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OTICON2017 : The 54th Annual National Conference of AIOTA Feb. 17 - 19, 2017, at Jaipur



Welcome Address by President AIOTA
Dr. Anil Srivastava



Dr. Kit Sinclair WFOT Ambassador conducting
COTE Workshop on Disaster Management



Dr. S.K. Meena
Org. Secretary OTICON'2017



Dr. Shashi Oberai
Chairperson, Scientific Program



Presentation of 'President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award' to Kit Sinclair.

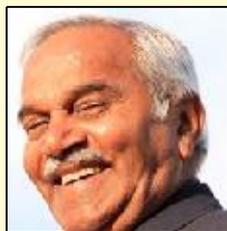


Inauguration of Scientific Exhibition & e-Poster presentation by
Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan.

Recipients of AIOTA Awards during OTICON2017

Presented during inaugural function of OTICON'2017 on Feb. 17, 2017, at Jaipur

AIOTA's Life Time Achievement Award



Dr. Maneklal M. Sangoi
New Delhi



Dr. G.C. Jain
Jaipur

President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award



Dr. Kit Sinclair
Hong Kong
WFOT Ambassador,
Formerly President,
WFOT & Editor
WFOT Bulletin

AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award



Dr. Jayashri S. Kale
Mumbai



Dr. Kishor Kumar
Patna

AIOTA's Young OT Achiever Award



Dr. Harsh Vardhan
New Zealand



Inauguration of FAOT-NDD (India) on 18th September 2017 at TN Medical College, Mumbai



COTE on PAMOT on 15th December 2017 at New Delhi : Inaugurated by President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava



COTE on Art of Writing Research in OT at L.T.M.M.C. & G.H., Mumbai in March 2016

Inauguration of Rosalin Child Development & Rehabilitation Centre, Lucknow on 15th October 2017 by President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava



President AIOTA, WFOT Ambassador Kit Sinclair and EC Member Dr. Neeraj Mishra with officials of NDMA, New Delhi on Feb. 20, 2017



President AIOTA with Dr. Shashi and Dr. Neeraj met Sri Mahesh Navrekar, Chief Officer Disaster Management Deptt, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai on Sept.18, 2017



All India Occupational Therapists' Association

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AGENDA

Dear Members,

I take immense pleasure in inviting you to participate in the General Body Meeting of AIOTA on 17th February, 2018 and OTICON'2018 i.e. 55th Annual National Conference of AIOTA, from 16th -18th February, 2018 at as per the following program:

Date of GB Meeting: 17th February, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm onwards

Venue: Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarok Samiti Auditorium, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur-440010

Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned. You are requested to contact Dr. Sofia Azad, Organizing Secretary, OTICON'2018 (Mo-+91-9823060144, 7385798592 ; e-mail-oticon2018@gmail.com, sofiaazad2000@yahoo.co.in; Website-www.aiotanagpur.in/oticon2018) 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 Jaipur on 18th February 2017.
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'2018, 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'2019.
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

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA.

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THE WELCOME ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT IN G.B.MEETING OF AIOTA

R. L. Swarnkar Auditorium, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology, Jaipur

Feb. 18, 2017

I welcome the members in this annual GB Meeting of AIOTA at Jaipur.

I congratulate Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA, Mahatma Gandhi OT College, Org. Secretary Dr. Meena and the organizing team for hosting **OTICON'2017** as a mega event of OT's in India. I applaud him for this wonderful conference at Jaipur. Special appreciation to Dr. Shashi Oberai and her team of scientific program for tightly but superbly knot scientific itinerary. I am happy to announce that OT's in India, AIOTA and its academic events are keenly awaited by international OT Faculties which is visible in regular international participation in AIOTA's national conferences. It also establishes good international relations of AIOTA. OTICON'2017 has become very special due to presence of Formerly President and now WFOT Ambassador Dr. Kit Sinclair, an internationally acclaimed person in the profession of occupational therapy.

I am honored for the trust and faith, the members of AIOTA bestowed in me, since past many terms to lead the national organization of the profession of occupational therapy in India. It infuses enthusiasm and energy into me to work tirelessly for growth of the profession in India and the recognition of AIOTA and Indian OT's globally. I am deeply moved and thank you all for this affection. Your support, critics, encouragements but above all the togetherness shall always be a key to success in AIOTA's upcoming endeavors.

Government of India is in process of establishing of **National Board for Allied Health Sciences** under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and has informed AIOTA that occupational therapy will have its representation and would be one of the key areas of focus. AIOTA has decided to study the outcome of the proposed bill and take a decision on its merit, in consultation with you all. State Council of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Chhattisgarh has been established recently in 2015-16. Rajasthan State Council is also in pipeline for which Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA is working strenuously under the leadership of Dr. Meena.

National Trust for Welfare of Children of Department of Empowerment of PWD's under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India has accepted AIOTA's request and decided to include one post of OT in 4 projects Namely DISHA (Early Intervention and School Readiness Scheme), SAMARTH (Respite Care Residential Scheme), VIKAAS (Day Care Scheme for 10 Year and above) and GHARAUNDA (Group Home for Adults Scheme). Thanks to Members of Delhi Branch under the leadership of Dr. Ramesh Arya and Dr. Lalit Narayan for this achievement.

Bihar OT's are set to have State Council, enhanced retirement age to 67 years, parity in all spheres with medical professionals and expansion of OT services to Primary Health Centers. Announcement to these effects have been made by Chief Minister of Bihar, which was appreciated by OT's in India. They also succeeded in getting teaching and clinical cadre posts with ample opportunities for higher posts up to the level of Professor in teaching and Director in the clinical side. Congratulations to Bihar Branch for their commendable efforts.

Thanks to institutions and members for enthusiastically celebrating **World OT Day and OIndia Month** on the AIOTA's theme Accessibility@OT India. It certainly has helped in increasing the awareness of OT in fellow professionals and masses at large. I am happy to note that now the younger generations are opting to build their professional career as occupational therapists. The scenario is reflected in full admissions in almost all OT Colleges in India since past few years.

I am honored to inform that from OTICON'2018 a new AIOTA Trophy will be introduced which is named as '**M.M. Sangoi Trophy**' for Best Paper on '**Ergonomics, Environment & Access**'. Dr. Sangoi a stalwart of OT in India was superannuated as Head of the OT Services from Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and also served AIOTA in many capacities.

AIOTA has honored stalwarts of the OT in India Dr. Sangoi and Dr. G.C. Jain (Jaipur) with its prestigious **Life Time Achievement Award**.

Dr. Jaya Kale (Mumbai) and Dr. Kishor Kumar (Patna) were presented with **Professional Excellence Award** for their meticulous achievements.

Young OT Achiever Award is also introduced from 2017 to motivate young OTs for professional development in the country. Dr. Harsh Vardhan qualified from NIRTAR Cuttack was unanimously chosen for this honor. He has been elected as President of New Zealand OT Association and also got rare opportunity to speak before the MPs' in the New Zealand parliament on Challenges of Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and Autism Spectrum Disorders in primary and secondary schools. It was broadcasted live on the web worldwide. Due to his sustained efforts OT's have got the authority to diagnose, which is a revolution in the Occupational Therapy practice in New Zealand.

President AIOTA has honored Dr. Kit Sinclair with **President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award**. This Award was incepted in AIOTA's Golden Jubilee Conference in Trivandrum in 2013 and is on sole discretion of AIOTA President and on his own expenses.

The vision, dedication and positive approach of AIOTA/ACOT EC's and IJOT Editorial Team of this specific tenure is praiseworthy. I am blessed to have such a wonderful team working with me. I am thankful to each of them.

I advise you all to visit **AIOTA Website** at least fortnightly, to get instantly informed, on professional updates & significant news, accessing

IJOT issues & News Letter, OTDay compiled reports and also uploaded appeals for cooperation on key issues as and when required. AIOTA is also in process of exploring places for AIOTA office in and around Mumbai as suggested by the officials of Charity Commissioner.

Over the last few years, social media has had a huge impact in our everyday lives. Social media does have plenty of uses for good purposes for the profession specially to reach to masses for OT promotion and circulation of information on academic and professional activities amongst the professionals. However members should take note that when information is shared on social media, that information is no longer private.

It is very important to monitor what you share, and to be aware of whom you could potentially be sharing. AIOTA does not permit sharing of policy decisions unless approved by EC and most importantly the personal comments amongst members, which may create issues. Hence though it should be definitely used for professional purposes but ensure to take all safety measures.....

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.

Thank You

Dr Anil K. Srivastava
President, AIOTA

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

February 18, 2017-JAIPUR

Highlights of GB Meeting-

- 1) GB has given authority to President Dr Anil K. Srivastava and Hon. Secretary, Dr Satish S. Maslekar for finalizing suitable place for AIOTA office in or around Mumbai.
- 2) Life Membership, Student Membership, Renewal of Membership fee and License Verification fees has been revised unanimously.
- 3) IJOT expenses will be reduced remarkably.

Dr. Srivastava informed that, this year, we lost our senior professional Dr. Praksh P. Singh, Formerly head of OT College PMCH, Patna & EC of AIOTA. His valued contribution for growth of OT in Bihar and AIOTA is noteworthy. This year we also lost a young Occupational Therapist Dr. Rohit Bhandarkar from Goa, in a tragic road accident. We all will observe salience for two minutes in the honor of the departed souls.

Agenda 1- Opening Remarks by President AIOTA (Enclosed)

Dr Anil Srivastava President AIOTA welcomed all and congratulated Dr. S.K. Meena Org. Secretary of OTICON2017, for gracious arrangements of the conference and also the venue for the GB Meeting. Dr Srivastava informed GB that we have submitted a fresh draft of OCI (Occupational Therapy Council of India) to Health ministry, Nirman Bhavan, Delhi. He also assured the house that, we will only accept the Allied Health Bill, if it will be dignified for OT profession and AIOTA. President briefed about the policy changes in circulation of IJOT and achievements of AIOTA in the year under report.

Dr. Srivastava requested Hon. Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

Hon. Secretary Dr. Satish Maslekar requested members to mark their presence in the Roll Call which is in circulation.

Agenda 2- Roll call-

| Sr. no. | Name | Designation | Signature |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1) | Dr Anil K Srivastava | President | —do— |
| 2) | Dr Shashi Oberai | Vice President | —do— |
| 3) | Dr Satish S. Maslekar | Hon. Secretary | —do— |
| 4) | Dr Pratibha Vaidya | Hon. Treasurer | —do— |
| 5) | Dr Zarine Ferzandi | Ex-Officio | —do— |
| 6) | Dr Jyothika Bijlani | ACOTt Dean | —do— |
| 7) | Dr Amitabh Dwivedi | EC member | —do— |
| 8) | Dr Joseph Sunny | EC member | —do— |
| 9) | Dr Lalit Narayan | EC member | —do— |
| 10) | Dr Neeraj Mishra | EC member | —do— |
| 11) | Dr R.K. Sharma | EC member | —do— |
| 12) | Dr S. K. Meena | EC member | —do— |

AIOTA members who were present for meeting

| Sr.No. | Name | Place | Sr.No. | Name | Place |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1) | Dr Shovan Saha | Manipal | 27) | Dr G.D. Vandhyadeven | Ludhiyana |
| 2) | Dr Shivani Bharadwaj | Gaziabad | 28) | Dr S. Shankar | Chidambaram |
| 3) | Dr V.S. Bole (EC-ACOT) | New Delhi | 29) | Dr Sunita Subhash | Mumbai |
| 4) | Dr Meenakshi Batra | New Delhi | 30) | Dr Rama Krishnan | Pondechery |
| 5) | Dr Vijay Batra | New Delhi | 31) | Dr V R Sathavannan | Tamilnadu |
| 6) | Dr Vivek Vajratkar | Goa | 32) | Dr Raghuram | Chennai |
| 7) | Dr Kaushik sau | Manipal | 33) | Dr P M Arunkumar | Chennai |
| 8) | Dr Rameh Arya | New Delhi | 34) | Dr P Punnyamurhi | Pondychery |
| 9) | Dr S. R. Apte | Ahmadabad | 35) | Dr R Ilavaidgan | Pondychery |
| 10) | Dr Lakshamanan | Banglore | 36) | Dr Raviraj Shetty | Mumbai |
| 11) | Dr Ebenzer Wilson Rajkumar | New Delhi | 37) | Dr Vrushali Kulkarni | Mumabi |
| 12) | Dr N. Janardhan | Chennai | 38) | Dr Shriharsh Jahagirdhar | Mumbai |
| 13) | Dr M url Krishnan | Chennai | 39) | Dr Jayashri Kale | Mumabi |
| 14) | Dr Mohammad zaheer | Chennai | 40) | Dr Durgesh Pathak | New Delhi |
| 15) | Dr K.S. Gopalkrishnan | Chennai | 41) | Dr Shamsank Sharma | New Delhi |
| 16) | Dr Maniunnnan | Chennai | 42) | Dr Vikas | Delhi |
| 17) | Dr Anupama Khanna | Delhi | 43) | Dr Nitesh Srivastava | Lucknow |
| 18) | Dr Shobana Murthi | Chennai | 44) | Dr Narad Prajapati | Gurgaon |
| 19) | Dr M charulata | Chennai | 45) | Dr Priyadarshi Ashok | Patna |
| 20) | Dr Ceruba Gem M | Chennai | 46) | Dr B.D. Dasari | U.K. |
| 21) | Dr Nirmal Sharma | Jaipur | 47) | Dr Odette Gomes | Mumbai |
| 22) | Dr Sofia Azad | Nagpur | 48) | Dr Smita Jayawant | Mumbai |
| 23) | Dr Gouri Moghe | Nagpur | 49) | Dr Naresh tejwani | New Delhi |
| 24) | Dr Ajit Kumar Verma | Ghaziabad | 50) | Dr Gangadhar deole | New Delhi |
| 25) | Dr Prerna Lal | Manipal | 51) | Dr Basant Seyal | Jammu |
| 26) | Dr Archana Sharma | Ludhiyana | 52) | Dr Veena Slaich | Delhi |

Apologies-

Apologies are received from following members-

| Sr.No. | Name | Place | Sr.No. | Name | Place |
|--------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 1) | Dr Rohini More | Mumbai | 6) | Dr Heena Patel | Mumbai |
| 2) | Dr Shashikant Chandanshiv | Mumbai | 7) | Dr Varsha Shinde | Mumbai |
| 3) | Dr Sunita Koutarpu | Mumbai | 8) | Dr Pallavi Padwal | Mumbai |
| 4) | Dr Trupti Nikharge | Mumbai | 9) | Dr Seema Borkar | Mumbai |
| 5) | Dr Varsha Pradhan | Mumbai | 10) | Dr Poornima Raikar | Mumbai |

Agenda 3- Confirmation of Minutes of Last G. B. minutes.

Proposed by-
1) Dr Laxmananan
2) Dr Shriharsha

Agenda 4-Matters arising out of last G. B. minutes-

On page number 6, Dr Kaushik has raised the issue of election rules, Dr Neeraj informed that this issues is in process and it will be uploaded on our website soon. Dr Kaushik has also raised point regarding tenure of EC from 4 years to 2 years. President Dr. Srivastava informed that, this matter may be raised for discussion in 2019 G.B. Meeting, since we will finalize new election chairman in 2019.

Dr. Shovan also suggested this AIOTA EC tenure should come as an agenda in 2019 GB. Both Dr. Shovan and Dr. Koushik were advised to submit written request to Hon. Secretary for inclusion of the issue raised, in accordance with byelaws.

Dr Batra suggested regarding Cadre formation for teaching posts, Dr Srivastava informed that, a letter has submitted regarding cadre formation and also suggested to G B that, you also submit letter from your respective institutions/State, Branches to respective authorities. Dr Sharma suggested that Dr Vijay Batra, Dr Kaushik Sau, Dr Priyadarshi, Dr Murli may work out on the issue and submit report to Hon. Secretary for further needful.

Dr. Murli informed that, there are no Government posts in Tamil Nadu and also requested to provide assistance to open Government Occupational College. Dr. Arun Kumar has replied that new Government Occupational therapy College has started in JIPMER in

Pondicherry. President assured all cooperation to TN Branch and other AIOTA Branches will be extended, as and when will be required, for issues pertaining to creation of OT Posts in government sector, opening of new colleges and professional development in the States

Dr Vivek Vajratkar has informed that, we have formed cadre for teaching posts of Assistant professor, Associate Professor and Professor at Goa, and in next year, government will fill up these posts.

Dr Maslekar has informed to house that, recently in Maharashtra, teaching posts (Assistant professor, Associate Professor and Professor) are created and respective G R is also available on Maharashtra government Website.

Agenda 5-Submission of Annual reports-

a) Hon Secretary Report-

Proposed by - **Dr Murli**
Seconded by - **Dr Shravan**

Carried unanimously

b) Hon. Treasurers Report-

Proposed by - **Dr Vijay Batra**
Seconded by - **Dr Dasari**

Carried unanimously

A lot of discussion on 10% registration fees of Goa Conference which is not received from Conference Coordinator Dr. Krunal Desai, in spite of several reminders by AIOTA secretariat and also opportunities for personal appearance during the EC Meetings at Mumbai to sort out this long pending issue. EC after examining the issue and audited balance sheet, found administrative and financial irregularities in organization of this conference in 2012, for which personal appearance was essentially required for seeking clarification. But no positive response was received except that the Goa conference was imposed on them and they suffered a loss and hence 10% of the registration fee cannot be paid.

Members at large suggested that, if 10% of registration of Goa conference is not paid by responsible organizing committee members within one month, then membership of the Org. Secretary and all the signatories of the official bank account of AIOTA's Goa Conference in 2012 be suspended. The reafter legal opinion may also be sought or any other action that EC considers appropriate in large interest of AIOTA.

GB unanimously approved this suggestion.

Dr Shobhna suggested MOU should be prepared by AIOTA which should be duly signed by the Org. Secretary for payment of 10% of the Registration Fee for future conferences to avoid such incidence. Suggestion was noted.

Dr Srivastava also informed that, from membership fees, we are receiving around 11 lacs per year and we are paying around five lacs as WFOT affiliation fees per year. Also around 2000 members of AIOTA have not renewed their membership yet, and IJOT and News Letter expenses are around five- lacs plus per year, so it is very difficult to run an organization with 30%-40% deficit.

Dr Srivastava proposed to revise fees of membership, License Verification, renewal of membership and student membership and other fee structure, which has not been revised from 2010.

Dr. Shovan suggested that, don't count members who have not renewed while sending members number to WFOT.

Dr Shriharsh suggested that, who wants hard copy of IJOT, should pay IJOT fees as per practice. (Suggestion was noted).

Dr Maslekar suggested that, we are founder member of WFOT, also we are paying regularly affiliation fees from so many years, can we only send fees of only those members who have enrolled in that particular year.

Dr Ferzandi informed that, we have already approached WFOT regarding that, but WFOT denies strictly and said that, if you want to be active member of WFOT, then you need to pay every year according to your membership strength.

WFOT Delegate Dr Srivastava informed that still the negotiations are on with WFOT on this huge annual financial burden on AIOTA to pay each year to WFOT for members who have paid to AIOTA only once in fifteen years. He assured for taking all measures in convincing WFOT to pay the yearly subscription from AIOTA on the basis of annual enrollment of life membership and student membership.

Dr. Durgesh Pathak suggested making it mandatory to every student to become student member. Dr. Bijlani informed that it is the responsibility of HOD's/Principal of OT Colleges to ensure it, although ACOT regularly informed them to make it mandatory.

Dr Sharma suggested that, we need to revise the membership fee and other structures (membership, License Verification, renewal of membership and student membership)

Dr. Apte supported the view and suggested membership fees structure as follows-

Dr Dassari also strongly supported this proposal. Members in large supported the view and discussed many fee structures. Finally the

fee structure proposed by Dr. Apte on Life (Rs. 8000) and Student Members (Rs. 1000.00) and others by Dr. Sharma and Dr. Maslekar was agreed upon.

GB after long discussion unanimously approved the proposed fee structure as below and empowered EC to make proportionate changes in other associated fee structures moderately.

| Sr no | Category | Present | Accepted |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1) | LM membership | 5500 | 8500 |
| 2) | Student membership | 800 | 1000 |
| 3) | Renewal of Membership | 3000 | 5000 |
| 4) | License Verification | 10000 | 12000 |

Dr Arunkumar suggested that, we could make mandatory to all passed students to become life member of AIOTA. Dr Sharma informed that, we have already made it mandatory.

Dr Narad Prajapati suggested making it mandatory to for all pass out graduates and students for becoming members of AIOTA. Suggestion was noted.

Dr Srivastava informed that AIOTA is founder member of WFOT and through it AIOTA is connected to 72 country members. This will make easy for members for higher education and placement in members countries.

Dr Shovan suggested that, to remove members who are suspended or not renewed.

Suggestion was noted.

c) WFOT Delegate Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr G.C. Deole**
Seconded by - **Dr Gomes**

Carried unanimously

d) Dean ACOT Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Arunkumar**
Seconded by - **Dr Durgesh Pathak**

Carried unanimously

e) Editor IJOT report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Zaheer**
Seconded by - **Dr Jaya kale**

Carried unanimously

f) Convener of Council Act Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Dr Lakshaman**
Seconded by - **Dr Sophia Azad**

Carried unanimously

g) Chairman of Scientific committee Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Vivek Vajratkar**
Seconded by - **Dr Odette Gomes**

Carried unanimously

h) Organizing Secretary OTICON 2017 Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Dasari**
Seconded by - **Dr Jaya Kale**

Carried unanimously

i) Website Convener Report (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Zaheer**
Seconded by - **Dr Vijay Batra**

Carried unanimously

Dr Janardhan suggested that, why cannot our members should be publicized on Website?

Dr Srivastava informed that, we cannot publicize on Web site because name, email, telephone of the members are personal information and cannot be publicized on website without their consent, barring the appropriate professional reasons which might be beneficial and informative to the members. .

Dr. Arun Kumar informed that, TN branch of AIOTA is launching Website with registered therapist with number, clinic address with photograph. Dr Shovan suggested that, we can create a paid page with address and database of members. Dr Srivastava appreciated the suggestion and suggested that the information on web page should carry name, area of specialty, License number, place, email ID of members. GB unanimously accepted the suggestion.

j) Reports from Convener of AIOTA branch (Report Enclosed)

Proposed by - **Dr Sofia Azad**
Seconded By - **Dr Odette Gomes**

Carried unanimously

Agenda 6-Appointment of Auditor-

'GB unanimously approved for continuance of Raheja and Associates as AIOTA's Auditor for the year 2017-2018'.

Agenda 8-IJOT-

Dr Batra suggested that new Reviewer Board should be prepared. Dr Kaushik asked about the status of indexed Journal. Dr Srivastava informed that for International indexing XML conversion is required and we are working on that process. Dr Lakshmanan has also informed that, soon XML conversion will start.

Agenda 9-Invitation of OTICON 2018-

Dr Sophia Azad Prof. & Head OT School, GMC Nagpur proposed for hosting OTICON 2018 at Nagpur, since, they are celebrating Diamond Jubilee (60 years) of Occupational Therapy School and Center. Proposal was accepted. Dr. Sofia briefed the house about the plans for holding the conference and invited members of AIOTA in large no. for making the event a great success.

Dr Sunny proposed that, Kerala Branch of AIOTA will host OTICON' 2020 at Cochin which was welcomed by members.

Agenda 10-Any Other matters-

Dr Murli suggested that, conference should be in Fourth Week of February. Dr Srivastava suggested that, all college heads should inform their college exam dates to Organizing Secretary of OTICON 2018.

AIOTA Office- President informed that AIOTA is in search of an office since last many years. A meeting was held on Dec. 3, 2016 with designated officials of Charity Commissioner with deputed AIOTA officials VP Dr. Shashi, EC Dr. R. K. Sharma and Ex officio Dr. Zarine. The officials of Charity Commissioner strongly suggested that the AIOTA office should be in and around Mumbai and the information must be sent to the office of Charity Commissioner. He also informed that all amendment in the constitution and byelaws must also be approved by the Charity Commissioner. AIOTA is exploring places in Mumbai and surrounding places. GB resolved as under -

Resolution

Proposed by the Executive Committee of AIOTA on Feb. 16, 2017, Jaipur

'Be it resolved that Dr. Anil Kumar Srivastava, President and Dr. Satish S. Maslekar, Hon. Secretary of All India Occupational Therapists' Association be and are hereby authorized jointly to negotiate for purchase of a suitable place for the Association at, in and around Mumbai and to settle the final price and to sign and execute conveyance for the same and further to pay stamp duty and registration charges and witness registration of the conveyance in the office of Sub-Registrar of Assurance'.

Proposed By - **Dr. S.R. Apte**
Seconded By - **Dr. Veena Slaich**

Carried Unanimously

Vote of Thanks-

Vice President Dr Shashi Oberai, extended vote of thanks to all members for attending the meeting. She congratulated and thanked the Org. Secretary Dr S. K. Meena for the great arrangements for GB and conference at Jaipur. She also thanked the administration of Mahatma Gandhi University, managing officials of R.L. Swarnkar Auditorium, Faculty and staff of M.G. OT College and members of Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA for superb arrangements and great hospitality to AIOTA Members for attending the conference and GB Meeting.

Dr Satish S. Maslekar
Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

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FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. SECRETARY

I am pleased to submit report for the year 2016-2017.

An agreement is signed for online payment of license verification and life membership with Payment Gateway Avenues Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai. With approval of President me with Dr. Lalit and Dr. Neeraj (EC members) visited a place at Haryana (60 km. from Delhi) for AIOTA office. Gram panchayat of Ghodi village were ready to donate 1 acres land to AIOTA for charitable/social services free of cost. The letter to this effect was received by President AIOTA. AIOTA EC is considering it to accept or denial.

Dr. Lalit, Dr. Neeraj, Dr. Amitabh, and Dr. Sunny met UGC secretary in UGC office, New Delhi regarding BOT course duration issue. He assured for the correction in course duration from 4 years to four and half years. This delegation were also met with Mr J.S. Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and empowerment, he also assured that, in every district, at every DRC(District Rehabilitation Centre),one post Occupational Therapist will be included.

Other actions taken by Hon. Secretary Office are as follows-

A letter for state council formation is issued to all states where state council are not existing like MP,UP, Punjab, Gujrat, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana and Odhisa.)

A Meeting was held with Undersecretary, Health Ministry regarding 7th Pay commission and Recruitment Rules with two members Committee (Dr Lalit and Dr Neeraj) with approval from President AIOTA.

Personal meeting with Shri Nitinji Gadkari regarding Central Council Issue at Nagpur,(Dr Maslekar, and former President AIOTA Dr. Madan Warhade).

I would like to thanks Dr Anil sir who always behind like caring father. I also express my thanks to VP Dr Shashi Oberai, Dean ACOT Dr Jyothika , Hon. Treasurer Dr Pratibha and all EC's for their valuable cooperation.

Respectfully submitted.

Thanks,

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA.

FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. TREASURER

Status of Membership Applications:

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|---|---------------------|
| · Life membership enrolled in the year 2016: | 132 (123 + 08 + 01) |
| · Life membership approved at EC Feb 2017: | 49 |
| · No. of student members enrolled till Feb 2017: | 497 |
| · No of Renewal of membership: | 28 |
| · No of members for change of Name/ duplicate mark sheet: | 02 |

BANK BALANCE - Savings Bank Account:-

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| · Bank of Baroda as on 10 th Feb 2017: | Rs 2,05,377.00 |
| · Central Bank of India as on 10 th Feb 2017: | Rs. 21,05,610.00 |

INVESTMENTS

Fixed Deposits:-

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| · 9 Fixed Deposits in Bank of Baroda Nerul, Navi Mumbai | Rs. 74, 21,693.00 |
| · (1 New fixed deposit of 5,00,000 for a period of 1 year) | |
| · 7 Fixed Deposits in Central Bank of India, Mumbai Central | Rs. 48, 67,080.00 |
| · (Added 10,00,000 to one of fixed deposits and renewed for a period of 1 year) | |

INCOME TAX MATTERS

- Filed Income Tax Returns for the Year 2016-2017
- Tax Payable 0 Refund **82150**
- Paid **Rs. 23,000** to V.R. Raheja & Co., Chartered Accountants (Consultation Fee) for the FY 2015- 16.
- Paid **Rs. 25,000** to Raheja & Associates Chartered Accountants (Audit Fee) for the FY 2015- 16.
- Paid Rs. 1000/- as fee for change of signature & validation for IT purpose.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE /WORKSHOPS/SPONSORSHIP ETC

- Received **Rs.1, 35, 800/-** (10% registration fees) from Organizing Secretary OTICON 2016, Chennai
- Received **Rs. 31,500/-** (10% registration fees for from Workshop on PAMOT organized at Ghaziabad by UP Branch of AIOTA)

- Received **Rs. 12,500/-** (10% registration fees for coordinating in Workshop on SI organized by Nagpur Branch of AIOTA)
- Received **Rs 10,000/-** from Heritage India
- Received **Rs. 83,300/-** towards Godrej sponsorship and AIOTA Certification
- Received **Rs 1,00,000** from Dr Manek Sangoi - approved for a New best paper award for AIOTA Conferences
- Received **Rs 1000/-** from ISIC Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences for Minimum standards booklet
- Received **Rs 1000/-** from Dr. S.K. Meena Principal M.G. OT College, Jaipur for Minimum standards booklet.
- IJOT subscription for 2016 from 10 organizations **Rs. 16640**
- Received **100 US \$** From Chris Lefaivre towards IJOT Subscription
- Received **45** applications from members of AIOTA for License Verification / Good Standing
- Received from 4 members of AIOTA fee towards FACOT **Rs. 40000**

WFOT SUBSCRIPTION

Annual Membership Fee to WFOT for the year 2017 is pending due to negotiation by President AIOTA for reducing the subscription in accordance with AIOTA policy towards membership subscription.

INCOME & EXPENDITURES OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT A GLANCE

| S. N. | Income heads | Amount Rs | EXPENTITURE | AMOUNT RS |
|-------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Membership fee2016 | 792404 | IJOT | 173728 |
| 2 | Student Membership | 390400 | Postage/stationery/Honoraria/Travel/Certificates/ID cards | 154043 |
| 3 | License Verification/Good standing | 440000 | EC meetings | 415618 |
| 4 | Change of name | 2000 | Raheja Associates/VR Raheja/Change of Sign | 53000 |
| 5 | Renewal of membership | 95000 | | |
| 6 | FACOT fee | 40000 | | |
| 7 | IJOT subscription | 16640 | | |
| 8 | CME and other | 53000 | | |
| | Total | 1829444 | | 796389 |

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Pratibha Vaidya,

Hon. Treasurer, AIOTA.

AIOTA MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATED FEE STRUCTURE

Effective from April 1, 2017

[In accordance with the decision taken in GB Meeting on Feb. 18, 2017 at Jaipur]

- Life Membership Fee** (Valid for 15 years)- Rs. 8000 + Rs. 500 Application
- Provisional Membership Fee** (Valid for 15 years) - Rs. 8000 + Rs. 500 Application Fee
- Renewal of Membership Fee**- Rs. 5000 & if late to Renew- Rs. 5500
- NRI Life Membership Fee** -(Valid for 15 years) - US \$ 500 inclusive of application fee
- Renewal of NRI Life Membership Fee**- US \$ 300 & If late to Renew- US \$ 350
- Urgent Membership** – Rs. 12000
- Associate Membership Fee** -Annual Rs. 1500
- Student Membership Fee**- Rs. 1000- inclusive of Application Fee
- NRI Student Membership**- US \$ 40 - inclusive of Application Fee
- Change of Name in Certificates** -Rs 1 5 00 for two Certificates [AIOTA Membership & ACOT Certificate]
- Duplicate Certificate**- Rs.1000 for each Certificate
- License Verification & Good Standing**- Rs. 12000

Note:

- Life Members of AIOTA will have the right to contest and vote in AIOTA Elections
- Provisional, Students and Associate Members will not have right to participate in AIOTA Elections
- Provisional Members will have right to participate and contribute in AIOTA Conferences /COTE's and other academic events as Life Members of AIOTA.
- Decision of President AIOTA on disputes if any on above, shall be final and binding.

Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya

Hon. Treasurer

treasurer@aiota.org

AUDITED BALANCE SHEET (As on 31.03.2017)

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 31/03/2017

| FUNDS & LIABILITIES | Amt. Rs. | ASSETS & PROPERTIES | Amt. Rs. |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS | - | IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES | - |
| Balance as per Last B/s | | INVESTMENTS | |
| Adjustments during the year | | Typewriter | 5,827.00 |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES | | Office Equipments | 13,090.00 |
| Balance as per Last B/s | 1,46,47,536.54 | Furniture & Fixtures | 6,850.00 |
| Addition during the year | 11,39,400.00 | LOANS | - |
| | 1,57,86,936.54 | ADVANCES | |
| OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS | | To Trustees | - |
| Depreciation Fund | | To Employees | - |
| Sinking Fund | | To other | - |
| Reserve Fund | | TDS | 6,16,723.00 |
| Any other Fund | | INCOME OUTSTANDING | - |
| OT Association fund | 292.00 | CASH & BANK BALANCE | |
| Building Fund | 501.00 | (a) In Saving Bank A/c with | |
| Trophies Fund | 2,116.00 | Bank of Baroda Mumbai | 2,05,342.74 |
| General Fund | 12,072.76 | Bank of Baroda Aurangabad | - |
| Balance as per Last B/s | 14,981.76 | Central Bank of India | 22,73,176.18 |
| LOANS | | In Fixed Deposit A/cs | - |
| Secured Loans | | Bank of Baroda | 76,85,855.00 |
| Unsecured Loans | - | Central Bank of India | 49,08,406.89 |
| LIABILITIES | | | 1,50,72,780.81 |
| For expenses | | (b) With the trustees/office bearer | |
| Imprest accounts | | /or office bearer (Sch4) | 18,375.00 |
| - Dr. A. K. Shrivastav | 1,10,526.00 | (c) Cheques in Hand - BOB Abad | - |
| - Dr. Ms. Pralibha Vaidya | 8,692.00 | (d) With the Manager | - |
| | 1,19,218.00 | INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C | |
| Election Deposits | | As per Last Balance Sheet | 12,18,775.99 |
| Balance as per Last B/s | - | Less: Excess of income over | |
| Addition during the year | 63,400.00 | expenditure | 9,67,845.50 |
| | 63,400.00 | | 2,50,930.49 |
| | 1,59,84,536.30 | | 1,59,84,536.30 |

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

Chartered Accountants
FRN 127951W

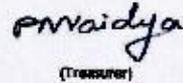
Bharat A. Gala
(Partner)
At No 040308

Place : Mumbai
Date: 27 September 2017

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.


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

President, Mem., Secretary, Fin., Treasurer

A.I.O.T.A.



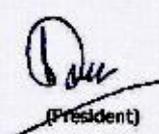
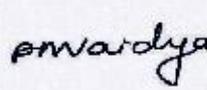
THE BOMBAY PUBLIC TRUST ACT 1950
SCHEDULE VIII (Vide Rule 17(1))
Name of the Public trust: ALL INDIA OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ending 31/03/2017

| 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 | 139703 |
| To <u>Establishment Expenses</u> | 62,858.50 | - FD | 829474 |
| (Sch1) | | | 9,69,177.00 |
| To <u>Remuneration to trustee</u> | | | |
| To <u>Legal Expenses</u> | - | By <u>Income from UPI</u> | - |
| To <u>Audit Fees</u> | 25,000.00 | By <u>Donation</u> | 1,00,000.00 |
| To <u>Contribution & fees</u> | - | By <u>Grants</u> | - |
| To <u>Amt Written off</u> | - | By <u>Income from Other Sources</u> | 11,63,668.00 |
| To <u>Income Tax</u> | - | (Sch3) | |
| 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 | 11,77,141.00 | | |
| (Sch2) | | | |
| To <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u> | 9,67,845.50 | By <u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u> | - |
| | 22,32,845.00 | | 22,32,845.00 |

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

Bharat M. Gala
(Partner)
M NO. 040206

Place : Mumbai
Date: 27 September 2017

 (President)
 (Secretary)
 (Treasurer)

President, Man., Secretary, Hon. Treasurer.
A.I.O.T.A.



FROM THE OFFICE OF WFOT DELEGATE

I am pleased to submit the brief report on WFOT affairs as WFOT Delegate.

On the basis of Election Report sent from this office necessary modifications were made on WFOT Website for WFOT Delegates and AIOTA officials under information from Member Countries. News from India including election result, OTICON 2016 information with photographs, Academic Activities etc were sent and appeared in WFOT E-News Letter Sept. issue.

The brief information on OTICON'2017 at Jaipur was circulated to member countries by WFOT and also made available on WFOT Website at once.. The messages were received from President, Executive Director WFOT and Editor WFOT Bulletin, and are available on OTICON'2017 Website & Souvenir.

World OT Day was celebrated enthusiastically this year too by many more institutions. The OT Day celebration report in brief was 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. It was very well appreciated by WFOT and the message received from Executive Director Ritchard Ledgard is appeared in the News Letter.

On continuance pursuant of ACOT since last more than 2 years, the retrospective approval is granted to 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. However no request for retrospective approval before 1994 will be considered by WFOT. All OT's graduated from these institutions before 2008 can now become members of AIOTA & WFOT.

The 2018 Council Meeting is scheduled at CAPETOWN South Africa from May 13-18, 2018. The last time India was represented in Council Meeting was at Slovenia in 2008 and Council Participation Fund towards travelling was allotted to WFOT Delegate for attending the Council Meeting. AIOTA will be sending WFOT Delegate in 2018 Council Meeting at South Africa. The council Meeting will be followed with WFOT Congress 2018. Deadline for Abstract submission is 4 May 2017. Visit WFOT Website for more information.

The 51st Japanese OT Congress and Expo is scheduled from Sept. 22-24, 2017 at Tokyo Japan. Notification for acceptance of Abstracts is April 30, 2017.

Invitation is received to APOTRG Delegate from India also to attend the 6th General Assembly 2017 in Taiyuan, Taiwan during Asia-Pacific Occupational Therapy Symposium, 20-22 October 2017.

WFOT Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists (revised 2016) was received in soft copy. It is sent to Dean ACOT for studying and to suggest the salient features for incorporating in Indian Curriculum.

Dr. Neeraj Mishra who was nominated for WFOT Disaster Management for Occupational Therapists online module has completed it successfully.

Invitation is received for 51st Japanese Occupational Therapy Congress & Expo on the theme 'Challenges in Occupational Therapy - Theory and practice for responding to diverse needs'- is scheduled from Sept. 22-24, 2017 in Tokyo, Japan.

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

'WFOT 'Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists' (Revised 2015 – Draft V). is revised again after receiving feedback from member countries and is received in soft copy. It is sent to Dean ACOT to study and incorporate suggestions in Indian Curriculum.

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 for 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 DEAN ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF OT

• COTE:

April 2016

The Certificate Course of 3 days **from April 22nd to 24th, 2016** on PAMOT was organized by UP branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA & Santosh Education & Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.(SEHPL), Ghaziabad, UP, India.

August 2016

-For the first time COTE was organized through online & in campus in Bangalore on 20th August 2016 by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Academic Council of AIOTA. Resource Person was Dr. Punita Solanki & the topic was "Art of writing Research in Occupational Therapy".

September 2016

The Certificate Course of 3 days from 23rd to 25th Sept 2016 on SI was organized by Nagpur branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA & OT School, GMC, Nagpur, India. The course was successfully conducted under the convener ship of Dr. Sofia Azad & Dr. Deepak Asia. The resource person for this course was Dr. Anjali Joshi, OT from Mumbai.

Feb 2017

Preconference COTE on "Making a Difference in Disaster Management" was held during OTICON 2017, in Jaipur on 17th Feb 2017. Key Resource Person was Dr. Kit Sinclair WFOT Ambassador, Editor WFOT Bulletin and Formerly President WFOT. Dr. Mathan Raj David & Dr. Bino Berry from Chennai & Dr. Neeraj Mishra from Delhi were also facilitators.

Proposal for Fellowship Program in 2017- 18:

First time ACOT has planned to organize long duration (9 months) Fellowship program in Advance OT in Neuro-developmental Disorders. The program will start in Sept.2017 & end in June 2018. Fellowship exam & few lectures by national & international faculties will be conducted in campus & rest of the lectures will be arranged through online.

Accreditation of Bachelor's Program by AIOTA

Jaipur OT College: The surprise inspection was carried out for bachelors program by ACOT officials Executive Chairman Dr. Anil Srivastava and Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani on 22nd Dec 2016. Based on the inspection report it was decided by ACOT & AIOTA officials that the temporary suspension of bachelors program of JOTC Jaipur from Dec. 2015, should be revoked with immediate effect & the extension of AIOTA accreditation may be granted for only 1 year effective from 1st Jan 2017 to 31st Dec. 2017. It will be reviewed in Dec. for further continuance of accreditation.

Extension of AIOTA accreditation of BOT Programs after Dec 2016

The accreditation of all active OT colleges was valid till December 2016. In this context, all the active OT colleges were requested to submit the dully filled form, along with relevant documents for the extension of accreditation from Jan 2017 onwards. Report is awaited from few of the OT Colleges. It was proposed that every four years ACOT may conduct physical inspection of all OT active colleges & the colleges have to bear the expenses of return airfare & local hospitality of 2 members of inspection committee only.

Retroactive approval by WFOT

Due to 2 years continuous pursuance by WFOT Delegate in cooperation with ACOT, ultimately Retroactive approval is granted by WFOT to the JKKLMMF OT college of TN Dr, MGR University & RMMC OT College of Annamalai University. All the therapists who passed before year 2008 are now eligible for AIOTA life membership & those who have already procured provisional AIOTA membership will now have to also apply again for AIOTA life membership.

3.0- Accreditation of Masters Program by AIOTA

So far only 6 colleges have been granted AIOTA accreditation for Master's program in OT till July 2017. 1.)SRM College, Chennai, 2) Jamia Hamdard, Delhi, 3) OT school, Govt medical college, Nagpur, 4) OT School, Manipal 5) Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad 6) KMC, Vellore. JKMMRF College of OT has applied, but it is under review.

Revised AIOTA accreditation fees for new UG /PG Programs:

It was decided in EC meeting of ACOT to revise the AIOTA accreditation fees for new UG PG with effect from 1st April 2017 as below, which was then approved in EC AIOTA meeting held in Jaipur:

OT colleges managed by State/ central Govt. colleges/ Municipal colleges:

a) Bachelors Program: Rs. 40,000/-

b) Masters Program: Rs. 75,000/- (only for one specialty)

Rs.10000/- extra for increase in each specialty

c) Both UG & PG combined (a & b) accreditation fees: Rs.100,000/- (one speciality in PG)

& Rs.10000/- extra for increase in each specialty

2) OT Colleges managed by Private Organization:

a) Bachelors Program: Rs. 60,000/-

b) Masters Program: Rs. 100,000/- (only for one specialty)

Rs.25,000/- extra for increase in each specialty

c) Both UG & PG combined(a & b combined) accreditation fees: Rs.1,40,000/- (Only one specialty in PG) & Rs.25,000/- extra for increase in each specialty .

Provisional AIOTA membership Exam:

AIOTA /ACOT has decided to conduct exams for the therapists graduated from distance education Universities ie Sikkim Manipal University of health, medical & technological sciences, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur or Kumaun University, Nanital,at Mumbai. It is aimed to bring all OT's in the national stream. Those who will pass this exam will be eligible for only provisional membership of AIOTA and will not be recommended for approval of their program to WFOT being distance education institutions.

FACOT Award: 4 Applications were received:

1. Dr Odette Gomes 2. Dr Vijay Batra 3. Dr Mee nakshi Batra 4. Dr. Pratibha Vaidya

The applications were scrutinized & then assessed by the ACOT assessment committee who then recommended them for FACOT award which were approved by the ACOT & AIOTA executives.

Rectification of error in the duration of BOT COURSE published in UGC Gazette:

Despite of repeated representations by AIOTA president /ACOT Dean & personal visits by AIOTA officials, the rectification in the duration of bachelor's course is still not rectified by UGC officials. Head of the OT schools & conveners of the AIOTA branches were requested to send their representations to Chairman & Secretary of UGC, through Dean/Principal of the institute and/or through registrar of their respective universities.

World OT Day/Month (OT institutions)

The theme on World OT day (Accessibility @ OT India) was conveyed to all the Heads of the department of OT colleges of for celebration of world OT day/month from 27th Oct. 2016 to 26th Nov 2016 in their respective institutions & they were asked to send the brief report along with some photographs.

The celebration report is printed in News Letter and also uploaded on AIOTA Website.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Jyothi ka Bijlani

Dean ACOT

FROM THE OFFICE OF EDITOR IJOT

On behalf of the Editor-in-Chief & 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. 48 all 3 issues and News Letter 2015-2016 were published in time and circulated. IJOT Vol. 48 Issue-3 and News Letter were mailed together during 3rd and 4th week of Jan. to members. Mailing IJOT and News Letter together saves heavy mailing expenses.

IJOT Vol. 48 Issue 3 and News Letter were also made available as free access on AIOTA Website since first week of Jan.2017, to avoid complaints of non-receipt of News Letter.

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.

IJOT Editorial Board met twice first at Mumbai in April 2016 and then in Bangalore in Aug. After intense workout by the Editorial team necessary steps have been taken in order to make the journal at par with international norms for indexing in reputed databases like Pubmed etc.

Documents Revised are:

- Author's & Book Review Guidelines, Undertaking-Copyright Form, Editorial Board and Review Board List (With Contact Details), IJOT Editorial Statement, IJOT Peer Review Process, Reviewers Guide & Form, IJOT Letter Head and Manuscript Allotment Grid.

Documents Newly Introduced are:

- Sample Cover Letter , Manuscript Submission Checklist, Author's Contribution Grid, Submission of IRB Letter/Consent Letter/ Declaration of Helsinki Letter was made mandatory, Sample Title Page, Presentation on "Frequently Asked Questions" related to IJOT Author's Guidelines, Peer Reviewer Selection Criteria & CV Format, IJOT Confidentiality Agreement for Peer Reviewers,

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Message from President AIOTA

WORLD OT DAY & OTINDIA MONTH 2017

Oct. 27 - Nov. 26, 2017

WORLD OT Day (Oct. 27) and OTINDIA Month (Oct. 27-Nov.26) now are significant days on OT India calendar & AIOTA. Today on 27th October, 2017 on the grand occasion of World OT Day 2017, I take this opportunity to congratulate members of AIOTA, OT Colleges, State Branches of AIOTA and the institutions with OT set up in government and private set up, and wish that this year too, it will be celebrated with great enthusiasm for multidimensional growth of the profession in the country. Today celebrations are being held around the world and also on social media.

The Theme given by WFOT impressively informs the purpose of World OT Day. OT Day and the Month long celebration is an opportunity to promote OT and heighten its visibility in the society. We need to inform the people, inspire the young entrants to the profession and influence the society about the occupational therapy and its unique contribution which is globally recognized to alleviate the sufferings of people of any age group with disabilities and dysfunctions.

We need to gather the information on how people perceive and feel about persons with disabilities and dysfunctions and how much they know about OT and further to make them aware by informing that occupational therapists can assist individuals with special needs to live as independently as possible in the community, by promoting environments, 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.

We would eagerly wait to receive your OT Day/OTIndia Month celebration activities with photographs (Maximum 3) and also share & promote on print and social media to meet out the specific purpose of OT Day celebration. My best wishes to you all for great professional achievements on this occasion.



Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

President AIOTA & WFOT Delegate

Executive Chairman-Academic Council of OT

Editor-in-Chief IJOT

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CELEBRATION REPORT of WORLD OT DAY [Oct. 27, 2017] and OT INDIA MONTH [Oct. 27 - Nov. 26, 2017]

Kerala Branch of AIOOTA

In alliance with Prayatna, Centre for Child development, and Aster Medicity Cochin, Kerala branch of AIOOTA conducted a Flash Mob at Marine Drive Cochin, for the awareness of Occupational Therapy among general public and the event was covered extensively by media.

An awareness camp was also organized in Government Lower Primary School Ponnurunny for free. Around fifty children and their parents participated in the program.

Awareness of the World OT day through the leading television channels in Kerala, 'Janam TV', 'Media One' and a leading Radio in Kerala, 'Club FM'. Dr. Joseph Sunny conducted a one hour talk show in these channels on World Occupational Therapy Day (27th October 2017) which was very informative to the public in recognizing the significance of Occupational Therapy in their lives. Articles on World OT Day celebration & importance of OT were published in the leading newspapers like Malayala Manorama, Mathrubhoomi, Chandrika and Deccan Chronicle.



Flash mob



School Awareness camp

Joseph Sunny

Convener-Kerala Branch of All India Occupational Therapy Association

Delhi Branch Of AIOOTA

The main highlights of the World OT Day program were a large scale public awareness rally at ITO, one of the busiest places in Delhi and an awareness walk from ITO TO Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute for Physically Handicapped gate. More than 150 Occupational Therapy Professionals and students from various institutions of Delhi, namely PDDUIPH, Jamia Hamdard and Indian Spinal Injury Center New Delhi participated in the event.

The event was covered for the first time on National Television, AAJ TAK, INDIA NEWS and Delhi AAJ TAK news channels apart from print media coverage in JANSATTA and RASHTRIYA SAHARA news papers.

Also the Delhi branch team actively supported the fantastic Public awareness program conducted at Delhi Haat by OT 4 KIDS under the leadership of Dr Arpan Kumar.





Dr. Ramesh Arya,
Convener, Delhi Branch AIOTA

OT4KIDS, New Delhi

On the occasion of World OT Day, a public awareness campaign was organized by OT4KIDS, at INA, Dilli Haat, New Delhi on 27th October' 2017. People with varied concerns and needs came to know, What OT is and How it is helpful in their day to day activities. The other professionals involved with this campaign were special educators, Speech therapists, Psychologists and teachers. An interactive session was also organized for general public. Dr Ramesh Arya , Dr Neeraj Mishra and Dr Poonam from Delhi Branch extended their full cooperation and presence.



Dr. Arpan Kumar
Director
OT4KIDS, New Delhi
E-mail: maildrarpan@gmail.com, Website: www.ot4kids.in



Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA

2016-17 has been a memorable year for TNAIOTA for the remarkable milestones achieved (4 OT Colleges, 18 State Govt. Post, SSA PROJECT - OT recruitment in all 32 Districts, Awareness in various sectors.

To mark the World Occupational Therapy Day, we met Dr. Edwin Joe, Director, Directorate of Medical Education (DME) to felicitate and to thank for the fast process to start State Government Occupational Therapy College. He also inaugurated the TNAIOTA website (www.tnaiota.org), which was introduced to the Public on 27th Oct'2017.

A follow up discussion with DME-Director was held on 18th Oct'2017 about the status of Government job in Pediatrics, Mental Health and PMR in District Hospital sector and about status of OT in Govt Colleges in TN and an official letter was sent from the DME Office to the Deans Govt. Medical college and Hospitals to send the proposals.

Dr. Raghuram.P
Convener - TNAIOTA



Padamshree Dr. D.Y. Patil School of Occupational Therapy, Navi Mumbai

D.Y.Patil School of Occupational Therapy, celebrated World OT day with the theme - Inform, Inspire, Influence, A free back care camp was organized in D.Y.Patil Hospital, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, specially for the hospital workers and for the people who can have back problems because of their occupation and associated hazards, but are not aware of it and cannot afford to take treatment. The cleaning staff from hospital, Rickshaw pullers, vegetable were benefitted by this camp. Assessment was done for each and exercises were suggested. Ergonomic advice was given and they were made aware of the techniques of energy conservation. Pamphlets were given to them regarding ergonomic advice.. The camp was a huge success as it inspired our students to take part in community rehabilitation, Influenced people of the society and information was given regarding the role of OT. It was well appreciated by the university also.

Dr. Deepa Pradhan
Dean /Principal
D.Y.Patil School Of Occupational
Therapy,
Nerul, Navi Mumbai





O. T. SCHOOL & CENTRE, T. N. MEDICAL COLLEGE & B. Y. L. NAIR Ch. HOSPITAL, MUMBAI and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA

World O T Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the theme “Inform, Inspire and Influence”. A gratitude card along with a short information on Occupational Therapy was presented to all the co-professionals and unit heads in their OPD. Also, a testimonial of “Occupational Therapy to me means.....” was taken from the medical faculty.

An inter-collegiate Poster competition was held in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA. The topic of the poster was: 'Role of Occupational Therapy in obesity'. Undergraduate and postgraduates from all the O T Colleges in Mumbai participated. Posters were judged by former senior Occupational Therapy faculty, Dr. O. M Gomes and Dr. A. S. Manghani.

Department also organised a wellness camp on Osteoarthritis for all the in-house employees of the hospital. A Special psychoeducational movie was made by the students and staff and screened in batches followed by question and answer session. 45 employees, mostly comprising of nurses and clerical staff attended the sessions. The main forte of the movie was that it was in simple language, Hindi and self-explanatory. The celebration aimed at informing medical professionals about OT, inspiring student participation and influencing the quality of life of those inflicted with Osteoarthritis, fitting perfectly with the theme of “Inform, Inspire, and Influence”

given by World Federation of Occupational Therapy



Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University

The Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University organized a three-day event 'OT Euphoria 2017: Fun with Occupations' at KMC Greens from 27-29 October 2017 to mark the hundredth year of the existence of occupational therapy as a health profession. The three-day event aimed to spread awareness of the rights, needs and challenges for people with disabilities and to demonstrate how occupational therapists use occupations to enable individuals to achieve independence in their valued occupations.

The inaugural event on 27th October included the release of an edited book 'Concepts in Occupational Therapy: Understanding Southern Perspectives'. The book editors include Dr Sebestina Anita Dsouza, Prof & Head, Department of Occupational Therapy, SOAHS, MU and Dr Roshan Galvaan and Dr Elelwani Ramugondo, of the Division of Occupational Therapy, University of Cape Town South Africa.

Activities like wheelchair and crutch races are being conducted to enable people to experience the challenges that people with disabilities face in performing activities that the rest of us take for granted. Some of the other disability simulating activities that were popular at the event were 'reading newspapers with fuzzy glasses', and 'one-handed techniques of draping a sari'.

In addition, activities such as 'chane-mane', 'pounding and grinding', 'playing marbles' and 'spinning a top' took some of the older participants to their childhood days and brought back nostalgic memories. Creative occupations such as doodling, leaf painting, coloring and solving crosswords and Sudoku puzzles drew a good number of participants eager to express their creative abilities.

Dr Sebestina Anita Dsouza

Prof and Head, Manipal University, Manipal



Rajasthan Branch Of AIOTA, Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College & Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Jaipur

Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA celebrated this year's World Occupational Therapy day in the collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, & Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Jaipur.

The highlights of the program held on 27& 28 Oct.;

- Power Point presentation on "Awareness of Occupational Therapy for general population and the role of occupational therapy in day to day life" which includes hospital staff, patients in the OPD at hospital premises which was followed by the open discussion and there was a gathering of around 140 people.
- Poster exhibition and street play by OT students in front of the hospital.
- Blood donation camp was organized and many staff members and students donated blood voluntarily
- Awareness program on the role of occupational therapy for Inmates of Mother Teresa Home, Jaipur on Oct.28 by arranging dancing, singing & drawing competitions for kids, and assessment of the patients with appropriate OT advice.

Widespread media coverage of the program was done by various agencies.

Dr. S. K Meena

Convener, Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA

Principal, Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur



Color painting by special children with OT students



A boy with physical disability is singing



Singing by Blind special children



Awareness of OT by Mahatma Gandhi OT college students





Bihar College of Occupational Therapy

OT week was organised from Oct 27 to Nov 5 for a week long program by holding seminars, Lectures, camps etc to promote awareness.

Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal
Convener, Bihar Branch of AIOTA



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCHOOL & CENTER, SETH G.S.M.C & K.E.M.H, PAREL, MUMBAI, INDIA and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA

On the occasion of World OT Day OT Scool & Center, KEM Hospital Mumbai alone and also in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA organized many events.

The 'Ante Natal Camp' at Primary Health Care Center at Khadavli to provide guidance on health issues for the mother and baby & Geriatric Wellness & Health Care Camp at Matoshree Old Age Home at Khadavli for the elderly population were successfully organized.

"O.T videos on demand", organised in the institution to promote OT awareness for medical faculties, staff & students & general public.

Cardiac risk assessment & Geriatric Care Camp was also organized in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA & PSM department at Maharashtra Kalyan Mandal, Naigaon on 24th Nov 2017. Consultation for fall prevention was done and home exercise program was prescribed.

Sarva Shikshan Abhiyan Inclusive Education Camp was organised by MCGM Education Department at Municipal Marathi School in Parel, Mumbai by an interdisciplinary team of Occupational therapy staff & faculties , Orthopedic Surgeon, E.N.T Surgeon, Orthotician & ALIMCO officer. The team evaluated, provided consultation, orthotic checkout / prescription and provided referral to higher centres as applicable. The camp successfully screened many children for learning issues and physical difficulties that could interfere with inclusive education.

Dr. Alok Patil
Convener, Mumbai Branch of AIOTA





**Occupational Therapy School
and Centre, LTM Medical College &
General Hospital, Sion, Mumbai
&
Mumbai Branch of AIOTA**

OT Day celebration program included stall for survey to screen people who may need Occupational Therapy Management for themselves or their relatives & carrier option.

An Audio-Visual Presentation by Occupational therapists working abroad and other professionals of the medical college about the scope and views on Occupational therapy .

Dr. Rashmi Yeradkar
HOD of Occupational Therapy

Dr. Alok Patil
Convener Bombay Branch of AIOTA



Chennai OT's

An admirable OT awareness campaign by Dr Murali, Dr Gopal and Dr Zaheer from Chennai
click the link <https://youtu.be/H7cxOnGpHtA>



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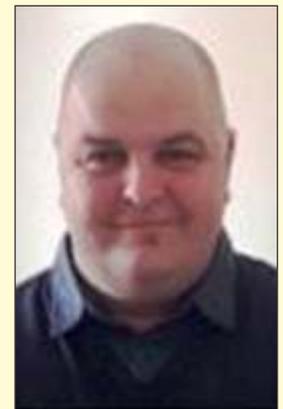
Dear Anil,

My sincere thanks and gratitude to you and the All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA) for once again coordinating a spectacular celebration of World Occupational Therapy Day. The accounts, photographs and efforts involved in celebrating the global profile of occupational therapy in India is remarkable. Please share my appreciation with the Institutions and Branches of AIOTA. Items from the report are now published in the WFOT World Occupational Therapy Day 2017 Roundup at <http://www.wfot.org/AboutUs/WorldOTDay.aspx>

Congratulations and thank you again.

Best wishes,

Ritchard Ledgerd, MSc, BScOT
Executive Director
World Federation of Occupational Therapists
admin@wfot.org



IJOT Reviewers Performance Grid and Author's Manuscript Acceptance, Non-Acceptance and Release Letters.

Information of significance:

- Currently IJOT has 25 Review Board Members: 16 from India and 9 from other countries
- Official email ids were created for all the Editorial Board members as per International Standards, for all IJOT related official electronic communications.
- IJOT publication layout was changed subtly with introduction of citation details, running title, modified pagination, modified formatting style etc.
- An Editorial was published in IJOT 2016, Volume 48, Issue 2, in effect to Vision and Mission of the new Editorial Board
- From April, 2016 to January, 2017, about 17 manuscripts have been processed for peer review
- IJOT details and new documents are uploaded in the AIOTA website with link (<http://www.aiota.org/ijot>).
- For the purpose of PubMed indexing and later promotion of IJOT, an online database of IJOT Issues and XML conversion work, is being worked upon. XML conversion work is planned and approved by AIOTA EC, to be outsourced to one agency from India: **Tulyasys Technologies**
- Update of Current Indexing Databases is also in process.

Decisions to be effective from 2017 onwards are:

1. In place of 3 issues annual 4 issues will be published
2. 6 papers will be published in IJOT in place of present 4
3. AIOTA has also decided to go as far as possible paperless in most of its activities. Henceforth from 2017 onwards IJOT may only be accessed by members by login to AIOTA Website . It will not be posted to members and students.
4. To minimize the publication expenses on AIOTA: Guidelines to Authors for submission, undertaking/Copyright Form and other related documents will not be published in IJOT. Also OTDay /OTIndia Month compiled report will also not appear in News Letter. All these documents will be made available on Website.
5. Only limited copies of IJOT will be published for sending to subscribers, institutions and authors only. It will save heavy expenses of publication of IJOT.

If members find any inconvenience in accessing IJOT, they should contact Website Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny to sort-out the issue at once.

We are grateful to Associate Editor -Dr. Punita Solanki, for her dedication, vision, promptness and hard work for improvisation of the journal and the review process.

We gratefully acknowledge the valued cooperation and contribution of former Associate Editor and Hon. Treasurer Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Assistant Editors- Dr .Lakshmanan S., Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav, Website Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny, and members of the Editorial Team. Very special thanks to AIOTA EC for their valued support approval for going ahead with necessary modification in wider interest of the Journal. We also congratulate the authors whose studies have been published in Vol. 48 issues.

Thank You

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Shashi Oberai
Editor

Dr. Punita Solanki
Associate Editor

FORM THE OFFICE OF CONVENER - CENTRAL COUNCIL ACT. COMMITTEE

A Fresh draft for occupational Therapy Council of India submitted to Health Ministry. Health Ministry has informed that it is planning for Allied Health council ,into which Occupational Therapy is included. We are eagerly waiting for this bill. I personally met with Shri Nitinji Gadkari, Union Minister regarding Central Council at Nagpur with the help of Dr Madan Warhade sir and submitted a OCI draft copy to his office. We got recommendation from his office and he also directed a copy to Union Health Minister Shri Naddaji for OCI. He also assured that he will personally speak to Health Minister regarding Central council of OT .

Also submitted a fresh draft for state council to all states where it is not in existence like Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujrat,Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Goa, West Bengal and Odhisha.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Satish S. Maslekar
Convener-Council Act Committee

FROM THE OFFICE OF CONVENER AIOTA WEBSITE COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM CONVENER AIOTA WEBSITE COMMITTEE

It was decided by AIOTA GB meeting that all the downloadable documents from AIOTA will be available for members from AIOTA website. The documents mentioned below have been uploaded.

Documents Uploaded are:

1. Updated Life Member Form
2. AIOTA- Membership Renewal form
3. Presidents message
4. World OT day 2016
5. IJOT all issues.
6. Newsletter.
7. OTICON 2017 details.

It was decided to make some modification on the current appearance of the website in EC meeting conducted on November 19, 20 at Delhi. That suggestions also included with the website now.

AIOTA member's database total – 3657 – Sorted.

Address members – 1283

Non Address members – 2374.

The pending works

1. Need to change the images in home page.
2. Need to add new category in awards.
3. Need to change the BOT programs pdf in Accrediated programs
4. Change in homepage template color.

Suggestion

If we can convert our website to WordPress and use 'php' language, it will be more accessible by ourselves and will be easy to customize. It can provide good designs and the website will be looking grate. We need to make a decision on it.

Conclusion

Now the website is more dynamic. All the members can login and they can change their details themselves. Members can add their address if it is not updated with the website.

If email id of members are not updated, kindly mail to website convener, admin@aiota.org to update their email id.

All the members are advised to visit AIOTA website frequently, to get instantly informed, on professional updates.

If members find any inconvenience in accessing AIOTA website, they should contact Website Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny to sort-out the issue at once.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Joseph Sunny

Convener, AIOTA Website

*President and Executive Committee of AIOTA & ACOT
convey best wishes to
Members of AIOTA
A Very Happy, Prosperous
and
Professionally Rewarding
New Year - 2018*

OTICON'2017 : THE 54th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA

COTE on 'Making a Difference in Disaster Management', Feb.17, 2017: Jaipur

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA at COTE INAUGURATION

On behalf of Executive Committee of Academic Council of OT as its Executive Chairman and President of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, I extend a warm welcome to you all the delegates specifically our honored guests Dr. Hari Gautam, Key Resource Faculty of today's workshop Dr. Kit Sinclair on the occasion of Pre Conference Continuing OT Education Programs, being organized today on the occasion of OTICON'2017, at Jaipur . I gratefully acknowledge the presence of national and international guests for their gracious presence specifically Chris Lefavire, Dr. Babu Dasari and Sri Mukesh Jain Secretary and CEO –National Trust for Disaster Management, Government of India. I also welcome the COTE Facilitators Mathan Raj David, Sarah Hill, Neeraj Mishra and Binoo Beery.

The topic of today's COTE Workshop is on 'Making a Difference in Disaster Management'. Despite the fact that humans have made tremendous progress in technological growths, yet there is one area where they have not been able to invade and that is the supremacy of the Nature. In spite of development in weather forecast techniques, disasters at many times cannot be prevented. In today's age, as we all are aware, the natural calamities in the form of floods, draughts, tsunamis, cyclones, earthquakes are mainly due to global warming.

During last 15 years India was worst hit by kinds of disasters. Earthquake in Bhuj and Kutch in 2001 and again in 2005 in Jammu & Kashmir region in India and Pakistan, killed many thousands and grossly damaged properties and infrastructure in affected areas. Indian Ocean Tsunami waves of 26th Dec. 2004 engulfed massive no. of lives and properties worth billions in coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Island in India. The damages in all respect were many times higher in Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Similarly in the year 2013, the Holy State of Uttarakhand suffered from a major catastrophic natural disaster in the form of huge and deadly cloudbursts, causing flash floods in River Ganga. Sudden, heavy rains caused dangerous landslides in there, which killed thousands of people and thousands were reported missing. Very recently in September 2014 Kashmir region suffered from massive floods due to continuous rainfall, leading to the death of around 500 people. Hundreds of people were trapped in their homes for days, without food and water.

India was among the top three most disaster-hit countries in 2015, with whopping economic damages worth \$3.30 billion, a new analysis released by the UN office for disaster risk reduction.

2004 Tsunami was a driving force for WFOT, in advancing efforts to support and build capacity among occupational therapists - in Asia and beyond- to effectively engage in disaster work. Under the leadership of then President of WFOT, Kit Sinclair, WFOT undertook a situational analysis within the affected countries in this region to inform a strategic response, locally and internationally. Based on the outcome of the situational analyses of Tsunami affected countries, a 5 day Regional Action Planning and Capacities Building Workshop was organized by WFOT in close collaboration with WHO and other international NGOs, at Colombo in Sri Lanka from 11-16 Dec. 2005 which was attended by 25 participants from Tsunami affected countries – India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand. Me as President AIOTA led a 4 member team with support from WHO, to participate in the Regional Workshop at Sri Lanka in Dec 2005, with an aim for supporting this unique development of the profession of Occupational Therapy in this subcontinent. Co-facilitator of today's COTE, Mathan Raj David was also member of the Indian Team.

Followed with the Colombo Workshop, AIOTA and WFOT conducted National OT E-workshop on Disaster Preparedness and Response with 16 participants by using the innovative mode of using the electronic media –the Internet: an entirely new approach for such an event of international significance. Kit and me both with others conducted this e-workshop as Resource Faculties. In 2015 Kit has organised WFOT Disaster Management for Occupational Therapists online module for selected OT's from WFOT member countries. I am pleased to inform that AIOTA's nominee Dr. Neeraj Mishra has completed it successfully.

Pre-Conf. COTE is a regular feature of AIOTA's National Conferences under the ambit of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy. This year we decided to conduct it on Disaster Management and there was no one that came to our mind, except Dr. Kit Sinclair to plan and conduct this workshop as Key Resource Faculty. I am extremely grateful to Kit for accepting my request. In spite of her busy schedule and traveling world over, being WFOT Ambassador, today she is with us to conduct this Continued OT education Program here at Jaipur.

I am confident that delegates and the budding OT's would enhance their knowledge base from a professional stalwart Dr. Kit Sinclair, in her unique way of teaching, who herself has invented and nourished this innovative area of OT practice for the valued contribution of occupational therapists towards Disaster Preparedness, Relief and Rehabilitation, whenever and wherever, it will be required globally. Mathan Raj, Sarah Hill, Neeraj and Binoo are also here with their experience and expertise as facilitators, to further enrich the workshop with their valued contribution.

I am sure you all will have a great learning time.

Thank you

Dr Anil K. Srivastava

President, AIOTA & Executive Chairman, ACOT

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA at the INAUGURATION of OTICON'2017

Jaipur, Feb. 17, 2017

It is my proud privilege 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 this conference at the Pink City Jaipur, the capital of State of Rajasthan. The heritage city Jaipur is a place with rich cultural heritage and tourist attraction and also worth visiting.

I congratulate Organizing Secretary of OTICON2017 Dr. S.K. Meena, the organizing team and Dr Shashi Oberai, Chairman Scientific Program & her associates, for their commendable efforts in making the scientific itinerary- a memorable one.

The theme of the conference 'Occupational Therapy: Glories of Past and Challenges for the Future' has been chosen on the Centennial Vision of the Occupational Therapy globally. To commemorate the 100th anniversary in 2017 we need to draw a road map for the future of occupational therapy. OT was founded in 1917 in US and other countries. However in India officially the OT came to existence in 1950 with a Department of Occupational Therapy in KEM Hospital Mumbai. Prior to this OTs were working but only in few of the mental hospitals of the country. The founder of the profession in India was Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, nee Elizabeth Lundy who was an American Lady, 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 World Federation of Occupational Therapy ie WFOT, which too came to existence in the same year in 1952.

AIOTA is regulatory body to control and maintain academic standards and the standards of practice in the country. AIOTA accredited, 30 OT Education Programs of the country are affiliated with WFOT and are considered as recognized programs for employment and/or higher studies in the country and overseas. The institutions in government and private sector are also offering Masters in OT and even Ph.D. programs for graduates from AIOTA accredited programs. Academic Council of OT, a constituent body of AIOTA has been made responsible for maintaining uniformity and standards of Education of the UG/PG courses.

AIOTA's official publication Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy is peer reviewed journal with international acceptability. 48 Volumes have been published till date.

Occupational Therapy has grown by leaps and bounds in the past many years and developed as an independent profession that too even without any significant patronization from the government. We have observed manifold development in academics, service delivery & technology and the research in recent years, but still we are our making sincere efforts to meet the challenges of the future.

Occupational Therapists help people across the lifespan, participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations). 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. Therapy sets unreachable goals and makes them reachable; we help people live life to its fullest.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is nationally & internationally recognized advanced discipline in the modern healthcare system. We are concerned with promoting lifelong health, wellbeing of individuals and quality of life through occupation. Occupational Therapists are equipped with a solid background in both the medical and social sciences.

Occupational therapists provide interventions in varied settings in medical institutions, schools, hospitals, community based rehabilitation services, private practices, corporations, health centers and wellness clinics. With the growing number of ageing population, the emerging autism epidemic and increasing no. of children with developmental disorders, demand for occupational therapists continues to be strong, now and into the future. Prospective occupational therapists need to focus that fits their passion, from ergonomics, to rehabilitation, to wellness. OT has scientifically proven to be of benefit to people for optimizing health and well-being, societal productivity and economy of the country. Occupational therapists are first-contact & direct- access professionals. We as professionals are committed towards prevention, management and rehabilitation of impairments/ disabilities and dysfunctions.

The new and emerging OT 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.

Lack of proper avenues and facilities in government sector, occupational therapists have led to massive so-called "brain-drain" to avail lucrative opportunities available there and it is also considered a challenge for the profession.

I urge to Government of Rajasthan to look into the genuine basic issues of the profession, like legitimate right to practice for self-employment, minimum of one post of OT per hundred bed strength in government hospitals in urban areas and declaration of clinical cadre of posts of OT in Government. Besides in Government Sector the utmost requirement is for establishing OT Colleges. Currently there are only 2 OT Colleges in Jaipur but are in private sector.

There still remains a major challenge for OT's in India in taking occupational therapy at primary level to cater the rehabilitative needs of the rural population, comprising of about 75% of the total population which can be made possible with initiatives from government.

Delhi, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, MP states are already having State Councils. Hon'ble CM of Bihar has recently announced for setting up OT council and expansion of services to Primary Health Centers. Many other States Councils in the country are also in process. I am optimistic that Rajasthan Sate Occupational Therapy Council which I have told is in the process will soon be announced by Hon'ble Health Minister.

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 scientific deliberations supported with evidence based research in various areas of clinical practice would promote knowledge dissemination to enhance further growth of OT in India.

Thank You

Dr Anil K.Srivastava
President AIOTA

FROM ORG. SECRETARY OF OTICON-2017

On behalf of the Rajasthan branch of AIOTA and organizing committee of OTICON-2017, I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to AIOTA for allowing us to host the 100 years celebration of OT profession in Annual National Conference of AIOTA-OTICON-2017. The conference was held at R L Swarankar Auditorium, Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College, Jaipur (Rajasthan) on 17, 18 & successfully completed on 19th February 2017.

There was a total no of 451 delegates were registered for the conference, including 116 AIOTA Member, 331 students member and 4 from USA, UK, Bahrain also had registered for the conference.

All occupational Therapy colleges in India were intimated about this conference and among them 19 colleges were registered for the conference.

It was a three day event starting on 17 Feb, the first day of the event was started with COTE Inauguration, the COTE inauguration was done by the chief guest Dr Hari Gautam Former Chairman, UGC, Govt of India. Pre-conference COTE workshop Key Resource Faculty was Dr. Kit Sinclair, WFOT Ambassador, Formerly President, WFOT, Hong Kong, Topic: Making a Difference in Disaster Management. Dr. Mathan Raj David, Dr. Binoo Berry and Dr. Neeraj Mishra were also contributory speakers

During conference (17th Feb.), at 5 pm second inauguration was remarked with the presence of Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Minister of Social Justice and empowerment, Govt. of Rajasthan, Guest of Honor- Sh. Kailash Verma, Parliamentary Secretary, Govt of Rajasthan Sh. Ramcharan Bohara, and other dignitaries. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Minister of Social Justice and empowerment, Govt. of Rajasthan, who inaugurated the conference, promised that the government would take urgent measures to ensure that the services of occupational therapists were available across the state. AIOTA's Young OT Achiever, Professional Excellence and Life Time Achievement Awards were conferred upon the members at the time of inauguration of the conference. Dr. Kit Sinclair was awarded with President AIOTA's very prestigious Crown of OT Award.

We had 9 sponsors namely being our backbone of success. First day cultural event was 'Kalbelia Night'. Inauguration of Kalbelia Night was started with cutting of the cake for 100th year anniversary of Occupational Therapy. In KALBELIA Night, program including cultural events dance, Light Music, kalbelia dance followed by DJ night took the breath of all the delegates. Chief Guest of this event was Kit Sinclair.

The second day of the conference was a competitive event where different colleges participated in events such a poster making, power point presentations, in the cultural event kicked off enthusiastically the later in the day where the colleges again were in competition in events like solo singing, group dances, solo dance, and fashion show. The scientific events also took place simultaneously.

The third day of OTICON-2017 came to an end with the valedictory function on 19th February 2017, which was presided over by the Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Anil K Srivastava, President of AIOTA who after addressing the gathering distributed the awards for scientific papers and cultural events. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S.K. Meena, organizing secretary of OTICON-2017.

Many foreign delegates graced and contributed in the conference. The academic sessions were excellent under the control of Scientific Chairperson Dr. Shashi Oberai which were appreciated by the members of AIOTA.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. S. K. Meena

Organizing secretary-OTICON-2017

FROM CHAIRPERSON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Brief report of the **Scientific Sessions** from 17-19 Feb.'17 at OTICON'17 Jaipur.

- Total Oral Presentations: 33
 - Competitive category: 27
 - Non-competitive category: 06
- Key note address: 01
- Guest & Faculty Talk: 11
- E-Poster participation: 18
- Innovative Technology: 05

Students' Session

- Total colleges participation 12
- Street Play 10
- Poster Presentation 12
- Innovative Technology 09

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Shashi Oberai,

Chairperson Scientific Program, OTICON -2017-Jaipur

From Coordinating Committee of AIOTA Branches

Guidelines for Branch Functioning of AIOTA

Guidelines have been finalized with the objective of creating framework for bringing uniformity in organizing the branch functioning and its smooth running of affairs in the Branch. The procedure for forming new State Branches has also been included in such guideline document.

TN Branch- AIOTA

Since last 3-4 years, the Tamil Nadu Branch of AIOTA was non-functional due to formation of two groups of organizing committees as a result of which the branch activities could not progress to satisfaction.

In order to streamline the smooth working of the above branch, President AIOTA intervened, and directed them to dissolve both the committees and seek fresh elections to form the new elected committee. Two election commissioners viz. Dr. Melwin Isaac and Dr. Vincent Xavier were appointed to conduct and supervise the proceeding of election so that these are held smoothly. AIOTA also gave guidelines on eligibility of voting rights as well contesting the election, to only those who are also currently members of AIOTA. The designation and number of managing committee posts also should be in line with as per the bye-laws of AIOTA. Fresh Voting was held on 8th July 2016 on-line and new managing committee was elected:

Convener- Dr. Raghuram & **Co-convener-**Dr. Arun Kumar

Karnataka Branch:

Karnataka Branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Academic Council of AIOTA organized webinar on “ Art of writing Research in Occupational Therapy” in Bangalore on 20th August 2016 . Dr. Punita Solanki Occupational Therapist from Mumbai was the key resource person.

Every year they also confer the award of “Best Student Delegate” during annual national conference of AIOTA, to encourage occupational therapy students in their academic contribution .

Web-site update

The update information of contact details of conveners of all branches has been collected which has already been uploaded on “AIOTA WEBSITE”

Rectification of error in the UGC Gazette notification for duration of BOT courses

Despite of repeated representations by AIOTA president /ACOT Dean & personal visits by AIOTA officials, the rectification in the duration of bachelor's course is still not done by UGC officials. Therefore to press the matter further the conveners of the AIOTA branches were requested to send their representations to Chairman & secretary of UGC regarding this matter. On behalf of ACOT, I thank all the conveners who have sent their representations.

World OT Day

The theme on World OT day ‘Accessibility@OTIndia was conveyed to the conveners of AIOTA branches for celebration of world OT day/ month from 27th Oct 2016 to 26th Nov 2016 in their respective states/ cities & they were requested to send the brief report along with some photographs.

TN- AIOTA, UP, Kerala, Rajasthan, Dehi, Mumbai, Gujarat & Pondicherry branches have sent their report in this regard. These all brief reports are published in AIOTA & WFOT Newsletter & also uploaded on AIOTA website.

New State Branches

Pondicherry Branch- has been approved this year & their adhoc working committee has been appointed . AIOTA guidelines for the branches have been sent to respective persons for proper functioning of the branch.

Punjab /Haryana Branch-Adhoc committee was dissolved & fresh elections were carried out on 11th Oct. 2016 in which Dr. Avkash Teotia, convener & Dr.Braj Kishore Prasad as co-convener were elected

5.0 Annual Report of AIOTA branches:

Reports have been received from Mumbai, Gujarat , Tamil Nadu, Delhi, UP, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka & Nagpur Branches. The reports received have been sent for publication in AIOTA Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted

Dr Jyothika Bijlani

Convener- Co-ordination Committee, AIOTA Branches

ANNUAL REPORT FROM AIOTA BRANCHES

TAMIL NADU BRANCH

TNAIOTA is marking its massive support to put forth the importance of its profession at the state level in the field of differently abled and rehabilitation.

The Association having its focus on its objectives has conducted many programs towards the Empowerment of the Persons with Differently Abled.

- We met Regional Director of Bharat Sevak Samaj (BSS, NGO) regarding 1yr & 2yr Diploma OT course conducted by BSS throughout India. With our efforts, we stopped the root cause for OT Diploma Course by giving Justification about our profession. It's a great success for our TNAIOTA.
- We are in follow up with Directorate of Medical Services (DMS) for OT post recruitment in Tamilnadu State.
- World Cerebral palsy Day & World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October month by organising Free Camp in association with Dr.Kamaraj Multispeciality Hospital (50 persons were benefited).
- We had regular interval follow up with parent body to get approval for Life Membership for Graduates from JKMMRF OT College & RMMC OT College.
- To get Occupational Therapy post in School sectors, Early Intervention set up in District Head Quarters Hospital, OT College and OT council, we submitted representation to Education Minister, Social welfare Minister and State Commissioner for welfare of Differently Abled.
- Website for TNAIOTA was created for professional upliftment and to avail the service for easy reach to public.
- Directory for OT are in process (Hard Copy) for the members benefit and to ease the referral process. It's Soft copy was uploaded in social media Groups (Facebook, what's app). PDF files,
- PPT and professional information are circulated to our members through mail. We are in the process of issuing Membership ID card.
- World Occupational Therapy Day was celebrated for one Month (From 27th October to 26th November) at various places by organizing CRE & Awareness programs in mainstreaming schools and special schools.
- Department of OT services was started at Dr.Kamaraj Multispeciality Hospital in Chennai by TNAIOTA.
- Children's Day was celebrated on 5th November at Buds and Blossoms Special kids.
- CME was organized in association with The Leprosy Mission Trust India for our professionals, 30 participants were present for the program.
- Blood Donation camp was organized at Adayar Cancer Institute. World Disability Day was celebrated.
- We were deeply saddened on the demise of our Honourable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu on 5th December. We paid our final tributes at Marina Beach on 10th December. During her tenure Medical Recruitment Board was formed and 18 posts of Occupational Therapist in Government sector was sanctioned.

Regards

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Raghuram. P

Convener - TNAIOTA

MUMBAI BRANCH

The branch was actively involved in various professional activities by conducting seminar / lectures for its members and implementing programs for professional growth.

Academic and Professional activities carried out during 2016:

1. The branch organized its first **Live Web Conference** on 18th September 2016 which included **3 lectures / presentations** followed by interactive discussions. The webinar attracted enthusiastic participation from various therapists located in and around Mumbai, Maharashtra and Chennai.
2. The **Good Practice Guidelines** drafted by MB AIOTA members for displaying in O.T centers, was submitted to AIOTA for further suggestions and consideration for National circulation.
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3. The Mumbai Branch of AIOTA celebrated the **World Occupational Therapy Month-2016**, in collaboration with: Occupational Therapy Training School & Centre - **G.S.M.C** & **K.E.M.H** on 15th November 2016 and with the Occupational Therapy Department- **T. N. M. C** & **B. Y. L. NAIR CH. Hospital** on 17th November 2016 (detail report already sent).

4. Communication with **University Grants Commission** for rectification of error with respect to Duration of OT course in India published in the Gazette of India, Dt: July 5th -July 11th 2014.
5. In addition to our existing **Email** and **Blog** communications, MB AIOTA started its **Facebook** page and **WhatsApp** group to reach out to more Occupational Therapists.
6. Throughout the year, members were regularly updated about various events and opportunities.

The Mumbai Branch of All India Occupational Therapists' Association continues its work of regularly updating the blog, and also invites contributions from members of the profession. The members are also regularly emailed regarding any activities of the branch as well as of AIOTA.

Information regarding any job vacancies/events informed to the branch is also passed on.

The Executive Committee of the Mumbai Branch of A.I.O.T.A. met three times and had additional online meetings during the year. Also regular telephonic exchange is carried out between the branch committee & members in an attempt to review the branch activities.

Thanks and regards

Respectfully submitted

Dr Alok Patil (OT)

Convener, Mumbai Branch of AIOTA.

UP BRANCH

I take pleasure to submit the report of UP Branch of AIOTA for the year 2016-2017.

During the year under report following academic activities were successfully organised by the UP Branch of AIOTA, under the leadership of its Convener and Co-Convener with valuable assistance from EC's and members.

1. Workshop by **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, a renowned Paediatric OT (New Zealand) on **Solving Sensory Issues in Children with Autism** on **March 4, 2016** at Lucknow. It was inaugurated by me as President AIOTA. **Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav** was Convener of this successful workshop attended by parents of Autistic Children and professionals.
2. Advanced Certificate Course on **Physical Agent Modalities-As an adjunct to OT-** was convened by UP Branch in collaboration with Academic Council of OT at Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad from April 22-24, 2016. It was attended by about 65 participants from all over India. **Dr. R.K. Sharma** was the Convener of this academic program. It was jointly inaugurated by **Dr. Anil K. Srivastava** President - AIOTA and **Dr. Shrmila Anand** - CEO SEHPL, and MD Santosh University, Ghaziabad/NCR/Delhi.
3. **Amity Institute of Behavioral & Allied Sciences, Amity University, Lucknow** in collaboration with UP Branch of AIOTA has organized 7 days' Workshop on **'Occupational Therapy for Dealing with Special Children'** from **Sept. 25 to Oct 1, 2016** in the University Campus. **Dr. Anant Kumar** MOT -EC Member UPAIOTA & Sr. OT at Dr. R.M.L. Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow and **Dr. Rosal in Nath**- MOT Sr. OT at Genius Lane, Lucknow were the resource faculties.

It was attended by 70 participants from the university pursuing graduation, post-graduation and M.Phil in various areas of education primarily psychology and also faculties of Amity Institute of Behavioural & Allied Sciences, Amity University.

The sole purpose was not only to promote OT in the field of education but also providing an opportunity to young educationist about the childhood disabilities and their effective management by occupational therapy. President AIOTA was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function held on Oct 1, 2016.

4. **World OT Day & OT India Month** was enthusiastically celebrated at Santosh OT College, Ghaziabad in collaboration with UP Branch. It included clinical talks & presentations on various areas of OT practice. The Posters, debate, street play focusing the theme "Accessibility @ OT India" was organized 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.

Information:

- **Convener of the Branch Dr. Anil Srivastava** is also President of AIOTA, Executive Chairman of Academic Council of OT & Editor-in-Chief of Indian Journal of OT. The journal is published from Lucknow.
- **Co-Convener Dr. R.K. Sharma** is EC Members of AIOTA Executive Committee.
- **EC Member Dr. Nitesh Shrivastav** is actively working as Asstt. Editor Subscription IJOT.
- **Dr. Kapil** is strenuously working for the revision of pay structure of OT's in UP by filing a petition on Highcourt, Lucknow and won the case for revision of pay Scale of OT's of the State. He also has been given responsibility for UP State Council and change of RR of OT's in govt. medical colleges and hospitals in cooperation with other EC's of the branch.
- EC Members **Dr. Anant Kumar** and **Dr. Shivani Bhardwaj** has been given responsibility for strengthening the Branch Membership. 30 UG Students have been enrolled as Student Members of the Branch.
- Member of the UP Branch **Dr. Harsh Vardhan (New Zealand)** has been selected for AIOTA's Young OT Achiever Award for his

meticulous achievements including being elected as President of New Zealand OT Association in such a young age. . The Award will be presented during OTICON2017 at Jaipur.

- Logo of UP Branch AIOTA is redesigned. It is accepted and approved by AIOTA EC also.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

Convener UP Branch of AIOTA

NAGPUR BRANCH

It gives me immense pleasure to present this annual report of the executive committee of Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB - AIOTA)

The elections for the office bearers of **Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB - AIOTA) were conducted during** An annual General body meeting of Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB- AIOTA) held on 13th February 2016 , at Occupational Therapy School and Centre Govt. Medical College and Hospital Nagpur.

Being an Occupational Therapist it is our responsibility to contribute to shape and expand the horizon of Occupational Therapy Profession and hence Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB-AIOTA) is

“Committed for Development of Profession”

Nagpur Branch is actively engaged in creating awareness about Occupational Therapy and its importance in health care and also arranging skills development program for Occupational Therapists

Executives Committee of Nagpur Branch of All India Occupational Therapist's Association (NB - AIOTA) met seven times in last year and regular telephonic exchange is carried out between branch committee and members in an attempt to review the branch activities.

During above meeting OTICON -18 Whatsup Groups was created keeping in mind coming OT Conference. After getting approval for 2018 OT Conference from AIOTA , **Dr Sofia Azad** Prof and Principal Occupational Therapy School and Centre Govt. Medical College and Hospital Nagpur was nominated as Organizing Secretary for 2018 OT Conference.

Events conducted in the year 2016 – 17 by NBAIOTA in collaboration with O T School and Centre G.M.C Nagpur.

1. Guest lecture on **“Ergonomics Recent Advances on Spine Surgery and Spine Radiology”** Dated 10/8/2016 By Dr. Mayur Kardile Orthopedic Spine Surgeon from NKPSIMIS Nagpur.
2. Guest lecture on **“Child Psychiatry and its Therapeutic Intervention”** Basic of Autism, ADHD, LD and other behavioral problems seen in Children Dated 21/9/2016 By Dr. Sushil Gawande Psychiatrist from NKPSIMIS Nagpur.
3. Three days certificate course on **“ An Introduction to Occupational Therapy Management of Sensory Processing Dysfunction”** By Dr Anjali Joshi Pediatric Occupational Therapist Dated 23rd -25th September 20 16
4. Guest Lecture on **“Upper Quadrant taping Techniques Leucotaping Versus Kinnestotaping”** By Dr. Saba Kamal Dated 3/1/2017

Thanks and Regards

Respectfully submitted

Dr. De epak B. Asia (OT)

Convener, Nagpur Branch AIOTA

DELHI BRANCH

Like every year this year too the Delhi branch of AIOTA was actively involved in various activities of professional development and public awareness about Occupational Therapy. Few activities done by the branch are:

1. One day CME on “Advances in Pediatric Rehabilitation” organized in collaboration with Indian Spinal Injuries Centre , at ISIC , Vasant Kunj on 12/03/16
2. Meetings with various stake holders of 7th Pay commission at CPC Bhawan, Nirman Bhawan throughout the year as part of the National task force for 7th CPC. Recommendations of 4800 GP received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare , which was subsequently denied by the finance committee.
3. Meetings with various officials of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for inclusion of occupational therapy in Autism Medical Assessment board . A positive response is received from ministry.
4. Request for inclusion of OT in programs of National Trust was made by the joint team of National AIOTA body and Delhi branch. This was subsequently approved by the National Trust by inclusion in 4 different projects.

5. One day CME on “Role of OT in ICU” organized at GIPMER, Delhi on 11/02/17

Respectfully submitted

Dr Ramesh Arya

Convener, Delhi Branch

BIHAR BRANCH

The year has been outstanding in diverse ways and for the events going to lead us to great achievements. I would like to place them below mark wise:

Ø The CM addressing the congregation:

Sunday, September 11th, 2016 would be reckoned by all of us as a day that really brought promises and assurances for which all of us, including our seniors of previous years, have been struggling for a long time. This glad occasion of the Concluding Ceremony of World Physiotherapy day-Occupational Therapy week was held in our premises where the Hon'ble CM Mr. Nitish Kumar made the following most awaited announcements:-

- He announced with full elucidation of reasons that the retirement of Physiotherapists & Occupational Therapists would be at the age of Sixty-seven and not at the age of Sixty. This would bring us at par with MBBS, Dentists and Aayush doctors.
- The CM did not stop there after making the above benevolent words of promise. He went on dwelling on the point of dire need of wide expansion of our therapy catering to the need of suffering people in remote villages of Bihar.
- He emphasized up on the fact that Physiotherapists & Occupational Therapists are to outreach the rural population. It opens the prospect of all numbers of PT&OT going to absorbed and elevated in jobs as being men of prominence.
- Going ahead, he said that the Bihar college of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy (BCPO) at Patna has just 40 seats whereas there is requirement of more such colleges with more number of seats.
- The icing of the Cake was his promise of constituting a state level council for monitoring therapy services.
- Another possibility is the matter of posting of sixty seven (67) occupational therapists and sixty four (64) physiotherapists which is in fruitful process and soon the details will be imparted to us.

All these announcements and declarations are under the process of implementation and are expected to surface soon.

Ø The Annual Report ; 2016

- members of AIOTA of Bihar Branch actively participated and contributed in the College Foundation Day (CFD) “Waves” of the Patna Medical College, Patna which was held from February, 29 to March, 02nd 2016. The function had a specific banner named ‘Swasthya Mela waves 2016’ 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. Umesh Kumar & Dr. Manoj kr. Our stall was adjudged the best.
- Our Branch of AIOTA had yet another landmark eventful programme in collaboration with the BSAPO on February 14th 2016. The theme and caption of the interacting session was “understanding the concept of Basic & NDT Approach in Hemiplegics”, which was organised at the Conference Hall of Bihar College of Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy, Patna. We had the honour of having Dr. Prabhat Ranjan MPT (Neurology) CNDT (IBITA, UK), Department of Neurology, AIIMS, New Delhi as the resource person. It was a great success also owing to the sterling contribution of Dr. Kishore Kumar, Dr. PP Singh & Dr. Nk Sinha, who happened to be the Patrons of the Programme.
- Members of AIOTA, Bihar Branch worked whole heartedly on the ‘World Disabled Day’. The Program was organized on the 3rd of December, 2016.

List of Continuing Medical Education CME/SEMINAR/WORK SHOP held at Bihar College of Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy, Patna.

| Sl No. | Topic/Subject | Date | Resource Person |
|--------|---|------------|---|
| 01 | Understanding Concept of Basic & NDT approach in Hemiplegics. | 14.02.2016 | Mr. Prabhat Ranjan PT MPT (Neurology) AIIMS, New Delhi. |
| 02 | Developmental Disability | 15.03.2016 | Ms. Kreetipal MOT |
| 03 | Paediatric Rehabilitation | 19.03.2016 | MS. Kreetipal MOT |
| 04 | Physiology of Pain & its Management | 19.03.2016 | DR. Sanjay Kumar Associate Prof. Deptt. Of Physiology & Assist. Controller of Examination, Sikkim |

Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok, Sikkim.

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| 05 | Workshop on Treatment, Technique & Principles of PNF-Hands of experience. | 05.06.2016 | Mr. Harpreet Singh, PT PNF Level 1 training, KFHRC, California, USA Neuroscience centre, AIIMS New Delhi. |
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Paper Presentation Seminar on the International day for the person with disability. Following topics were taken for paper presentation Seminar:-

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| 06 | Physical agents used in the management of pain & Paralysis. | 03.12.2016 | Naveen Kumar |
| 07 | Disability : Perspective of an OT | 03.12.2016 | Rakesh Kumar |
| 08 | Common deformities with the role of Surgery in Rehab. | 03.12.2016 | Vivek Kumar |
| 09 | Orthotics : uses & management. | 03.12.2016 | Vivekananda. |

- On an 'Educational trip', students of MBBS of 2014 batch, Department of Community & Family Medicine of AIIMS, Patna came to our institute. They were 16 on April 18th 2016, 18 on May 23rd, 2016 and 18 on July 23rd, 2016. Their mission was to acquire and assimilate all about awareness and management through Occupational Therapy, Ergonomics, Physiotherapy Rehab.

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

Students from the Community College, of Patna Women's College pursuing their Diploma in Health care for the session 2015:16 also appeared for their on job training from May, 20th 2016 to June 20th, 2016 at the Deptt. Of PT & OT of BCPO Patna. They came to us for their academic advantage.

During the above mentioned 'Educational trip, on the job training, 'Community visit' awareness programme was conducted by the faculty members & Students of BCPO Patna under Scrupulous guidance, mentoring and leadership of Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Assistant Professor & Academic Head BCPO.

- On the top of all events and programme, there were celebrations of the World OT day on 27 OCT, 2016 at the BCPO campus which was attended by all members of the AIOTA family with focus on OT awareness.

The Topic of Poster was

- (1) Occupational Therapy – A New approach to Rehabilitation
- (2) Occupational Therapy Day- Role of Occupational Therapists

The Poster was designed and presented by Anamika Raj from 2015 Batch along with her colleagues.

- It becomes imperative here to acknowledge the enrolment of Twenty (20) new student members from our college.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Abhay Kumar Jaiswal

Convenor, Bihar Branch of AIOTA

GUJARAT BRANCH

Following activities were organized/ conducted for the profession's up gradation in the Gujarat state.

1. Representation made to some NGOs to increase and standardize the salary scale of OTs in NGO set up.
2. RTI filed and responses received for 1. Status of OT, PT council formation in Gujarat, 2. Vacant OT positions in govt. set up, 3. Establishment of OT school
3. OT directory (database of almost 40 members) is published and circulated among imminent doctors, hospitals.
4. Postcard campaign organized to request Add. Director, Medical Edu, to form the State OT Council.
5. A petition was filed in HC regarding commencement of OT course in state
6. Organisation Development study of AIOTA-Gujarat branch was conducted to commemorate OTIndia Month, 2016.
7. Admission work with good capacity of students in B.O.Th Course held successfully by the efforts O.T staff members of O.T College, Anand.

8. **World O.T. Day** celebrated in different part of Gujarat state with great enthusiasm & participation from all including patients.
9. **O.T awareness programme** done in Banas kantha district of Palanpur & Various schools of Central & South Gujarat.
10. **C.O.T.E Program** was conducted on Autism in O.T College, Anand.
11. Guest Lecture on Cerebral Palsy was conducted at O.T College, Anand, the resource person was Dr. Loganathan S. the senior Occupational Therapist from Jaya Rehabilitation Centre, Bidada. Mandvi, Bhuj.
12. Alumni Function was conducted in O.T college campus it was very fruitful.
13. Research paper of Dr. Deepak Ganjiwale and Dr. Brajesh Mishra was published in Journal of family medicine and primary care.(April 2016: Volume 5: Issue 2)
14. Various Members Participated in different Workshop, Conference & Done Certification course for Personal & Professional Development.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. S.R. Apte

Convener, Gujarat Branch of A.I.O.T.A

KERALA BRANCH

It is with immense pleasure to submit the annual report of Kerala Branch of Occupational Therapists' Association.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

A seminar on "Autism awareness" on 2nd April 2016 for teachers and parents. It helped to reach the awareness of role of Occupational Therapist in managing children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. One week free screening camp too was arranged.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Celebration of World Mental Health Day -10th October 2016 by organizing an awareness program on "Dignity in Mental Health Day" by Dr. Thomas John (Psychiatrist). It was aimed to raise awareness on what can be done to ensure that people with mental health conditions can continue to live with dignity through human rights oriented policy and law, training of health professionals, respect for informed consent to treatment, inclusion in decision making process and public information campaigns.

WORLD OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY

On World Occupational Therapy Day a Flash Mob on "Occupational Therapy Awareness" in Lulu mall Cochin, at "Marine Drive" Cochin was successfully organized. We also conducted one week free assessment campaign.

Throughout the year, The K.B.A.I.O.T.A regularly updated its members about various events and opportunities through Facebook, website emails and blog posts.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Joseph Sunny (OT)

Convener, KBAIOTA

KARNATAKA BRANCH

Karnataka Branch of AIOTA continued with the Best Student Delegate Award for the third year after inception in Annual National Conferences of AIOTA. 43 student Delegates from different OT Schools appeared for the examination conducted for the purpose and Ms. Khotal Zainab Faiyaz from Seth GSMC and KEMH, Mumbai was awarded the Best Student Delegate of OTICON 2016.

Executive committee Meeting was held in Evolve Pediatric therapy services, Bangalore twice in the year in the months of May and November.

Karnataka branch also took an initiative of organizing a Virtual COTE on Art of Writing Research in Occupational Therapy. First such program approved by AIOTA was held on 19th August 2016. Dr. Punita V Solanki, Associate Editor of IJOT was the resource person. 2 onsite participants and 16 participants logged in thru online and participated in the COTE session.

International OT day was celebrated on 27th October and the last week of October was observed as OT week by the branch.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Lakshmanan S

Convener, Karnataka Branch.

Disciplinary Proceedings against Members

In compliance with GB decision, following members were temporarily suspended on charges of non-payment of 10% of the registration fee to AIOTA, administrative and financial irregularities in holding OTICON2012: The 49th Annual National Conference of AIOTA (16-18 Feb.2012) at Goa in the year 2012:

1. **Dr. Krunal Desai** (Thane) - Conference Coordinator OTICON'2012
2. **Dr. Mayuresh Kavimandan** (Thane) - Treasurer (2) OTICON'2012
3. **Dr. Poonam K. Desai** (Thane) - Registration In charge OTICON'2012

The show cause notice was also given to the following from AIOTA Secretariat:

1. **Dr. Judaline Lyn Cantem** (Goa) - Org. Secretary, OTICON'2012,
2. **Dr. Vivek Vajratkar** (Goa) - Co-Org. Secretary, OTICON'2012,
3. **Dr. Pooja Vajratkar** (Goa) - Treasurer, OTICON'2012,

All of the above listed members were advised to submit their clarification on /or before 31st Jan.2018 with supportive documents to avoid legal or other proceedings.

Dr. Satish S. Maslekar
Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

OTICON-2018

55th National Conference of All India Occupational Therapist's Association
Feb. 16-18, 2018

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti Auditorium, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur-440010

THEME: Occupational Therapy - Independence, Empowerment, Inclusion

HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-Conference COTE

Title: Industrial Health & Occupational Therapy

(Environment, Ergonomics, Safety and Wellness at Workplace)

Resource Faculties COTE:

- **Dr. Nandu Nandoskar:** Senior Occupational Therapist, Founder & Director of Occupational Health, Adelaide, Australia & Founder & Director of Fit 4 Health, India
- **Dr. Paresh Chandra Ghosh:** Ergo-physiologist, Formerly Director of Central Labor Institute, Mumbai & consultant in Furniture & Steel industries, India.
- ✓ **Key Note Address: Dr. Vijay Suple** (Canada)
- ✓ **Guest & Special Talks**
 - Ø Occupational Therapy-a Vital Role in Dysphagia Care of Developmentally Disabled: **Dr. Shreeavtar Rai**, *MHS, OTR/L, Michigan, USA*
 - Ø Advanced Management of Upper Extremity Injuries in Occupational Therapy: **S. J. Chinchalkar**, *Canada*
 - Ø Driving Assessment-Canadian Concept: **Dr. Vjay Suple**, *Canada*
 - Ø The Use of Tele Health in Occupational Therapy: **Joseph K. Wells**, *USA*
 - Ø An Opportunity for the Occupational Therapy Profession to take the Lead in Providing Case Management Services in India: **Dr. Gazala Makda**, *USA*
 - Ø An Introduction to ABA: **Dr. M. Masilamani**, *Board Certified Applied Behavior Analyst, Transition Center for ABA Services, Chennai*
 - Ø Past, Present and Future of Ergonomics: **Dr. Bharati Jajoo**, *OTR CEAS, Ergonomist, Ergoworks Inc. Bangalore & Formerly O'Connor Hospital California USA*

Also include scientific research studies from national and international guests & delegates, poster & e-poster presentations, competitive cultural evening, mini movies and banquet)

For more information visit: www.aiotanagpur.in/OTICON18 | www.aiot.org

Criteria for Award of Fellow of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (FACOT)

The Fellowship of ACOT is awarded to the professionals in the field of Occupational Therapy for their outstanding contribution in research and academics.

IMPORTANT:

The applicant must fulfill the following eligibility criteria to submit request

The self-attested copy of supporting documents including AIOTA membership certificate should be attached with the application. (The application may be submitted in soft copy by e-mail, but It is mandatory to submit hard copy of the application with all supporting self-attested copies of documents)

The title page of the application should carry the justification in brief, that the applicant is fulfilling the eligibility criteria for award of Fellowship of ACOT

The Applicant must fulfill the following ELIGIBILITY Criteria (1, 2 & 3) for submitting request for Fellowship of ACOT:

1. He/ She should be a continued & uninterrupted member of AIOTA for not less than 15 years with minimum qualification of Master's degree in Occupational Therapy & / or OT related specialty. However, the Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from AIOTA/WFOT accredited institution is mandatory.

or

1. He/ She should be a continued & uninterrupted member of AIOTA for not less than 12 years with minimum qualification of Ph.D. in OT related areas but post professional Master's degree in OT & / or OT related specialty is essential. However the Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from AIOTA/WFOT accredited institution is mandatory.

2. He/ She should have at least five publications related to the field of Occupational Therapy as an Author/Contributing Author in the text books and/or Principal Author in the indexed journals.

or

2. He/she must have held a recognized faculty position in Occupational Therapy, for not less than 10 years & not lower than Asst. Professor/ Lecturer in an AIOTA/WFOT accredited OT

and

-> He/ she should be principal guide of minimum five post graduate students in AIOTA accredited Master's program in OT and minimum 5 publications as Principal author or Associate author in the text books or in the indexed journals.

or

-> He /She should have minimum three paper presentations in national/international conference and conducted minimum two COTE/CME/Seminar/Workshop/Short Courses on OT related specialties as a "Resource Person." in an institution of repute.

3. Only those members can apply for Fellow of ACOT whose membership has not been withheld or suspended and there have been no disciplinary proceedings against the member due to any reason.

Additionally following merit points will be considered for eligibility criteria to prioritize the selection of applications:

Exemplary scientific contribution to the OT profession by doing research in basic and/or related subjects in Occupational Therapy other than retrospective clinical studies.

Recipient of number of awards for presentations in AIOTA/ International OT related conferences.

Number of Publications in indexed national/ international journal of Occupational Therapy/Presentations in AIOTA/National & international conferences.

Distinguished Awards and Honors in recognition of academic achievements by national and international organizations. The decision of the ACOT followed with approval and /or non-approval from AIOTAEC will be final & binding

May contact Dean ACOT for information &/or queries? if any by email: deanacot@aiota.org



Workshops on "Neuro-developmental Care in NICU" and "Cardiac Risk Assessment & Geriatric Care Camp" Jointly organised by Occupational Therapy and Neonatology Department of KEM hospital, Mumbai and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA in November 2017.



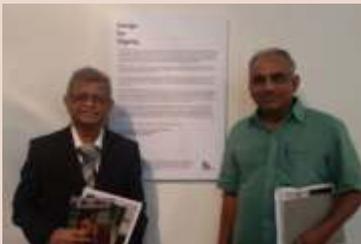
Brief talk by Dr Samuel N Mathew (Executive Director, NISH) for parents and professionals on transparency and accountability in professional practice at Prayatna, Cochine



Workshop by Bihar College of OT and Bihar Branch of AIOTA



Prof. (Dr.) Theresia Kully's Visit on 1st November for Sharing her Valuable Experience in the field of Special Education with the Professionals of Prayatna.



On behalf of AIOTA, Dr. S. R. Apte attended the Swedish Design Exhibition on Aug. 10, 2016 at Nat. Institute of Design, Ahmedabad. with Dr. Anwar Ali Dhamani.



Social Welfare & Welfare of the Differently Aabled Minister, Dr. V.Saroja inaugurated a camp organized by TN AIOTA in May 2017 for differently abled at Venanthur Panchayat union, Namakkal District.



Workshop on Therapist & Care Givers Training Program at SPARK India-Lucknow on 9th Sept 2017 by Dr. Anant Kumar (MOT) & Dr. Rosalin Nath (MOT), Members of UPAIOTA.



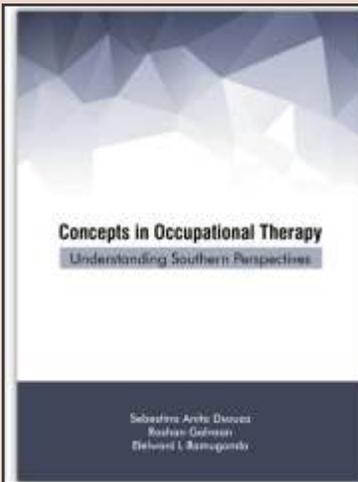
Dr. Ramakrishnan Masilamani, member of AIOTA from Pondicherry participated and presented his paper in APOTS Symposium at Taiwan from Oct.20-22,2017



Dr. Lalit Narayan EC Member of AIOTA was Guest of Honor in a workshop for Special Educators organised by Neurogen Brain & Spinal Institute, on Dec. 24, 2017 at New Delhi



Dr. Smita Jayvant (AIIPM&R,Mumbai) appointed as Director, Pt. D.D.U. Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi



Release a Book authored by Dr Sebastina Dsouza & Others at Manipal in Oct. 2017.



World Disability Day Programmes by Bihar Branch of AIOTA on 3rd-4th December 2017



Students of OT School & Center Government Medical College, Nagpur gave an awareness program in form of a role play to handle autistic children at Airport and in flight at the Nagpur Airport on 26 Dec. 2017

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