th -19th February, 2017** at as per the following program:

Date of GB Meeting: **18th February, 2017**

Time: 2:00 pm onwards (tentative)

Venue: **R.L. Swarankar Auditorium, Mahatama Gandhi University of Medical Science & Technology, Jaipur**

Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned. You are requested to contact Dr. S.K. Meena, Organizing Secretary, OTICON'2017 (Mo-+91-9414058796, 8502005480 ; e-mail- skmeena@rediffmail.com; Website-www.oticon2017.com) for requirement of your accommodation and registration for the conference.

A. The Agenda

1. Roll call and Apologies.
2. Opening remarks by the President, AIOTA.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the last GB Meeting held at New Delhi.
4. Matters arising out of the minutes of last GB Meeting.
5. Annual reports submission by: Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, WFOT Delegate, Dean ACOT, Editor- IJOT, and Convener Council Act Committee, Chairman Scientific Program Committee, Organizing Secretary OTICON'2017, Website Convener and Convener of AIOTA Branches.
6. Appointments of Auditors.
7. Constitutional Amendment (if any).
8. Invitation for hosting Annual National Conference of AIOTA- OTICON'2018.
9. Any other matter with permission of Chair*

B. Discussion on issues related to current professional problems if any

C. Vote of thanks

Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned.

Important:

- If at the scheduled time of the GB Meeting the Quorum is not complete, the meeting shall be adjourned and be reconvened after 15 minutes, for which no quorum shall be required.
- * **Kindly note that only those matters that are submitted in written before the GB Meeting to the Hon. Secretary, will be taken up for discussion under agenda item, 'Any Other Matter'.**

Thanking you.
With warm regards.

Dr. Satish S. Maslekar

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Recipients of AIOTA Awards during OTICON2016

Presented during inaugural function of OTICON'2016 on Jan 29, 2016, at SRM University, Chennai

AIOTA's Life Time Achievement Award



Dr. Nirmala S. Venkateswaran
Cochin



Prof. Meera M. Shahani
(1930-2015)
Mumbai
(Posthumously Presented)



Dr. V.S. Bole
New Delhi

AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award



Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya
Mumbai

THE WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT AIOTA IN G.B. MEETING OF AIOTA SRM UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI JAN.30, 2016

I welcome the members in this annual GB Meeting of AIOTA at SRM University Chennai.

OTICON'2016: Thank you Dr. Suresh. It is a wonderful conference under your leadership. Congratulations to Dr. Pratibha Vaidya for a great scientific itinerary which is at par with international academic standard and also being fair in following the norms. I also congratulate the Organizing Team and the Scientific Committee and members of T.N. Branch for an exemplary performance.

Regular participation of International Guests and faculties in AIOTA Conferences is a welcome trend which also speaks of excellent international relations of AIOTA.

OTICON'2015: I specifically mention the tremendous success in terms of organization, academics, international participation and big canvas of OTICON'2015 at AIIMS New Delhi in April 2015. I congratulate Dr. R.K. Sharma for his exemplary efforts.

Election: I am confident of a good work of Dr. Lalit Narayan and his team for conducting fair election to elect a new team of AIOTA EC. Yet I am not happy to know of no contest on key AIOTA executive positions.

Central OT Council: AIOTA was invited for a meeting With Ms. Kavita Narayan, Director, NIAHS TSU and other officials at at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi on 27.10.2015 at 11.00 A.M. for giving feedback on 'Allied and Healthcare Professional's Council Bill, 2015'. President and Hon. Secretary Dr. Panakj Bajpai attended the meeting. AIOTA showed its displeasure before the committee members, on inclusion of Occupational Therapy in the proposed Bill 2015 and made it clear that members of AIOTA, OT Educational Institutions and OT Professionals in India will not accept this bill because of its heterogeneous structure. Meeting concluded with the suggestion: that, 'based on today's discussion and representations sent by members and organizations, the committee may sent modified proposals, which may be discussed with the members of AIOTA, before giving any acceptance or rejection of it'.

Inclusion of OT in Mental Health Care Bill is a genuine requirement and for this we are making efforts. The fresh representations are being sent to government after receiving RTI response initiated by Dr. Lakshmanan (Bangalore). I appreciate good work being done by Dr. Lakshmanan.

7th Central Pay Commission in respect to Occupational Therapists: AIOTA represented for raising their GP from 4200 to 5400 under the leadership of Convener Dr. Rajkumar with support from Delhi Branch and others. I am pleased to inform Commission recommended replacement pay levels for Occupational Therapists as well. I assure you of effective measures after acceptance of the report by Government.

World OT Day celebration as OT INDIA Day, now is widely accepted activity by almost all institutions and branches. I request you all to carry out this activity with more enthusiasm to spread the word of OT amongst fellow professionals and the common man. I am happy to inform that me too got an opportunity to associate myself with OT Day celebration at IPH New Delhi and also Vice President Dr. Zarine & EC Member ACOT Dr. Shovan at JKKMMRF College of OT in South India.

Retrospective Approval: Due to continuance pursuance of AIOTA for OT's graduated before 2008 (prior to AIOTA/WFOT accreditation of the institutions), from JKKMMRF College of OT, & R.M. Medical College, Chidambaram of Tamil Nadu, I am sure of a positive decision after approval in WFOT Council Meeting in March 2016 at Colombia. Very soon the provisional membership granted to them by AIOTA, would be converted into regular Life Membership.

OT IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS OF KERALA: I am pleased to inform that Cabinet of State Government of Kerala has accorded **aided status** to all 278 Special Schools with 50-100 students including Buds Schools with 25 students run by Panchayats, catering the children with Cerebral Palsy, Autism and related challenges. It would be mandatory for each school to have one occupational therapy room with not less than 100 square feet floor area. Thanks to Kerala Branch of AIOTA.

ACOT has tremendously worked to bring out the revised Minimum Standards of OT Education booklet for UG programs and now in process of finalizing the Minimum Standards for PG Education. I congratulate ACOT and its Dean Dr. Jyothika Bijlani for carrying out long awaited task of MOT Accreditation; organizing many COTE's from national and international faculties and plans for many more short courses in coming years.

President AIOTA and EC Member Dr. R.K. Sharma extended necessary cooperation to Delhi Council of PT/ OT for developing Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice draft by attending a meeting thereat Delhi.

AWARDS: AIOTA has decided to posthumously present the Life Time Achievement Award to most honorable late **Prof. Mrs. Meera Shahani** formerly Dean ACOT and HOD OT at KEM Hospital, Mumbai. She has left us very recently. She was also honored by then President AIOTA Dr. R.K. Sharma with Stalwart Award during 1998-1999.

I feel honored to inform that **Dr. Mrs. Nirmala Venkateswaran** and **Dr. Mrs. V.S. Bole** will be honored with AIOTA's most valuable Life Time Achievement Award, for their exemplary dedicated services to OT in India. We all are well aware of her achievements and honors. I also congratulate **Dr. Pratibha Vaidya** for being honored with AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award to which she actually deserved since long

for her selfless dedication in uplifting the academic standards of IJOT and AIOTA conferences.

I am grateful to EC Colleagues of AIOTA and ACOT for their good work and dedication to expand activities of AIOTA and OT in India in all possible way.

Members are advised to regularly visit AIOTA Website, to get instantly informed, on professional updates and also uploaded appeals for cooperation on significant issues specifically the council issue. Updated information on AIOTA accredited UG/PG Programs are also made available on AIOTA Website.

The details of the reports that would be presented by office bearers would further highlight the activities undertaken by AIOTA during the year under report.

Lastly but not the least I request you all to maintain discipline, decorum and democratic pattern of the house to avoid unpleasant situation in conducting the GB Meeting. It was observed with great displeasure in last GB, and was not appreciated by majority of the members. I am confident of your full cooperation in this regard.

Thank You

Dr Anil K. Srivastava
President, AIOTA

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIOTA

Venue: T.P.Ganesan Auditorium, Chennai, Date: 29th January, 2016

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President, AIOTA welcomed the august gathering and called the meeting to order and requested Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Hon. Secretary, AIOTA to proceed with the Agenda points. Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, circulated the Roll call and requested all the members to put their signature on roll call sheets.

A. The Agenda

Agenda 1: Roll Call & Apologies

EC officials who were present in the GB Meeting:

Sr. No.	Name & Place	Designation
1.	Dr. Anil K, Srivastava, Lucknow	President
2.	Dr. Zarine D. Ferzandi, Mumbai	Vice President
3.	Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Kolkata	Hon. Secretary
4.	Dr. Shashi Oberai, Navi Mumbai	Hon. Treasurer
5.	Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Mumbai	Dean ACOT & EC Member
6.	Dr. R.K. Sharma, Gurgaon	EC Member
7.	Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Mumbai	EC Member
8.	Dr. S.K.Meena, Jaipur	EC Member
9.	Dr. Ebenezer Wilson Rajkumar D., New Delhi	EC Member
10.	Dr. Joseph Sunny, Cochin	EC Member

AIOTA Members who were present in the GB Meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Place	Sr. No.	Name	Place
1.	Dr. P. Sugumar	Chennai	13.	Dr. A. Nithyakalyani	Chennai
2.	Dr. B. Balaji	Chennai	14.	Dr. A. Suganthi	Chennai
3.	Dr.V.Vanchinthan	Chennai	15.	Dr. Raghuram P.	Chennai
4.	Dr. MelwinIssac	Chennai	16.	Dr.V.R. Sathivannan	Chennai
5.	Dr. Mohamed Zaheer	Chennai	17.	Dr.M. Ramakrishnan	Chennai
6.	Dr. Sanjeev M.	Chennai	18.	Dr. KarthiliRajaram	Coimbatore
7.	Dr. R. Ilavajagan	Puducherry	19.	Dr. M. Janardhanan	Chennai
8.	Dr. Anupama Khanna	Delhi	20.	Dr. SenthilNath	Chennai
9.	Dr. Neeraj Mishra	Delhi	21.	Dr. A.Jayanandhan	Chennai
10.	Dr. NareshTejwani	Delhi	22.	Dr. Sonam Shah	Mumbai
11.	Dr. MuraliKrishan	Chennai	23.	Dr. Anuradha	Chennai
12.	Dr.K.S. Gopalakrishnan	Chennai	24.	Dr. S.Latta	Chennai

Sr. No.	Name	Place	Sr. No.	Name	Place
25.	Dr. Raviraj Shetty	Mumbai	51.	Dr. N.Sivarajan	Chennai
26.	Dr. ShriharshJahagirdar	Mumbai	52.	Dr. Sherin Priscilla	Chennai
27.	Dr. K.Sunita	Mumbai	53.	Dr. Charles Baby	Chennai
28.	Dr. HansaVarshneya	Mumbai	54.	Dr. N.Munivel	Chennai
29.	Dr. Jay Vijay Sonawae	Mumbai	55.	Dr. S.Ramakrishnan	Chennai
30.	Dr. Pew Majumdar	Mumbai	56.	Dr. D.Ashok Kumar	Chennai
31.	Dr. BhaminiWaghela	Mumbai	57.	Dr. U.GanapathySankar	Chennai
32.	Dr. SumitSaha	Mumbai	58.	Dr. M.Varatharajan	Chennai
33.	Dr. AnuMeena	Mumbai	59.	Dr. J.Sathiyam	Chennai
34.	Dr. Mukund Bhatt	Anand	60.	Dr.MeenakshiBatra	Delhi
35.	Dr. Dhurmesh Patel	Bidudu	61.	Dr.VijayBatra	Delhi
36.	Dr. KhushbuMakhwana	Anand	62.	Dr.Debashis Panda	Delhi
37.	Dr. Bansari Patel	Anand	63.	Dr.SoumyakantSahu	Bengaluru
38.	Dr. Dibeshri Patel	Vapi	64.	Dr.Asish Das	Hyderabad
39.	Dr. JayakumarPurushothaman	Chennai	65.	Dr.Shobana Murthy	Chennai
40.	Dr. Manivannan	Chennai	66.	Dr.AmitabhDwivedi	Jaipur
41.	Dr. Sree Kala Balachandran	Chennai	67.	Dr.DeeptoMitra	Dehradun
42.	Dr. Shobana K.	Chennai	68.	Dr.Sridhar D.	Manipal
43.	Dr. Shyama K. M.	Kerala	69.	Dr.BhoomiahDasari	U.K.
44.	Dr.Sivasubramanian B.	Chennai	70.	Dr.JayashriS.Kale	Mumbai
45.	Dr. N.Gowhar Jahan	Chennai	71.	Dr.VeenaSlaich	Delhi
46.	Dr. R. Revathi Christi	Chennai	72.	Dr.Kamal Narayan Arya	Delhi
47.	Dr. P.Nisha	Chennai	73.	Dr.ShovanSaha,ACOT EC	Manipal
48.	Dr. S.Sudha	Chennai	74.	Dr.HarishS.Pokale	Mumbai
49.	Dr. PrakshKathe	Chennai	75.	Dr.AbhijitMukadam	Nasik
50.	Dr. Lakshminarayanan P.V.	Chennai			

Apologies were received from:

1.	Dr. Madan Warhade, Nagpur	Nagpur, Ex officio
2.	Dr. Jayashri Kale	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
3.	Dr. KarunaNadkarni	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
4.	Dr. Snehal Desai	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
5.	Dr. Hemant Nandgoankar	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
6.	Dr. ShilpshriPalsule	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
7.	Dr. UshaKasar	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
8.	Dr. RajulDaftaray	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
9.	Dr. Shweta Joijode	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
10.	Dr. Sapna Mishra	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
11.	Dr. RupaliBorkar	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
12.	Dr. SonaliDalvi	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
13.	Dr. Neeta Pawar	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
14.	Dr. KirtiPatil	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
15.	Dr. Vaijanti Jain	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
16.	Dr. SomnathSonavalkar	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
17.	Dr. ShilpaNayak	O.T.School&Center, Seth G.S.Medical College & K.E.M.H., Mumbai
18.	Dr. SmitaJayavant	Dept. of OT, AIIPMR, Mumbai
19.	Dr. Anita Gupta	Dept. of OT, AIIPMR, Mumbai
20.	Dr. O.M.Gomes	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai
21.	Dr. D.R.Kodwilker	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai
22.	Dr. S.V.Chandanshive	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital Mumbai
23.	Dr. H.N.Patel	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital Mumbai
24.	Dr. V.S. Pradhan	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital Mumbai
25.	Dr. T.G.Nikharge	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai
26.	Dr. Poornima S.Raikar	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital Mumbai
27.	Dr. PallaviM. PadwalNaik	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital Mumbai
28.	Dr.P.S.Raikar	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai
29.	Dr. R.A. More	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai
30.	Dr. V.J.Shinde	B.Y.L.Nair Hospital, Mumbai

31. Dr. Seema V. Borkar B.Y.L. Nair Hospital, Mumbai
32. Dr. Gauri V. Sali B.Y.L. Nair Hospital, Mumbai

Before proceeding to agenda condolences were paid on sad demise of Dr. Deepak Andhare (Nagpur), Dr. D. S. Deshpande (Nagpur) and Dr. Mrs M.M.Sahani (Mumbai), by observing two minutes silence by the members.

Agenda 2: Opening Remarks by the President, AIOTA (Enclosed)

Dr. Anil.K. Srivastava, President, AIOTA welcomed the members and thanked all the office bearers of AIOTA (2012-2016) for their cooperation and support to carry out the activities of AIOTA. He also expressed his gratitude to S.R.M. College of OT, S.R.M.University&Tamilnadu Branch of AIOTA for very successfully organizing the OTICON 2016 at Chennai.

President suggested taking up Agenda No. 8 initially i.e. Counting and Announcement of AIOTA Election Result as it was a time taking process. He also proposed taking up the remaining agenda till the counting of votes under the leadership of Chairman Election Committee Dr. Lalit Narayan. GB agreed on the proposal.

Election Committee Chairperson presented the report for the Election of AIOTA to elect EC for 2016-2020 [Report Enclosed]

President also requested GB to volunteer 2-3 members to assist in counting to speed up the process of counting of ballots.

Members proposed the following members to assist election committee in counting of votes and allowed to be present at the place of counting, which was agreed upon unanimously.

1. **Dr. Illavagan**, Pondicherry
2. **Dr. Pankaj Kumar**, Ghaziabad
3. **Dr. Bhavinder Singh**, Indore
4. **Dr. Shobhana Moorthy**, Chennai
5. **Dr. Naresh Tejwani**, Delhi

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the minutes of the last GB Meeting held at New Delhi on 11th April, 2015

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Hon. Secretary read out the minutes of the last GB meeting. Minutes were confirmed.

Proposed by : **Dr. Veena Slaich**, Delhi
Seconded by : **Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi**, Jaipur

Agenda 4: Matters arising out of the last GB meeting

Page 8: Dr. Batra, Delhi raised the issue of constitution and byelaws of AIOTA. He suggested the branches must follow the same. He wanted to know about the guidelines regarding elections for branches of AIOTA. He also suggested that responsibility to AIOTA office bearers should be given to collect reports from branches. He also suggested to include representatives from branches to include in AIOTA and take suggestions related to their problems. Secretary informed that Branch conveners are invited during the EC Meetings in the respective states / cities. V.P. Dr. Ferzandi informed that as per need and suggestion from branches, AIOTA will include it in the representation to be submitted to Govt. Officials.

Dr. Padankatti, Vellore suggested to relook into the election rules with reference to minutes on page 7 (Agenda 8)

Dr. Sugumar P., Chennai suggested tenure of 02 Yrs for AIOTA. Dr. Slaich, Delhi showed her concern of returning of unused ballot papers in large numbers. Dr. Senthil, Chennai supported for e-voting and asked that whether AIOTA was working on it. President opined the matter may be taken up later. Dr. Murli K, Chennai also supported the e-voting system for AIOTA elections. Dr. Srivastava told that AIOTA always inform the members to update their address timely to get all communication from AIOTA including ballot papers. Dr. Joseph, EC Member informed that AIOTA is working on it. One time password or secret code might be used in future for voting. Dr. Padankatti insisted to take decision in the meeting itself without deterring it for next time. Dr. Srivastava said that the proposal may be taken up in next meeting only because a thorough study is required to understand all the pros and cons of e-voting system. Dr. R.K. Sharma, EC Member opined that technically also we cannot take the decision right now. It has to be placed in the next GB meeting. Dr. Batra also supported the e-voting system being economically cheap and more confidentiality can be maintained. Dr. Sharma, EC Member suggested to form a committee to study the E voting system in detail. Dr. Padankatti, Vellore suggested to count the support for e voting system and take the decision now.

President and EC members suggested having committee to study the e voting and place their recommendation before April 2016. Proposed members were-

- **Dr. S. Padankatti**, Vellore – Convener
- **Dr. D.Panda**-from East
- **Dr. M. Krushna**-From South
- **Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar**-From West
- **Dr. Neeraj Mishra**- From North

Dr. Dasari, UK suggested for strong database of Indian OT.

Dr. Murli K. suggested for making provision to change the address on AIOTA website by members themselves by generating one time password.

Suggestions were recorded.

Agenda 5: Submission of Annual Reports (Reports Enclosed):

1. Hon. Secretary

Proposed by : **Dr. Kamal N.Arya**, Delhi
Seconded by : **Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi**, Jaipur
Carried unanimously.

2. Hon. Treasurer

Proposed by : **Dr. Veena Slaich**, Delhi
Seconded by : **Dr. D. Panda**, Delhi
Carried unanimously.

3. WFOT delegate

Proposed by : **Dr. B.D. Dasari**, U.K.
Seconded by : **Dr. Neeraj Mishra**, Delhi
Carried unanimously.

4. Dean ACOT

Dr. D. Panda suggested having uniform OT syllabus in all the colleges.

Proposed by : **Dr. Shovan Saha**, Manipal
Seconded by : **Dr. Neeraj Mishra**, Delhi
Carried unanimously.

5. Editor IJOT

Dr. Padankati suggested that members must have option to receive IJOT in soft or hard copy.

Dr. Batra asked whether non OT can publish paper in IJOT. Editor-in- Chief Dr. Srivastava informed that it is under purview of decision of Editorial Board. If the submitted paper from non OT's are as per guidelines and of usefulness for OT's it may be published. Dr. J. Bijlani, Dean, ACOT explained the procedure of selecting papers for IJOT publication. Dr. Padankati showed concern on commonly present flaws in study designs specially in taking sample sizes in the studies. Dr. Kamal N. Arya, Delhi suggested for requirement of expert even from deciding the title.

Dr. R.K.Sharma, EC Member suggested we should not deviate from agenda. Any specific suggestions may be sent to Editor IJOT for compilation and dissemination.

Proposed by : **Dr.V. Batra**, Delhi
Seconded by : **Dr. Sunita K.**, Mumbai
Carried unanimously.

6. Convener Council Act Committee:

Dr. ShovanSaha, Manipal suggested for any reconsideration to join RCI since Speech and Hearing profession is growing in RCI. Does AIOTA can have any flexibility on this issue? Dr. Saha suggested to enter into the system and then fight from inside for various courses being run by RCI which are indirectly harming the OT profession.

Dr. Sugumar, Chennai raised the problems of OTs of State of Tamilnadu. He said that there are no recruitment rules. State Association was not aware of the reasons for vacant posts.

Dr.V.Vanchinthan raised the issue of discrepancies in the pay scales of OTs and need of council.

Dr. A.K.Srivastava responded that Council does not fix the pay scales.

Dr.Balaji, Chennai raised the issue of Actor Kathi. He suggested having guidelines for Clinical establishment. Dr.A.K.Srivastava, President assured to develop guidelines with the help of senior members and legal advisors which can be uploaded on website. Dr. Sreyas informed that Mumbai branch has decided to develop Clinical Establishment Guidelines. Dr. Saha suggested having registration of OT Clinicians.

Dr. J.Kale, Mumbai suggested obtaining informed consent and document always from parents and patients. Dr. Pratibha suggested using participatory approach.

Dr. R.K.Sharma, EC member suggested sending details to AIOTA about the developed guidelines.

Proposed by : **Dr. J.Kale**, Mumbai
Seconded by : **Dr. B.D. Dasari**, UK
Carried unanimously.

7. Chairperson Scientific Program Committee

Proposed by : **Dr. Murali K.**, Chennai
Seconded by : **Dr. M. Janardhanan**, Chennai
Carried unanimously.

8. Organising Secretary-OTICON'16

Proposed by : **Dr. S. Padankati**, Delhi
Seconded by : **Dr. S. Jahgirdar**, Mumbai
Carried unanimously.

9. Website convener-

Proposed by : **Dr. S. Padankati**, Vellore
Seconded by : **Dr. S. Jahgirdar**, Mumbai
Carried unanimously.

10. Convener AIOTA branches-

Reports from Bihar, Mumbai, Rajasthan, Kerala, U.P. and West Bengal branch of AIOTA were received. Dr. M. Issac, Chennai informed that the election of Tamilnadu branch was still pending. President suggested resolving the issues by 15th March'16.

Agenda 6: Appointment of Auditor

The proposal of Hon. Treasurer for keeping M/S Raheja & Associates to continue as Auditor of AIOTA was accepted. Members opined that if there is no adverse opinion by treasurer same may be continued further. Members also agreed to continue with the same legal advisor i.e. Mr. Vinay Garg, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi.

Agenda 7: Constitutional Amendments (if any)

No such proposal was submitted.

Agenda 9: Invitation for hosting 54th Annual National Conference of AIOTA-OTICON'2017

There were no bids from any of the branches to host the conference in 2017. Dr. S.K. Meena, EC Member suggested since there was no bid, Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA may take up the conference in 2017 at Jaipur. President requested him to submit his presentation for hosting the conference, if he has prepared it. Dr. S.K. Meena made presentation and highlighted the facilities at Jaipur during the conference. Members accepted the proposal for holding OTICON 2017 at Jaipur. Dr. A.K. Srivastava, EC members GB congratulated Dr. Meena.

Dr. Meena invited the Members to attend the conference and assured for an excellent experience there at Jaipur.

Agenda 10- Any other matter with permission of chair

Members were requested to submit their opinion/question/proposal to the chair to discuss under the agenda.

Various opinions were received-

- To extend AIOTA life membership to Annamalai University graduates
- Increase in EC posts in AIOTA, at least one from each state or zone.
- To reduce the tenure of AIOTA from 4 Yrs to 2 Yrs.
- To introduce e-voting system in AIOTA election.
- Need of regulatory body for private OT clinics in India in view of recent controversial statement made by actor Kathi
- Printing of calendar and Diaries by AIOTA
- AIOTA to contact with Insurance companies to extend coverage for Children with Developmental Disabilities.

President carefully listened the opinions and assures the members that AIOTA will consider the issues which were raised.

B. Discussion in GB: On issue related to current professional problems

Due to time constrain the issue could not be discussed.

Chairman Election Dr. Lalit informed that counting of Ballots is still on and the results will be declared today itself after some time during the cultural evening. GB agreed to it.

C. Vote of thanks:

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Hon. Secretary extended thanks and gratitude to the Members, Organising secretary and his team members and Management of SRM College of OT & SRM University, Chennai for providing all facilities to conduct the GB meeting smoothly and successfully.

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai,
Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

ANNUAL REPORTS - 2015-16

FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. SECRETARY

As Hon. Secretary it is a pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Office of the Hon. Secretary for the year 2015-16. Following activities were performed in this year till date.

General Body & Executive Committee meetings: One GB and three EC meetings were conducted. Two meetings were conducted at Delhi and one was conducted at Chennai. The minutes of the EC meetings at New Delhi & Chennai were circulated to the Executive committee. 04 resolutions were passed and adopted by EC.

Appointments:

Appointment letter was issued to Dr. Lalit Narayan, Delhi as Chairman, Election Committee, AIOTA-2016-2020, Dr. D. Suresh as Organizing Secretary, OTICON'16, Dr. Pratibha Vaidya as Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee-OTICON-16.

Good Standing Certificate & Licensure Verification: Regular requests are being received from the members to issue the licensure verification and Certificate of Good standing. All such requests were accepted and the certificates were issued in favour of members after getting clearance from Hon. Treasurer. There is no pending request with the office of Hon. Secretary on date.

Meeting with Govt. Official: A meeting with Director, NIAHS, TSU and other officials were held on 23rd October'15 on the issue of Allied and Healthcare Professionals' Council Bill, 2015. Hon. Secretary along with President met with and submitted our concern and showed our displeasure to the committee about the construction of the bill and almost no representation of Occupational Therapy profession. Details of representation have been included in the News letter-2014-15.

Resolving Issues of Life Members of AIOTA: A regular communication was maintained from Hon. Secretary's office through email or phones to resolve various queries of the life members pertaining to the issue of certificates of Good standing, Licensure verification, Non-receipt of ballot paper, IJOT etc. All the queries were answered to the satisfaction of members. No serious grievance was received till date from the members.

I am thankful to all EC office bearers and Members for their continuous guidance, support and cooperation to carry out the responsibility of office of the Hon. Secretary throughout the year.

This is also the completion of tenure of AIOTA Executive. At this juncture I can say I thoroughly enjoyed my work with cooperation and guidance of all Executives. I am especially thankful to President, Vice President, Hon. Treasurer and Dean for their continuous support.

I will take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the new AIOTA body who will be taking over soon.

Respectfully Submitted.

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of All India Occupational Therapists' Association for the year 2015

MEMBERSHIPS

- Life Members enrolled in the year 2015 - **136**
- Life Members approved in EC meeting on 27th January 2016 – **08**
- Student Members enrolled in the year 2015 - **545**
- No. of Renewal Membership in 2015 – **28**

BANK BALANCE

Bank Balance in the Savings Account at Bank of Baroda, Nerul Navi Mumbai branch as on 31st December, 2015 is **Rs -12,94,576.51/-**

Bank Balance in the Savings Account at Central Bank of India Mumbai Central branch as on 31st December'15 is **Rs.14,17,894.18/-**

INVESTMENTS

8 Fixed Deposits in Bank of Baroda, Nerul Navi Mumbai – **Rs.62,30,855/-**

7 Fixed Deposits in Central Bank of India- **Rs.39,05,789/-**

INCOME TAX MATTERS

- Filed Income Tax Returns for the assessment year 2015-2016
- Tax payable—NIL. Refund **Rs.26,570/-**
- Paid **Rs 20,000/-** to Raheja & Associates - Fees for Audit and Report for the financial year-2014-15
- Paid **Rs.17,100/-** to V.R Raheja & Co. – Fees for consultation and filing Tax Return for Assessment Year 2015- 2016.
- Paid **Rs.27,500/-** to Prakash Raheja for writing of Accounts and coordinating with the auditor for the accounting year 2014-15

CONFERENCE MATTERS

1. Received **Rs.1,19,900/-** (10% Registration fees) from Organizing Secretary OTICON,2015 – The highest contribution so far.
2. Received **Rs. 63,700/-** from Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co.Ltd. against the event in OTICON'15. As per AIOTA decision Rs.25,000/- was deposited in AIOTA Bank of Baroda Account as Certification charges and Balance amount of Rs.38,700/- was paid by cheque to Organizing Secretary OTICON'15 at UP Branch of AIOTA payable at Lucknow.
3. Received **Rs. 48,000/-** balance payment of 10% Registration fees of OTICON'11 from Organizing Secretary Dr.Jagdeesan. 10% Registration fees still not received from Organizing Secretary OTICON'12.
4. Received **Rs.27,879/-** 10% Registration fees for coordinating in Workshop on “Combining SI and NDT in Home, Clinic and School”, Organized by IECPL at Mumbai on 20th and 21st Nov,15.

ELECTION MATTERS

- Received **Rs.1,000/-** each from 13 candidates contesting for AIOTA'2016 Elections.
- Paid **Rs.1,60,000/-** to Dr.Lalit Narayan – Election Chairperson, as advance expenses. Bills Awaited.

WFOT MATTERS

Annual Membership Fees to WFOT for the year 2016 pending.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Received **Rs.1,40,000/-** as AIOTA Accreditation from 8 Institutes.
2. Returned **Rs.10,000/-** to Jaipur School of O.T.
3. IJOT expenses + Newsletter Volume 47 – 3 issues- Printing and Posting – **Rs.5,40,284/-**
4. IJOT Subscriptions for 2015 from 12 Organizations – **Rs.13,280/-**
5. Received **56** applications from AIOTA members for License Verification/ Good Standing Letter.

VOTE OF THANKS

- Dr Anil Srivastava- President AIOTA
- Dr Zarine Ferzandi- Vice President AIOTA
- Dr Pankaj Bajpai- Hon.Secretary,AIOTA
- Dr Jyothika Bijlani, Dean ACOT
- All EC Members.
- Management and Staff at D.Y.Patil University.
- All Members of AIOTA
- Thanks to Dr. D.Suresh -Organizing Secretary,OTICON'16 & all his team members.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr Shashi Oberai

Hon. Treasurer AIOTA

AUDITED BALANCE SHEET (As on 31.03.2016)

FORM NO. 10B

[See Rule 17B]

Audit Report under section 12A (b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the balance sheet of All India Occupational Therapists Association, AAATA 2475 M [name and PAN of the trust or institution] as at 31st March 2016 and the Profit and loss account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Trust or Institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above-named Trust visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below: -

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view: -

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named Trust as at 31st March 2016 and
- (ii) in the case of the profit and loss account, of the profit or loss of its accounting year ending on 31st March 2016.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

Place: **Mumbai**
Date: **27-Sep-2016**



For Raheja & Associates

Bharat M Gala

Bharat M Gala
Partner, M. No. 040208
Firm reg No. 127951W
201, Kshamalaya, 37 New Marine Lines

RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
201, Kshamalaya,
37, New Marine Lines,
MUMBAI-400 020.

THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950
SCHEDULE VIII (Vide Rule 17(1))
Name of the Public trust: ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS ON 31/03/2016

FUNDS & LIABILITIES		Amt Rs.	ASSETS & PROPERTIES	Amt Rs.
TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS		-	<u>IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES</u>	-
Balance as per Last B/s			INVESTMENTS	-
Adjustments during the year			Typewriter	5,827.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES			Office Equipments	13,050.00
Balance as per Last B/s	1,38,23,036.54		Furniture & Fixtures	6,850.00
Addition during the year	8,24,500.00	1,46,47,536.54	LOANS	-
OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS			ADVANCES	-
Depreciation Fund			To Trustees	-
Sinking Fund			To Employees	-
Reserve Fund			To other	-
Any other Fund			TDS	5,32,072.00
OT Association fund	292.00		INCOME OUTSTANDING	-
Building Fund	501.00		CASH & BANK BALANCE	-
Trophies Fund	2,116.00	14,981.76	(a) In Saving Bank A/c with	
General Fund	12,072.76		Bank of Baroda Mumbai	6,60,711.24
Balance as per Last B/s			Bank of Baroda Aurangabad	-
LOANS			Central Bank of India	16,11,290.18
Secured Loans			In Fixed Deposit A/cs	-
Unsecured Loans			Bank of Baroda	67,20,289.00
LIABILITIES			Central Bank of India	38,98,677.89
For expenses			(b) With the trustees/office bearer	58,375.00
- Dr. Shashi Oberai			/ex-office bearer (Sch4)	-
Election Deposits			(c) Cheques in Hand - BOB Abad	-
Balance as per Last B/s		63,400.00	(d) With the Manager	-
Addition during the year	63,400.00	63,400.00	INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C	
			As per Last Balance Sheet	13,16,531.92
			Less: Excess of income over	
			expenditure	97,755.93
				12,18,775.99
		1,47,25,918.30		1,47,25,918.30

As per our report of even date.
Schedules & Notes form an integral part of accounts
For RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants
FRN 127951W
Bmaga
Bharat M. Gala
(Partner)
M No 040208
Place : Mumbai
Date: 27 September 2016



[Signature]
(President)

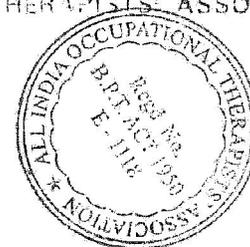
[Signature]
(Secretary)

[Signature]
(Treasurer)

The above Balance Sheet to the best of Our belief contains a true account of the funds & liabilities & of the property & assets of the trust.

RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
201, Kshamalaya,
37, New Marine Lines,
MUMBAI-400 020.

ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION



THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950
SCHEDULE VIII (Vide Rule 17(1))
Name of the Public trust: ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ending 31/03/2016

EXPENDITURE	Amt Rs.	INCOME	Amt Rs.
To <u>Exp in respect of property</u>	-	By <u>Rent</u>	-
Rates Taxes Cesses		By <u>Interest Realised</u>	
Repairs & Mainte		On Securities	
Salaries		On Loans	
Insurance		On IT refunds	
Depreciation		On Bonds	
Other Expenses		On Bank Accounts	
		- S/b	87794
To <u>Establishment Expenses</u>	3,48,468.27	- FD	877644
(Sch1)			9,65,438.00
To <u>Remuneration to trustee</u>			
To <u>Legal Expenses</u>	-	By <u>Income from UTI</u>	-
To <u>Audit Fees</u>	20,000.00	By <u>Donation</u>	-
To <u>Contribution & fees</u>	-	By <u>Grants</u>	-
To <u>Amt Written off</u>	-	By <u>Income from Other Sources</u>	16,49,940.00
To <u>Income Tax</u>	-		
To <u>Depreciation</u>	-		
To <u>Amt trf to Reserves</u>	-	By <u>Transfer from Reserves</u>	-
To <u>Exp on Objects of Trust</u>			
Religious			
Educational			
Medical Relief			
Relief of Poverty			
Other Charitable Objects	21,49,153.80		
(Sch2)			
To <u>Excess of Income over</u>		By <u>Excess of Expenditure over</u>	
<u>Expenditure</u>	97,755.93	<u>Income</u>	
	26,15,378.00		26,15,378.00

Notes to Accounts Schedule 5
Schedules & Notes form an integral part of accounts
As per our report of even date.
For RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants
FRN 127951W

Bmaga
Bharat M. Gala
(Partner)
M NO. 040208

Place : Mumbai
Date: 27 September 2016



[Signature]
(President)

[Signature]
(Secretary)

[Signature]
(Treasurer)

ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

RAHEJA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF OT

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the following report of various activities carried out since April 2015 to JAN 2016

1.0 COTE:

April 2015

Preconference COTE

“Cognitive Rehabilitation” was conducted during OTICON’15 in New Delhi on 10th April 2015. Two experts who conducted this COTE were:

- I. Dr. Uravashi Shah, Occupational Therapist & expert in Clinical psychology, Mumbai, who delivered the presentation on cognition, its dysfunctions & their clinical assessment.
- II. Dr. Anuradha Pai, Asst. Professor from OT school, LTMMC, Mumbai, enlightened the audience with her expertise in occupational therapy in rehabilitation of the adults having cognitive dysfunctions & also shared her valuable experience in the treatment of cognitive dysfunctions through case presentations.

November 2015

Two full days Workshop on “combining NDT and SI in the clinic, the Home and the School” was conducted by Dr. Erna Imperatore Blanche on 20th -21st November 2015 at “India Rehab and Health Care Expo at Bombay Exhibition Centre”, Mumbai. The workshop was jointly organized by Infinity Exhibitions and Conferences Pvt. Ltd (IECPL) and Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA. The coordinators on behalf of AIOTA were Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, Dean ACOT and Dr. Shashi Oberai, Treasurer of AIOTA. The inaugural function was attended by executive team of AIOTA /ACOT, Dr. Erna Blanche and Sukhjinder Singh, CEO of IECPL.

Jan 2016

Preconference COTE conducted on 29th Jan 2016 in SRM college during the OTICON 2016 as under:

COTE I : TRANSPORT MODES AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PWDs: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OT PERSPECTIVE
conducted by

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Asst. Professor & Head, Dept. of Occupational Therapy, NIOH, Kolkata

COTE II: ADVANCES IN HAND SPLINTING by

Dr. Shovan Saha, Associate Professor, Dept. of Occupational Therapy, Manipal University

Proposals for 2016-2017

AIOTA/ ACOT is intending to introduce short term certificate courses in:

March 2016:

- (i) “**Statistical methods & art of writing research in OT**” will be held on 12/13th March 2016 at LTMM College of OT, Mumbai under the aegis of ACOT/AIOTA. This will be conducted by Prof. Pandey from AIIMS & Dr Punita Solanki, OT from Mumbai.

April 2016:

- (ii) **Short course certificate in PAMOT**- advanced course in PAMOT organized by Santosh Education and Healthcare Private Limited (SEHPL) & AIOTA which was to be held in Ghaziabad in Nov 2015 had been postponed to 22nd to 24th April 2016 due to inadequate response

Other following certificate courses are proposed to be held during 2016-17

- (iii) “**Occupational Therapy practice in Developmental Disabilities**”
- (iv) “**Applied Ergonomics in Industrial OT/Work Health**”
- (v) “**Clinical Yoga**”

2.0 Accreditation of Bachelors & Masters Program by AIOTA

2.1– Jaipur College of OT:

Repeated complaints were received by AIOTA/ACOT since March 2014 for Jaipur College that the students need not to attend the UG and specifically MOT course in campus on full time basis. It promoted students from other states, to seek admission in MOT program. It was also pointed out that Master’s degree is given to them within the year. AIOTA was seriously concerned of such malpractices.

Letters/Emails were repeatedly sent to the University authorities to give details of all P.G students, with copy to HOD. Even Jaipur HOD was briefed of the consequences, if situation is not effectively controlled, in April 2015 at Delhi by AIOTA/ACOT EC. He assured to do the needful. As ACOT did not receive required information & in view of the complaints & to confirm the adherence of compliance as per the standards of education set by AIOTA. The surprise inspection of Jaipur OT College was carried out, with

information about one month back to university on 11th Sept. 2015, by AIOTA/ACOT appointed 3 members inspection Committee. On the basis of reports submitted by inspectors, it was unanimously decided that AIOTA accreditation for Jaipur college of OT, should be temporarily suspended with effect from 6th Dec. 2015. The decision was duly endorsed by AIOTA EC. The institution is requested to strengthen the program for good of the students as for as possible within 3 months' time.

2.2- JKKMMRF College of OT:

The inspection was carried out at JKKMMRF College of OT on 2nd Nov 2015 by the AIOTA/ACOT appointed 2 members inspection Committee. On the basis of reports received by the dean. it was unanimously decided that the temporary suspension of bachelors program in OT at JKKMMRF College, Tamil Nadu, should be revoked & the accreditation of bachelors program in OT should be granted to the college till Dec 2016 with subject to review in Dec.2016 for further continuance.

2.3- Anand School of OT:

This college was given provisional accreditation till June 2015. The authorities have applied for extension of AIOTA accreditation. The dean sent all the related documents to ACOT reviewing committee for scrutiny & their report. Dean received the report from committee member Dr Shovan Saha in which he pointed out few deficiencies which were conveyed to the authorities & HOD& were suggested to complete the deficiencies by one month& send the revised report then after along with required documents.

2.4- (1) Jamia Hamdard College of Occupational Therapy, New Delhi (2) School of OT, Manipal (3) School of OT, Government Medical College, Nagpur (4) OT school, Kovai Medical college, Coimbatore :

Their approval for masters programme which was pending, have been granted provisional accreditation for 2 years effective from August 2015 to July 2017. They were instructed to correct all the deficiencies/short comings & comply with AIOTA guidelines at earliest.

2.5 JKKMMRF College of OT:

on the basis of report submitted by the inspection committee after the inspection of JKKMMRF college of OT, it was decided to grant the provisional accreditation for Master's program at this college with effect from Dec 2015 till July 2017 with subject to correction of all the deficiencies/short comings & comply with the AIOTA guidelines at earliest.

3.0- OT Logo/Icon Competition

The judges' view was that better quality of logo is required & from the current entries none of them were up to the mark. Therefore no winner was selected. However, considering the enthusiasm of participants, the certificate of appreciation was issued to all the participants.

4.0 Minimum Standards of Education

Revised Minimum standards of OT education for bachelors programme: The booklet was released during OTICON'15 & is in circulation for all educational institutes. Dean is thankful to all the contributors and ACOT/ AIOTA members for their inputs that helped in completing the contents of the document in time.

5.0 FACOT guidelines:

ACOT has revised the guidelines of eligibility for FACOT award which have been approved in GB meeting and will be uploaded soon on the AIOTA website

6.0 COTE Guidelines & credits:

ACOT/AIOTA has formulated the guidelines of COTE & credits to be allotted which will help all OT colleges/ institutions/ organizations to organize the COTE during national/international conferences or otherwise. This will be uploaded on the AIOTA web site for your reference.

7.0: ACOT Election results: The ACOT elections were carried out on 29th Jan. 2016 for the term 2016 - 2020. The results are as follows:

ACOT Dean: Dr Jyothika Bijlani

ACOT EC members: Dr. VS Bole (Delhi), Dr. Jayashree Kale9 Mumbai), Dr. Shovan Saha (Manipal), Dr. Veena Slaich (Delhi)

I am thankful to Executive Chairman Dr. Anil Srivastava and all the members of ACOT and AIOTA for their timely co-operation & support in all activities of ACOT during my tenure from 2012 to 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Jyothika Bijlani
Dean ACOT

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Message from President AIOTA

OT GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE & OTINDIA MONTH

Theme : Accessibility@OTINDIA

World OT Day provides us an opportunity to reach to the masses for promotion of OT. World OT Day initiated by WFOT is celebrated on October 27 since 2010 with great enthusiasm by members of AIOTA, State Branches and institutions throughout the country.

The Theme chosen by All India Occupational Therapists' Association [AIOTA] for **World OT DAY (Oct. 27) and OT Month (Oct. 27-Nov.26)** for the year 2016 is '**Accessibility@OTINDIA**'. It aims to focus on participation of occupational therapy professionals to a nation-wide Accessible India Campaign of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment with an aim to provide universal accessibility to persons with disabilities. It focuses on developing accessible physical environment, transportation system and information & communication ecosystem. Providing equal opportunity to persons with disabilities to participate in all aspects of life and live independently is one of the significant areas of OT Practice.



AIOTA asserts that occupational therapy practitioners must also take over the responsibility as an Accessibility Consultants, by enhancing their knowledge of how the Persons with Disability Act 1995 can be applied to facilitate the therapeutic services and accessible environments for patients with disabilities and dysfunctions to ensure equal opportunities, protections of rights and their full participation in all walks of life. Occupational therapists can assist individuals with special needs to live as independently as possible in the community, by promoting environments and attitudes to facilitate networking support systems, for participating in day-to-day life in the community, fulfilling a range of social roles, and making decisions that lead to the minimization of physical and psychological dependence on others.

On behalf of AIOTA & ACOT Executives I congratulate members, OT Colleges, State Branches of AIOTA and the institutions with OT set up in government and private set up on OT India Day 2016 and wish that this year too, it will be celebrated for whole month with more zeal and enthusiasm for multidimensional growth of the profession in the country.



Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

President AIOTA & WFOT Delegate

Executive Chairman-Academic Council of OT

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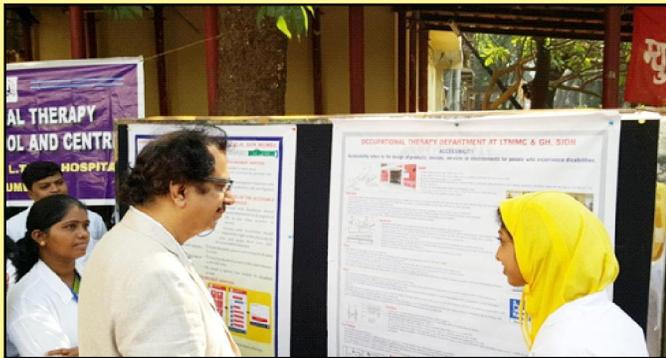
CELEBRATION REPORT of WORLD OT DAY [Oct. 27, 2016] and OT INDIA MONTH [Oct. 27 - Nov. 26, 2016]

L.T.M. Medical College & Hospital, Sion, Mumbai

Specially made Badges of World OT Day were worn by staff, students and also Dean of the Med. College. Posters were put up to spread awareness about ACCESS including guidelines specific to India at public place & sensitized medicos by demonstration about the need of an ideal ramp for independent propelling of wheelchairs, 4 railway stations were assessed and photos of inaccessibility were uploaded and sent to Government for necessary action.

Dr. Mrs. R.S. Yeradkar

Associate Prof & In charge

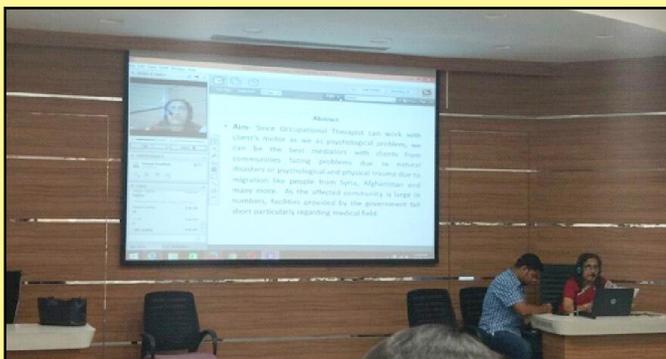


Padamshree Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Navi Mumbai

With an aim to brief the students and the staff on OT practice around the world, and global views on different issues in OT practice through recent advances in technology a presentation was made by Dr. Deepa Pradhan, Principal/HOD on the International web conference OT24VX organised by WFOT and OT4OT's on 28th October 2016 on the title 'Challenges faced by Occupational Therapist in Community Based Rehabilitation and the Scope of OT' The talk encircled problems related to global OT community like migration of professionals to other countries and rehabilitation of the people suffering from natural calamities and how OT's can help in such issues. The well appreciated conference was attended by the students, staff, and a representative of the parent in the virtual classroom of the college.

Dr. Deepa Pradhan

Principal/ HOD (In Charge)



Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA

World OT Day was celebrated on 27th October, 2016 by poster exhibition reflecting the contribution of Occupational Therapy in the healthcare in the KEM hospital premises.

On 15th November 2016, the OTIndia Month and 66th Foundation Day of First O.T School in Asia –at G.S. Medical College & K.E.M. Hospital Mumbai were celebrated together at the College in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA. The program included an overview on “Evolution of Occupational Therapy in India” by -Prof. Dr. Jayashri Kale: Head of O. T Dept. Dr. Ashish Deshpande Consultant Psychiatrist spoke about “Interpreting Occupational Therapy in the Context of Psychiatric Illness”.

A Street Play performance by O.T students aimed to describe the role of O.T in restoring mental health was also one of the highlights of the event. Competitive events like Rangoli, Essay, Slogan and Quiz were also arranged.

Dr. Jayashri Kale

Prof. & HOD

Dr. Alok S. Patil

Convener-Mumbai Branch of AIOTA



T. N. Medical College & B. Y. L. Nair Hospital and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA

OT India Month was celebrated on Nov.17, 2016 at TNMC Auditorium by screening of short films that highlighted the impact of social acceptance of differently abled.

A Panel Discussion the med "The Stories of Living" was organized. The Chief Guest was Dr. Rajani Kelkar –Former Professor & Head of OT department LTM Medical College. Patients and the caregivers were interviewed and encouraged to narrate the stories of their struggles, triumphs and their living.

Dr. Odette Gomes

Prof. & HOD

Dr. Alok S. Patil (O.T)

Convener,

Mumbai Branch of AIOTA



Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA

World OT Day 2016 and OTIndia Month was celebrated between Oct 27th - Nov 26 by arranging events like Awareness Program in mainstreaming school for teachers, parents and rehabilitation professionals on basic OT, Inclusion System and importance of Standardized Assessments. Games were arranged for children in special schools.

The Branch representatives met Minister & government officials for creation of posts of OT in early intervention centers & hospitals of the districts, inclusion of OT in comprehensive Health Insurance Schemes and OT Colleges in government health sector in Tamil Nadu. Minister acknowledged and assured for extending all possible help and conveyed best wishes to OT's on World OT Day and Month.

Dr. Kamaraj Multi-Speciality Hospital at Chennai appreciated TN Branch representatives for their efforts on OT Day and Month and instantly approved and announced opening of a new OT Department with immediate effect in honor of the World OT Day.

A blood donation camp in association with Adayar Cancer Institute, Chennai was organized on 26.11.2016.

Impressed with the OT Day celebration, Director of Monopoly Marketing at Shenoy Nagar, Chennai approved 23.8% discount on MRP on all purchases to the members of TNAIOTA on showing their identity.

Dr. Raghuram. P

Convener - TNAIOTA



Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad, Delhi NCR and UP Branch of AIOTA

The World OT Day celebration at Santosh OT College was arranged in collaboration with UP Branch of AIOTA. It included clinical talks & presentations on various areas of OT practice. The Posters, debate, street play focusing the theme "Accessibility@OTIndia" was organised on Oct.27. A free 7 day OT camp was arranged in the hospital premises. The occupational therapy students also formed a human chain outside the Santosh Hospital for spreading awareness about OT.

Dr. R.K. Sharma

Dean Allied Health Sciences & Principal

Co-Convener-UPAIOTA



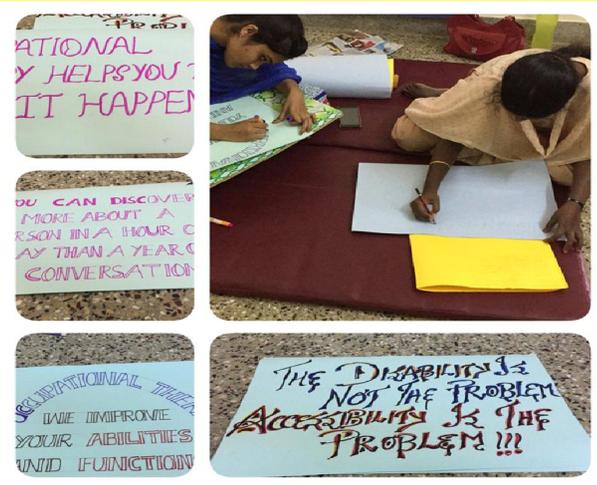
Women OT's of Tamil Nadu

The enthusiastic women OT's of Tamil Nadu arranged successful fun and awareness program comprising of flash Mob, Leaflet distribution in public at two of the Prime Malls in Chennai on World OT Day on Oct. 26 focusing the theme Accessibility@OTIndia.

They also arranged Coffee with OT's Peer Support Group on Beasant Nagar Beach, Chennai on 26th November and held discussions to share the updates on current trends of practice for providing quality OT intervention to the suffering humanity to commemorate OTIndia Month.

Dr. Shobana Moorthy,

Director, Smart Sensory Kids Therapy Centre, Chennai & EC Member T.N. Branch of AIOTA



Kerala Branch of AIOTA

Kerala Branch of AIOTA in Association with Prayatna Centre for Child development performed a Flash Mob on World OT Day at Lulu Mall Cochin, one of the biggest malls in Asia.

The program was very much appreciated and we were able to raise the awareness and importance of Occupational Therapy among people. Support and cooperation from the audience and media were really encouraging. The news was covered by many channels and newspapers across Kerala. Convener of the branch Dr. Joseph Sunny also gave a brief talk on importance of OT for general public on Radio Mirchy on World OT Day.

Dr. Joseph Sunny

Convener-KBAIOTA



School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal

World OT Day and OT India Month were celebrated by organizing many events by the department. A two days Workshop on Learning Disability for sensitizing the teachers on 5-6 October in collaboration with Rotary International, and the Department of Education, Government of Karnataka was convened. 72 teachers from government and private schools of Udupi District attended it. The mini-movie titled "Poorvi", in collaboration with St. Mary's English Medium School, Udupi depicting the challenges of a child with LD was prepared. Each school of the district was provided with a CD of the mini-movie and handbooks on Learning Disability. The leading newspapers covered the program.

OT EUPHORIA-2016 an annual feature was arranged on 17 November 2016 on the theme 'Accessibility'. Dr. Sebastina Dsouza HOD delivered talk focusing the role of OT in evaluating the environment for safety and access and suggesting environmental modifications of the home and outdoor environment. Street-plays were arranged by the students on the theme "Accessibility" at public places and public waiting areas in the hospital at Manipal to spread awareness in the community. They also surveyed public places such as railway stations, shopping areas, recreation centers, parks, commercial and bank centers for accessibility and presented reports identifying the architectural barriers and strategies to remove the same.

To commemorate the day an e-newsletter 'The OT Chronicle' was released. Students of the department also actively participated in debate and poster presentations on occupational therapy related topics.

Dr. Sebastina A. Dsouza

Prof. & Head



Government Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad

World OT Day was celebrated in the Medical College campus on October 28 with poster presentation on role of OT in variety of medical conditions viz Orthopedics, pediatrics, Medicine mental health, ergonomics etc with an aim to sensitize the medical fraternity on the unique role OT's are offering to restore functions and rehabilitation. This program was inaugurated by the Dean of medical college in presence of faculties of the clinical departments.

Dr. Satish Maslekar

Sr. OT



SRM College of Occupational Therapy, Kattankulathur, Chennai

A Workshop on 'Organizing support Groups for Caregivers' was convened which was attended by staff, students and faculties of various departments of the university by an eminent senior OT from Chennai.



Indore Institute of Medical Sciences, Indore

Ramp walk was performed by the disabled children to develop confidence in the children and their parents. A poster exhibition by students was arranged in the college campus on the theme: 'Journey of OT' depicting the history of OT, Diagnostic tools & working areas. The celebration also included a guest lecture on the topic Advancements in Burn Rehabilitation and a seminar on the topic "OT in Environmental Modification".

Dr. Bhavinder Singh
HOD & Vice Principal



Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur & Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA

Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA had celebrated World OT day in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur and students and professionals from various institutions of Jaipur and other places on the theme Accessibility@OTIndia. OT Day was celebrated with about 200 gathering of special children, parents, hospital, staff of special schools & general public. A PowerPoint presentation on awareness of OT followed with open discussion, display of posters and street play by students were also arranged. Media coverage was there throughout the program.

Dr. S.K Meena
Convener, Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA



Kovai Medical Center & Hospital, Coimbatore

College of OT at Kovai Medical Center & Hospital celebrated World OT Day by organizing free camp for assessment and guidance to persons with disabilities. Street Play and poster sessions by students to promote OT awareness were also arranged on the occasion.

Dr. Sujata Missal
Principal/HOD



Government Medical College & Hospital, Nagpur

A video presentation on functioning of O.T. School and Centre was projected on World OT Day for outdoor patients of the hospital. Variety of hand splints and assistive devices were displayed.

A series of competitive poster presentation from O.T. units from departments of Orthopedics, Neurology, Pediatrics, Mental health and Hand therapy was displayed. All the staff and students of OT School and Centre enthusiastically worked for the success of the program.

Dr. Sofia Aazad, Prof./Principal



Multi-specialty Therapy Centre, New Delhi

On 27th of October 2016, a free screening camp was organized by Health Factor Multi-specialty Therapy Centre, New Delhi. Also an interactive session was held among professionals and parents regarding the need of early intervention and how occupational therapy plays a significant role in multidisciplinary team. The special educators, physicians, and teachers interacted in the discussion. Information:

Dr. Arpan Kumar, OT



Puducherry

The World OT day was observed at P. G. R. Vasavi English Preliminary School in Puducherry. A general physical assessment and pre-writing skill assessment were performed for the children with the age group 3-5 years. The effectiveness of simplified teaching method of dot-dot was explained to them, the Parents and Principal of the school.

Dr M. Ramakrishnan
Occupational Therapist,
JIPMER Hospital, Pondy.



13 December 2016

Dear Anil,

Thank you for this information and for the support and commitment of AIOTA in promoting World Occupational Therapy Day 2016. The information provided in this summary is fantastic and my sincere appreciation to colleagues in India. I look forward to sharing this information with the international community,

With best wishes,

Ritchard Ledgerd

Executive Director, WFOT
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FROM THE OFFICE OF WFOT DELEGATE

On request of WFOT Delegate, the brief information on OTICON'2016 at Chennai was circulated to member countries and also made available on WFOT Website. The messages were received from President, Executive Director WFOT and Editor WFOT Bulletin, and as is available on OTICON'2016 Website & Souvenir.

World OT Day was celebrated enthusiastically this year too by many more institutions. The OT Day celebration report in brief is sent to WFOT and also published in the AIOTA News Letter with an aim to motivate other institutions for promoting awareness of OT in India.

on continuance pursuant of AIOTA for OT's graduated before 2008 (prior to AIOTA/WFOT accreditation of the institutions), from JKKMMRF College of OT, Komarapalayam & R.M. Medical College, Chidambaram of Tamil Nadu, WFOT Executive agreed to AIOTA request that there is a need to revise the policy on retrospective approval. It led WFOT to revise the current policy which was circulated on 24th Sept. to member organizations for its approval via e-vote on 26 October 2015. I am pleased to inform you that e-vote on "Retroactive approval of occupational therapy educational programs' policy was unanimously approved. Program Coordination Education & Research WFOT has informed us to furnish request with relevant documents before 8 Feb for taking final decision before the WFOT Council Meeting from 7-11 March 2016 at Colombia. I am confident of a positive outcome for these graduates from Tamil Nadu after final approval in Council Meeting in March 2016. However no request for retrospective approval before 1994 will be considered by WFOT.

The 2016 Council Meeting is scheduled at Columbia from March 7-11, 2016. Considering the end of tenure of present AIOTA EC and heavy expenses in travelling to Colombia the AIOTA will not be attending. However since last time India was represented in Council Meeting at Slovenia in 2008 AIOTA may consider sending one of the WFOT Delegate in 2018 Council Meeting at South Africa.

'WFOT is in process of revising the 'Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists' (Revised 2015 – Draft V). This document has been developed following extensive consultation with WFOT Member Organisations in 2013/2014 and feedback from an International Advisory Review Panel in 2015 and will be revised again soon after receiving feedback from member countries.

Nominations:

- **Dr. Neeraj Misra (Delhi):** For Inaugural online WFOT Module on Disaster Management for Occupational Therapists (DMOT).
- **Dr. Jyothika Bijalni (Mumbai), Dr. Kamal Arya & Dr. Vijay Batra (Delhi):** For WFOT: Research Priorities within WFOT Member Organizations Survey

"**ISF-UGC Joint Scientific Research Program**" Members are informed about this agreement between UGC and Israel Government. It aims to encourage research cooperation between Israeli and Indian scientists and is activated due to an agreement of cooperation between University Grant Commission (UGC) and Israel Science Foundation (ISF), and is funded by the Indian and Israeli governments in the fields of: Humanities, Social Sciences, Plant Sciences & Zoology.

Researchers from India with a PhD, who are members of the academic staff of institutions which receive development grants from UGC and/or of institutions which are funded by Ministry of Human Resource Development (M/HRD). Visit UGC Website for sending proposals. Information has been sent to all OT Colleges.

I am continuing as member of the Editorial Board of WFOT Bulletin since 2010 and also reviewing articles for publication as and when are received.

The information /queries/surveys received from time to time by WFOT and member countries are being taken care of as far as possible well in time, in assistance with AIOTA EC Officials. The significant information also regularly appears in IJOT under News & Information column.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted

Dr Anil K. Srivastava

WFOT Delegate

FROM THE OFFICE OF EDITOR IJOT

On behalf of Editorial Board, I am pleased to submit the report of IJOT.

IJOT is available on Govt. of India's NIC Center managed Medind site www.medind.nic.in as full text database. All issues published till Dec. 2015 are available there.

IJOT Vol. 47, Issue 3 and News Letter 2014-2015 were published in time and sent to members in Dec. 2015. Extra 150 Copies of the News Letter are also published to make it available to members for the GB Meeting today for their reference. It is for the first time that News Letter is in changed setup with 40 pages including 12 color pages carrying OT Day celebration reports and photographs for motivating members to work more enthusiastically for OT promotion through OT Day celebration and other activities round the year. I am sure it is well received by members. This of course has increased the cost of this publication but now hopefully it will be considered as serious publication of AIOTA carrying useful information.

Availability of IJOT and News Letter on Website: Only very few Complaints of non-receiving of the journal are now received that is inevitable due to one or other reasons. However, it is sent by post to all those, who inform about not receiving it. Members who are in non-receipt of journal can also download the issues of IJOT and also the News Letter by logging in to the membership directory from website. It is for the first time that News Letter too is uploaded therein. Dr. Sunny Joseph, the Website Convener may be requested for any assistance if required.

The Editorial Board always tries to enrich the journal with valuable information from country and overseas. The request for Book Review from overseas authors and publishers are received regularly and are published, that shows international acceptability of IJOT.

Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Associate Editor and the Editorial Team are doing excellent work with dedication. I sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm of Asstt. Editor- Dr. Punita Solanki, for her valuable suggestions for promotion of IJOT, at national and international level. I also congratulate the authors whose studies have been published in Vol. 47.

Thank You

Respectfully submitted

Dr Anil K. Srivastava
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Mrs. Zarine D. Ferzandi
Editor

FORM THE OFFICE OF CONVENER - CENTRAL COUNCIL ACT. COMMITTEE

I am pleased to submit the report on updates on Central Council of OT.

It was decided by AIOTA Executive in conformity with GB Decision, to file a PIL in High court New Delhi. In this respect President AIOTA and me as Convener Council Act had a meeting on October 10, 2015 with Mr. Vinay Garg AIOTA's Legal Advisor to formulate the strategy to file a PIL in High Court New Delhi. The process for filing the petition was initiated.

However, on Oct. 23 President and Secretary AIOTA received an invitation from Ms. Kavita Narayan, Director NIAHS TSU (**National Initiative for Allied Health Sciences – Technical Support Unit**) for a meeting on 27 October at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi to discuss the proposed '**Allied and Healthcare Professional's Council Bill, 2015**'.

AIOTA was represented by Dr. Anil K. Srivastava-President & Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, Hon. Secretary. AIOTA emphatically showed its displeasure before the committee members, on inclusion of Occupational Therapy in the proposed Allied Health Professionals' Council Bill 2015 and made it clear that members of AIOTA, OT Educational Institutions and OT Professionals in India will not accept this bill because of its heterogeneous structure. A copy of AIOTA representation with comments on the proposed Bill was handed over in hard copy, as was desired by the committee.

The reasons for Resentment discussed on the proposed '**Allied and Healthcare Professional's Council Bill, 2015**' were mainly that the bill is completely contrary to the basic principle that a council should be "**by the profession, of the profession and for the profession**". It was pointed out that there is inclusion of members in the proposed Allied Health Bill, from different other councils like MCI, NCI and DCI and others which is not justified. Whether will OT's be included in these councils, probably never, then why others are in the proposed bill. AIOTA stressed that all earlier proposed bills having inclusion of OT with heterogeneous group of workers were resented and were withdrawn by the government. Even after intervention of High Court New Delhi the notification in respect to inclusion of OT with Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) in the year 1998, was also immediately withdrawn by the government in 1999.

AIOTA proposed the following suggestions:

- Independent 'Central Council of Occupational Therapy' should be constituted which is pending decision since decades
- Central Council with inclusion of like profession of Physiotherapy only having identical qualification and status under the title 'Central Council of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy' with Separate Cells. It was already assured many times by the Ministry of Health in Parliament of India. It should be constituted in the pattern of 'Delhi Council of PT/OT' and 'Maharashtra Council of PT/OT' already in function successfully since last more than 15-20 years
- As an alternative dissolve all the councils including MCI, DCI, Pharmacy and Nursing Council and constitute one council under the title 'Indian Council of Medical and Health' with separate cells of the medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Allied Health professionals.

Incidentally, the Committee was surprised and also pleased to note that Diploma in OT program is not in existence in India. It was also noted by the Committee that, in India only one National Association- AIOTA is in function. However the Committee has reservation about the information that OT's also are in private practice/ and have self-owned clinics. It was informed that in absence of regulation by government in constituting Central Council of OT, the Academic Council of OT of AIOTA issues certificate of registration to members of AIOTA to practice in India. This certification is valid for international placement of OT's from India.

Committee proposed for a permanent member seat for AIOTA / OT. Committee assured to reconsider the membership structure in the bill. Brief of the report of the meeting was made available on AIOTA Website for information to members.

Meeting concluded with the suggestion: that, 'based on today's discussion and representations sent by members and organizations, the committee may sent modified proposals, which may be discussed with the members of AIOTA, before giving any acceptance or rejection of it'.

e-Mail information was received on 4th Jan from MsKavita Narayan from NIAHS TSU to President & Secretary AIOTA : that the Bill has now been placed for final consideration and review by the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare. A poignant landmark was the Ministry-designated **change in the definition from 'paramedic' to 'Allied and healthcare professionals'**. The curricula for Physiotherapy, Optometry, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Health Information Management and Radiation Therapy Technology are in the final stages of approval and finalization with the NCRC and will be ready for the Minister's approval shortly. It proposes to set up an overarching Central Council and develop minimum standards for all unregulated allied and healthcare professionals. As a first, it will also ensure the maintenance of a live register for professionals (that will be implemented by State chapters).

The recommendations will be reviewed after going through the full report to formulate a strategy for further action on this issue.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. R.K. Sharma

Convener-Council Act Committee

FROM THE OFFICE OF CONVENER AIOTA WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Please find attached report for your reference.

ADDRESS UPDATION -	10NOS
LOGIN ISSUE AND ADDRESS UPDATION	17 NOS
NAME AND ADDRESS UPDATION	3 NOS
TOTAL	30 NOS

Following documents were uploaded on AIOTA website during the year under report :

- NEWS LETTER AND IJOT
- AIOTA GB MEETING RESCHEDULE NOTIFICATION
- BOT AND MOT PROGRAMS RESCHEDULE
- PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF OTICON 2016
- AIOTA-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
- Information on suspension of JKK COLLEGE OT and JAIPUR OT COLLEGE.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Joseph Sunny

Convenor, AIOTA Website

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN ELECTION COMMITTEE - 2016

As per election By-Laws and circular of AIOTA election-2016, I received total 13 (thirteen) nomination forms, 09 (nine) nomination were for EX members and 04 (four) were for office bearers, 01 for President, 01 for Vice-president, 01 for Hon. Secretary, 01 for Hon. Treasurer. After scrutiny all nominations were found valid.

1. We sent total approx. 3000 (Three thousand) circular to AIOTA members through general post as per members list provided by President AIOTA within prescribed date.
2. Nomination form Received : 13 (Thirteen)
3. Withdrawal form sent through speed post : 13 (Thirteen)
4. Withdrawal form received : Nil
5. Total no. of Ballot paper sent through speed post : 2285 (Two thousand two hundred eighty five only)
6. Return of envelop of ballot paper : 394 (Three hundred ninety four only)
7. Received valid postal Ballot : 412 (Four hundred twelve only)

8. Total amount received for expenditure : Rs. 1,60,000 (One lakh sixty thousand only)
 9. Total expenditure till date : Approx. Rs. 1,52,000/- (One lakh fifty two thousand only)

ELECTION RESULTS TO CONSTITUTE AIOTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2016-2020)

[A] OFFICE BEARERS [ELECTED]:

Sr. No.	Name of the post	Name of candidate	Place	winner	Total votes
1.	President	Dr. Anil Kumar Srivastava	Lucknow	Un-opposed elected	—
2.	Vice President	Dr. Sashi Oberai	Mumbai	Un-opposed elected	—
3.	Honorary secretary	Dr. Satish Maslekar	Aurangabad	Un-opposed elected	—
4.	Honorary Treasurer	Dr. (Mrs.) Pratibha M. Vaidya	Mumbai	Un-opposed elected	—

[B] EXECUTIVE MEMBER (ELECTED):

Sr. No.	Name of the post	Name of candidate	Place	winner	Total votes
1.	Executive Member	Dr. Joseph Sunny	Chennai	Elected	202
2.	Executive Member	Dr. Amitabh Kishor dwivedi	Jaipur	Elected	198
3.	Executive Member	Dr. Surendra Kumar Meena	Jaipur	Elected	187
4.	Executive Member	Dr. Neeraj Mishra	New Delhi	Elected	184

[C] EXECUTIVE MEMBER (NOT ELECTED):

Sr. No.	Name of the post	Name of candidate	Place	winner	Total votes
1.	Executive Member	Dr. David E. Wilson Rajkumar	New Delhi	Not elected	181
2.	Executive Member	Dr. S. Murali Krishnan	Chennai	Not elected	153
3.	Executive Member	Dr. Debashis panda	Odisha	Not elected	144
4.	Executive Member	Dr. Asish Das	Hyderabad	Not elected	118
5.	Executive Member	Dr. Sugumar paulraj	Dindigul	Not elected	111

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Lalit Narain

Chairman - Election Committee 2016

**OTICON'2017 : THE 53rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA
 SRM UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI
 (January - 29-31st, 2016)**

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA

Jan. 30, 2016

I am honored to extend a warm welcome to the national and international guests, resource faculties, members and students coming from far of places to take part in the OTICON'2016 ie AIOTA's 53rd Annual National Conference in the country's prestigious SRM University, Chennai.

I sincerely welcome the Key Note Speaker of the conference Ashley Jayapaul from Singapore. I am extremely grateful for the valued presence and talks from Helen Ribchester (UK), Dr. B.D. Dasari (UK), Dr. Vijay Suple (Canada), Dr. Vinay Singh from Cellfield India Brain Training & Research Centre and Kei Nakamura & Kohei Yoshida (Japan).

I congratulate Dr. D. Suresh the Organizing Secretary & the organizing team and Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Chairperson Scientific Program & her associates for their dedicated efforts for a wonderful conference. Special thanks to members of T.N. Branch of AIOTA for their cooperation for a successful conference.

The founder of the profession in India was Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, nee Elizabeth Lundy who was an American Lady with a vision. She laid the foundation of OT at KEM Hospital Mumbai in 1950. All India Occupational Therapists' Association was founded in 1952 with Mrs. Nimbkar as its First President. AIOTA also became one of the Founder Council Members of WFOT, which too came to existence in the same year ie 1952.

Due to lack of statutory provision of Central Council in India, unlike other countries, AIOTA has to take a lead to also act as a regulatory body to regulate the standards in academics and clinical practice in India. About 30 OT Education Programs of the country duly accredited by AIOTA are affiliated with WFOT and are considered as recognized programs for overseas employment and/or higher studies. The institutions

in government and private sector are offering Masters in OT and even Ph.D. programs for graduates from recognized programs. Academic Council of OT, a constituent body of AIOTA has been entrusted upon the responsibility for maintaining uniformity and standards of Education and recommend to AIOTA for national and international accreditation of the UG/PG courses in India.

The Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy an official publication of repute of AIOTA is listed in many national and international databases of repute. IJOT is a peer reviewed journal. 47 Volumes have been published till date. Full text database of IJOT is available since 2001 on Govt. of India's National Informatics Center website www.medind.nic.in.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is nationally & internationally recognized advanced discipline in the modern healthcare system. The profession takes a whole-person approach to both mental and physical health and wellbeing, enabling individuals to achieve their full potential. They help people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. Common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes. They achieve it through an individualized evaluation, during which they interact with client and family to determine the person's goals, customized intervention to improve the person's ability to perform daily activities and reach the goals and thereafter outcomes evaluation to ensure that the goals are being met and/or make changes to the intervention plan.

They work with adults and children of all ages with a wide range of conditions; most commonly those who have difficulties due to a mental health illness, physical or developmental & learning disabilities, Autism and variety of ortho, neuro motor dysfunctions and disabilities. They work in a variety of settings including General hospitals, health organizations, social care services, housing, education, re-employment schemes, occupational health, voluntary organizations and also as independent practitioners.

In recent times occupational therapy practitioners have expanded the area to include working with groups experiencing occupational deprivation which stems from sources other than disability. Examples of new and emerging practice areas now also include therapists working with refugees & disaster survivors, children experiencing obesity and people experiencing homelessness. It encourages occupational therapists to think beyond just occupational performance and address other modes of occupational interaction such as occupational deprivation, competence, and justice.

The foremost requirement that is pending since long with the government due to one or other reasons is an appropriate regulatory control in form of a Central Council of OT to govern the profession in order to prevent widespread quackery, maintaining uniformity in education and facilitating growth and development of the field to ensure an appropriate and safe health care to the citizens of India.

Unfortunately with inadequate cooperation from government, the growth & development of the profession has been grossly suffered. Lack of proper recognition and facilities including avenues for employment in government sector, have led to massive so-called "brain-drain" of occupational therapists to other countries regularly, since past many years, to avail lucrative opportunities available there and it should be a matter of great concern for the government and is for us.

Expansion of services essentially required at primary level, to cater the needs of community will not be possible without the government initiative. These calls for an positive approach at the government level to plan strategies to reach to about 75% of the population living in rural and/or remote areas

AIOTA is making effort to have the provision that all Central Universities should have mandatory provision of an OT College to develop sufficient no. of human resource in this profession to serve more than 10% of the population with disabilities & dysfunctions in children, adults and senior citizens to improve their quality of lives. All hospitals in Government or Private sector should also have mandatory OT set up to cater the need of children and adults with kinds of dysfunctions and ailments.

We also propose formation of OT home for Elderly & OT Centre for Persons with Disabilities at district level, may be using PPP (Public Private Partnership) model.

I am sure that the delegates and guests participating from all part of the country and overseas, will have a comfortable stay and memorable time. I am also confident that the presentations supported with evidence based research in various areas of clinical practice would promote knowledge dissemination to enhance further growth of OT in India.

Dr Anil K.Srivastava

REPORT FROM ORGANIZING SECRETARY OTCON,2016

OTICON 2016 was hosted by SRM college of Occupational Therapy, SRM University and Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA in Chennai from 29th Jan. to 31st Jan. 2016. The Around 600 participants including students and member delegates registered for the conference. We had 7 international speakers who delivered guest lectures shared their knowledge and experience. On first day (29.1.16) we had COTE inauguration followed by the presentation by Dr.Pankaj Bajpai and Dr.Shovan saha. The Key note address was delivered by Dr.Ashley Jayapaul from Singapore. The 2ndDay (30.1.16) the OTICON 2016 inauguration was done by Dr.S.Geethalakshmi .,Vice chancellor of The Tamil Nadu Dr.MRG Medical University, presided by Dr.Prabir k Bagchi the vice chancellor of SRM University. Around 41 scientific papers were presented on this conference. Life time achievement awards was conferred to Late Dr.Mira Sahani and Dr.Nirmala Venkatesan for their

contribution to the upliftment of the profession. For students: award for best poster, innovative technology and debate was given. The conference also witnessed the extracurricular talents of students by participating in cultural competition “Kalai Sangamam”, on 30.1.16. The ballot paper counting of AIOTA election was conducted in this conference and newly elected members were announced in the conference.

Dr. D. Suresh

Organizing secretary

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON, SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

It is a great honour to shoulder the responsibility of organizing the scientific program of the 53rd Annual National Conference of AIOTA held in Chennai from 29th to 31st January 2016.

I am thankful to the President, Office bearers & the Executive committee of AIOTA for giving me the opportunity to organize & conduct the scientific program this year.

I express my sincere gratitude to scientific program committee members Dr. K Sunita & Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar for their continuous unrelenting assistance & their enthusiasm to make this event successful.

I extend my gratitude to Dr. D. Suresh Organizing secretary, Dr. Sunny Joseph Coordinator Dr. U Ganapathy & Dr. Murali Krishnan for their continuous logistic support for successful organization of the scientific program of this conference. Lot of enthusiasm & interest was shown by the members who have participated in large numbers in various categories.

The various categories are: Life members:

Category	Abstract Received	Final Presentation
Kamala V Nimbkar Trophy for best paper	07	05
Best Paper in Mental Health	04	04
Kailash Merchant Best paper in neuroscience	06	05
Youth Talent Award	06	04
Gazala Makda Award in peadiatrics	13	07
Non Competitive papers	11	08
Poster Presentation	04	04
Dr. N Swaroop Award(Innovative Technology)	03	02
Mini Movie on OT	NIL	

Total Number of Abstracts received 51 (47 oral + 4 posters)

Non Competitive 11 Not accepted 03

Competitive 36 Not Accepted / Not received paper 11

Total No. of papers to be presented 33 + 04poster

Non competitive 08 & Competitive (25 oral + 04 posters)

Student members School Participation

Event	No. Of Entries
Debate Conventional OT Verses Innovative Technology	14
Poster Theme: Agro Ergonomics	10
Innovative Technology	07

Seven Scientific sessions were categorized with different themes

Session I	Cognitomotor & Behavioral Perspective in Peadiatrics OT
Session II	Functional Skill Acquisition: An OT Perspective
Session III	Occupational Therapy beyond Clinical Boundaries
Session IV	Approaches in Stroke Rehabilitation
Session V	Novel Ideas of Practice: OT Perspective in Neurology
Session VI	Family centered services to Children with Disabilities: OT Perspective

I sincerely thank all the judges & Chairpersons of all the scientific events for willing accepting the invitations, shouldering the responsibilities & assisting us to conduct the scientific program successfully. Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Pratibha Vaidya

Chairperson SPC OTICON 16
Chennai

Annual report From AIOTA Branches

Mumbai Branch

It is with immense pleasure that I present this annual report on behalf of the Executive Committee of Mumbai Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association. The branch was enthusiastically involved in various professional activities by conducting seminar / lectures for its members and implementing programmes for professional growth.

Academic and Professional activities carried out during 2015:

1. A seminar on **Gaming Technology in Habilitation** by Dr Saifuddin Bijliwala (Psychiatric Occupational Therapist) on 13th march 2015 at L.T.M.M.C & G.H –Sion, Mumbai. The Annual **General Body Meeting** followed the seminar at the same venue.
2. A seminar on **The Graded System of Suryanamaskar** by Dr Anand Bapat (Occupational Therapist & Specialist in Natural Therapies) was organized on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at O.T. Department, G.S.M.C & K.E.M.H, Parel, Mumbai.
3. Celebration of World Occupational Therapy Day -27th October 2015 by organizing a **Panel Discussion** on “PLANNING YOUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CAREER” in collaboration with The D.Y.Patil University's School of Occupational Therapy at Nerul Navi Mumbai. The Panel Speakers were Occupational Therapists Dr Kanan Doshi, Dr Punita Solanki, Dr Raviraj Shetty, and Dr Reena Singh.
4. Correction of a **misleading article** on Occupational Therapy career by a leading newspaper following the prompt response of branch and its members.
5. A seminar on **Cognition and the IADL of Driving** by Resource Person: Dr Purnima Karia (OTR/L, CDRS) on Monday 7th December 2015, in collaboration with Occupational Therapy School & Centre- Seth G.S.M.C & K.E.M.H, Parel
6. Throughout the year, The Mumbai Branch of A.I.O.T.A regularly updated its members about various events and opportunities through **emails and blog posts**.

Thanks and regards,

Dr Alok Patil (OT)

Convener,

Mumbai Branch of AIOTA.

BIHAR BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT OF BIHAR BRANCH OF AIOTA 2015

It gives me immense pleasure in presenting this annual report of the functioning and activities of the Bihar Branch of AIOTA for the year 2015.

- Σ It is worth to mention that we, the faculty members, students as well as the members of AIOTA of Bihar Branch actively participated and contributed in the College Foundation Day (CFD) of the Patna Medical College, Patna which was held from February, 28th to March, 02nd 2015. The function had a specific banner named ‘Swasthya Mela-Chetna 2015’ in which we projected ourselves with a full-fledged stall dedicated to health awareness towards common ailments and their management through Occupational Therapy, Ergonomics, Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation under scrupulous guidance of Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Dr.Priyadarshi Alok & Dr. Subhadra Kumari. Our stall was adjudged the best and we were awarded a prize for the same.
 - Σ Our Branch of AIOTA had yet another landmark eventful programme in Collaboration with the BSAPO on December 26th, 2015. The theme and caption of the interacting session was **Rehabilitation of hand injury**. Which was Organised in the Conference Hall of the Bihar College of Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy, Patna. We had the honors of having Dr. Neeraj Mishra, New Delhi as a recourse person. It was a great success also owing to the sterling contribution of Dr. Priyadarshi Alok, who happened to be the Co-ordinator of the Programme.
 - Σ Keeping in line with making our contribution and participation in all health awareness activities, our faculty members, students of BCPO and other members of AIOTA, Bihar worked whole heartedly in the ‘World Disabled Day’ Health Checkup and their remedies. The programme was Organised on the 3rd of December, 2015. The affairs of the programme were run under chairmanship of Dr. Kishore Kumar-HOD & Controlling Officer, &Dr. Priyadarshi Alok Assistant Prof.BCPO., Patna.
 - Σ On an ‘**Educational trip**’, students of MBBS of 2013 batch department of community & family Medicine of **AIIMS, Patna** Came to our Institute; they were 26 on April 25th, 2015 and 29 on June 13th, 2015. Their mission was to acquire and assimilate all about awareness and management through Occupational Therapy, Ergonomics, Physiotherapy & Rehab.
- Again, came to our Institute ‘**Community visit**’ the Nursing students of GNM Nursing school, Nalanda Medical College Hospital ,

Patna. They were 52 students of 3rd year on September 21st, 2015, 45 of 2nd year on December 7th, 2015 and 58 of 1st year on December 17th, 2015; who came to us for their academic advantage.

Live training session was also conducted for the students on the working of various instruments along with the treatment which were being given to the patients undergoing OT, PT, & Rehab.

During the above mentioned 'educational trip' and 'community visit' awareness programme was being conducted by the faculty members & students of BCPO Patna under scrupulous guidance, mentoring and leadership of Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Assistant Prof. & Academic Head BCPO.

❖ On the top of all events and programme there were celebrations of the World OT day 2015 at the BCPO campus which was attended by all members of the AIOTA family with focus of OT awarene

Lastly, I would like to express my apology for not being able to attend the 53rd Annual National Conference- OTICON, 2016 held from Jan. 29th to Jan. 31st 2016 because of the University Examination of our students of the first, second & final year BPhT & BThO.

I make this submission of the Annual Report with deep regards.

Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal
Convenor
Bihar branch of AIOTA

West Bengal Branch

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of 2015-16 of West Bengal Branch of AIOTA.

The branch was involved in various activities involving students of Occupational Therapy. Following activities were under taken during the year.

1. Awareness program:
 - a. A program for caregiver of children with Cerebral Palsy was conducted wherein a detail information on day to day care which can be undertaken by caregivers for their children were explained with AV presentation.
 - b. A program on Osteoarthritis was conducted for patients and students wherein basic pathology and OT intervention was presented.
 - c. A street play was conducted for public wherein Assistive technology and other schemes for Persons with Disabilities were presented through medium of play. The street play was well appreciated by the common public as well as PwDs
2. Scientific Session: A Session on Locomotor Disability was organized in the OTICON'15 in the month of April'15 at New Delhi.
3. World OT Day: World OT day was celebrated wherein a quiz for Doctors about knowledge of OT was conducted and winner Doctor was given a "Friend of OT" award.
4. Representation to State Govt.: There were discrepancies in the payment and designation for the Occupational Therapist. These Occupational therapists were appointed on contractual posts. A team of representatives met with the Director Medical Education and submitted the representation.

Thanks

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Pankaj Bajpai
(Convener-WBAIOTA)

Rajasthan Branch

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Rajasthan Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, it gives me immense pleasure to present annual report of the functioning of Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA for the year-2015. Like past years of functioning; this year also Rajasthan Branch tried in every possible way to provide new dimension to Occupational Therapy profession and professionals.

Every year so many therapists are moving to different states and going abroad and at the same time we are getting new crop of therapist graduating from occupational therapy school. Thereafter; to provide the restructuring and organization to the branch; we organized 3 executive body and 1 general body meeting for the branch members.

This Year, Our one of the important milestone that is formation of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Council Act is cleared by Law department. There was some objection raised by Law department which has been resolved now by Medical & Health Department. Law Department has also given its acceptance and considered it for cabinet memo.

We are running behind every government official as well as ministers and doing regular corresponding with them to start an occupational therapy college at government sector and filling up of vacant posts and creation of new posts for occupational therapists. Till now medical education department prepare final proposal to start Government Occupational Therapy College and hope fully the session will start from academic session-2016-17. And because of some technical issues, the post which were created by Govt. in Jaipur was withheld for which the examination is now rescheduled in the month of June, 2016

On world Occupational Therapy day, Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, in collaboration with The Palace School, City Palace organized various activities for special children like drawing, dancing and sports competition (report has been already submitted). On 26th October, 2015, SNM Special School & Milestone Special School had celebrated world OT day.

Also on behalf of Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College and Rajasthan Branch presentation was given to Boston University Occupational Therapy Post Graduate students about occupational therapy in India and about AIOTA and its functioning.

Also we have submitted new recruitment rules and pay scale to medical & Health Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, both for Clinical and Academic.

UGC had asked us to submit the proposal of physically facilities and other requirements, both for BOT & MOT courses, for which on the behalf of Rajasthan branch of AIOTA, we had submitted the proposal.

Submitted graciously,
Thanking you

Dr. S .K. Meena
Convener
Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA

UP BRANCH

I take pleasure to submit the report of UP Branch of AIOTA for the year 2015-2016.

UP Branch was given an opportunity to hold the OTICON'2015: The 52nd Annual National Conference of AIOTA it was decided to continue with the same Executive Committee. OTICON'2015 which earlier was scheduled at Ghaziabad had to be organized at New Delhi due to lack of a good auditorium there and also convenience of members and delegates attending from all parts of the country and overseas.

OTICON'2015 was organized at AIIMS, New Delhi as a mega event under the dynamic leadership of Co-Convener of the Branch Dr. R.K.Sharma as Org. Secretary. Convener of the Branch, Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, the President of AIOTA was Coordinator for this very successfully and well appreciated conference.

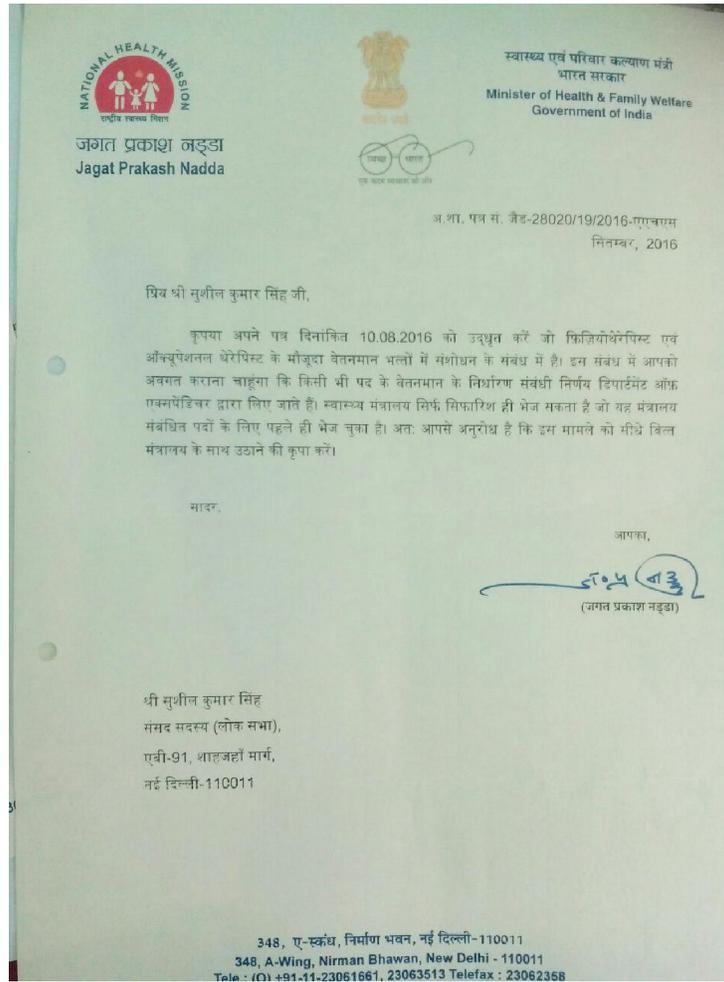
The conference was attended by many national and international guests of repute. The valuable presentations from key international faculties Dr. Shekhar Saxena WHO, Mr. Paul Grace, President/CEO, National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), Maryland (USA), Amanda Whitford Ahearn, Certified Health & Wellness Coach, (USA), Denise Donica, Associate Professor & Graduate Program Director, East Carolina University (USA), Prof. B. D. Dasari, Southampton (U.K), Ms. Natlie Hookway (Australia-USA), Dr. Vijay Suple, . OT Consultant for Bayshore Rehab in, Windsor., (Canada), were the highlights of the event. The senior officials from National Productivity Council, New Delhi, National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi, Indian Council of Medical Research, medical faculty from AIIMS and other hospitals of New Delhi and Dr. Zainab Zaidi, Director & Head Healthcare Sector Skill Council, New Delhi also presented their valuable inputs in form of scientific presentations.

The conference expenditure were submitted to CA for auditing. The audited balance Sheet would be forwarded to AIOTA office soon. UP Branch is pleased to announce that it has contributed the maximum amount till date toward conference head to AIOTA i.e total approx.. 1.5 lac, towards 10% registration and Godrej Certification etc.

Co-Convener of the Branch Dr. R.K. Sharma has celebrated World OT Day at Santosh OT College in a grand way to promote OT Awareness.

The Branch is working in collaboration with Santosh OT College to organize series of COTE's including on PAMOT in April 2016.

Respectfully Submitted
Dr. Anil K. Srivastava
Convener



OTICON'2017

The 54th Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists Association

February 17-19, 2017

Organized by

Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College

in collaboration with

Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA

Venue : **R.L. Swarankar Auditorium**, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Science & Technology, Jaipur

Theme : Occupational Therapy : Glories of Past and Challenges for the Future

Key Note Address : Theme - 'Visioning for the Future' by

Dr. Kit Sinclair, (Hong Kong) Formerly President of WFOT and currently WFOT Ambassador and Editor WFOT Bulletin

Dr. Kit will also conduct Pre-conference COTE Workshop on 'Making a Difference in Disaster Management'

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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

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Sub: RTI application of Sh. Neeraj Mishra under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your online RTI application No. MOHFW/R/2016/52041 dated 15.08.2016 on the above subject and to say that in respect of your point No. 1& 2, Ministry is in the process of formation of Allied and Healthcare Professionals' Central Council which includes Occupational Therapy stream also. Regarding point No. 3 no such data is available in AHS Section.

2. The name, designation and address of the appellate authority in respect of information furnished by the undersigned PIO is Sh. Budaraju Rama Chandra Murthy, Director, Room No. 204 D Nirman Bhawan New Delhi-110108.

Yours faithfully,



(Satish Kumar)
CPIO & Under Secretary
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'Occupational therapists needed to ensure inclusive education'

R. SUBATHA

CHENNAI: A few months ago, the parent of a special child began an online petition with the aim of reaching Chief Minister Jayalithaa, pleading that all private schools offer inclusive education and admit all children. "Schools should have special educators, occupational therapists and speech pathologists," the parent said, adding, "children from remote areas were especially affected due to lack of therapists and no proper special education."

In February, the government called for occupational therapists (OTs). However, with the code of conduct for Assembly elections kicking in, it was forgotten, said a therapist.

"OTs help children with learning difficulty — this is an umbrella under which various types of learning problems are clubbed. Some children are unable to process sensory information the brain receives. They need

LOOKING OUT FOR ALL

- Occupational therapists offer training for children with learning disabilities
- Children overcome the difficulties with 3-4 years of training
- Such children are not seen by general practitioners as they do not require medication
- Parents and teachers alone can identify the problems in children
- There are 500 therapists in Chennai, but the demand is growing
- Every school needs at least one such therapist



A common difficulty that some children have is hand-eye coordination. — FILE PHOTO

Some children need visual and perception exercises

Therapy could be for hand-eye coordination or toilet habits

therapy to get over them. Learning difficulty is generally associated with academic backwardness, reading, writing, listening and deciphering. It is also often associated with language. Better awareness among parents and teachers could help

children," said Sugumar P. Raj, co-convenor of Tamil Nadu branch of the All India Occupational Therapists Association.

Children with learning difficulties require a few years of training to overcome their difficulties. But, despite a

huge demand for occupational therapists the field remains unrecognised. "With the city having only over 500 therapists and the State having 900, the need is much higher," Mr. Sugumar said.

"OTs offer the intervention that schools and parents are unable to provide," said Ravi Samuel, a psychotherapist with over 25 years of experience. "The onus of identifying children with learning difficulties lies with the school and parents. These are basic neurological defects needing therapy," he added.

"These children does not require medical general practitioners. Therapy helps as it could be simply hand coordination, as in, when a child is unable to write properly or hand-eye coordination. Some children have difficulty in using the toilet and are perceived as adamant. But all they need is visual and perceptual exercises. Some children may need three to four years of training," he said.

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THE DIGEST

GMCH to get 20 teaching posts for its OTPT dept

Cabinet Nod For Posts Welcomed By Medical Fraternity



include posts of principal, a professor, four associate professors and three lecturers in PSC and OSC each. Besides this, others are administrative posts. The MUHS virtually withdrew the affiliation of the university for want of teachers at OTPT schools.

At present, just two teachers at PSC — Dr Damke and Dr Sophiya Azad — and two teachers in OSC have been handling all the teaching of the four and half years of the course with an intake of 30 students each in the two subjects.

Once the two schools have all the teaching posts, the results which now range from 95% plus are expected to rise to complete 100%. At present, three lecturers have been teaching ten subjects to over 130 students since the last 21 years.

"Now we can look forward to not just good teaching but also better patient care. Having teachers in all specialties will boost our knowledge. We will be able to give better services. Having four PG seats in both OT and PT means a lot for not just city but also the region," said a student from the physiotherapy department.

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Nagpur: Cabinet nod to filling of 20 posts (16 for teaching) in occupational and physiotherapy (OTPT) in the Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) has paved way for permanent affiliation of the Physiotherapy School and Centre (PSC) and Occupational School and Centre (OSC) with the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS).

It has also cleared the way for seeking eight post graduate seats, four seats each in OT and PT in the college. College has also got ₹194.88 lakh provision for the posts.

PSC and OSC had been trying to fill the posts since the setting up of the two

schools in 1965. The Maharashtra cabinet on Tuesday gave clearance for the 20 posts. The decision has been welcomed not just by the college but by city's entire medical fraternity. "College dean Dr A Niswade has been keenly pursuing the issue with the authorities. We are now just waiting for the GR. But it will be six months to a year till all the posts are actually filled," said Dr Umanjali Damke, acting superintendent of PSC who has been teaching there for the last 21 years as a lecturer.

The posts to be filled in

CM raises retirement age of physios to 67 years

REACHING OUT Govt planning to make therapists' services available in rural areas

Reena Sopam

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PATNA: Chief minister Nitish Kumar, here on Sunday, announced the retirement age of physiotherapists and occupational therapists would be raised, from 60 years to 67 years, to bring it at par with other doctors.

"There should be uniformity in retirement age of all doctors," he said while addressing a gathering at concluding ceremony of the world physiotherapy and occupational therapy week held at Bihar College of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

Besides, physiotherapists and occupational therapists will be treated at par with MBBS, dentists and Ayush doctors. "Therapy is an indispensable part of health services and people here too deserve facilities available to gazetted rank officials," he added.

The CM said the demand for therapeutic services had increased in the last few years because of the changing life style.

"Often people fail to follow fitness regimen and tend to develop physical problems. Therapeutic



Chief minister Nitish Kumar and health minister Tej Pratap Yadav at the concluding function of world physiotherapy and occupational therapy week, in Patna on Sunday. SANTOSH/HT PHOTO

services provide great relief to such people. Recently, I too had severe pain in my hand probably because of holding documents at Janta darbar for long. A therapist was a great help," he said.

The CM said the government was planning to make therapists' services available in rural areas. "Very soon physiotherapists and occupational therapists will be appointed at every public health center. This will generate more job opportunities for them," he said.

The Bihar College of

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy at Patna had just 40 seats. "This will not do. We need more such colleges with more seats," he said. Besides, a state level council for monitoring therapy services would be constituted, he added.

Kumar said the physiotherapy college needed land for a spacious girls' hostel. "A piece of land close to the college has already been identified. We will try to allot this land to the college," he said.

The CM said government

facilities had started expanding and in the private sector also fresh initiatives were being taken. "Medanta is coming here while All India Medical Sciences too is planning expansion and Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences has already become a college," he said.

Nitish said to make PMCH a world class institution, experts had to be engaged for its development plan. He urged noted physician Dr Gopal Prasad Sinha to help devise a development plan for the college and hospital.

Earlier, Dr Gopal Prasad Sinha spoke of the growing relevance of physiotherapy. Others present at the function included health minister Tej Pratap Yadav and RK Mahajan, principal secretary, health.

Earlier, the CM felicitated two former college heads, Dr UD Tiwari and Dr Saraju Prasad with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Several others including Dr Kishor Kumar, Dr Priyadarshi Alok, Dr Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Dr Umashankar Sinha, Dr Uday Narayan Singh, Dr Manoj Kumar, Dr Uday Kumar, Dr Umesh Kumar, Dr Prem Prakash Sharma were also honoured on the occasion.

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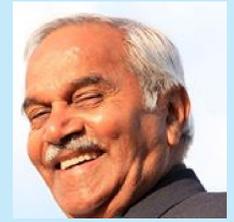


Inaugural Function of OTICON'2016 at S.R.M. Hospital, Chennai on Jan.17, 2016. Dr. S. Geetalakshmi V.C. of Dr. MGR University, Chennai was the Chief Guest while Dr. Prabir Kumar VC of S.R.M. University presided over the function. Others seen are Dr. Anil Srivastava President and Dr. Zarine Ferzandi Vice President of AIOTA.



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President AIOA Dr. Anil Srivastava meeting with H.E. the Governor of UP Sri Ram Naik



AIOA EC Members Dr. Lalit, Dr. Amitabh, Dr. Neeraj & Dr. Sunny met Sri T. C. Gahlot, Hon'ble Minister Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India



President AIOA felicitating Mr. Sunil Paruchuri CEO of Perk Data System, the service provider of AIOA Website at Bangalore



Workshop on Statistical Methods & Art of Writing Research in OT at Mumbai in March 2016. Prof. R.M. Pandey (AIIMS, New Delhi) and Dr. Punita Solanki (Mumbai) were the resource faculties.



Inauguration of COTE Workshop on PAMOT by MD- SEHPL Dr. Sharmila Anand & President AIOA Dr. Anil K. Srivastava at Santosh Hospital Ghaziabad in April 2016



Workshop on 'Occupational Therapy for Dealing with Special Children' from Sept. 25 to Oct 1, 2016 at Amity University, Lucknow. President AIOA was the Chief Guest of the Closing Function.

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