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President AIOta Dr. Anil K. Srivastava Welcoming HE The Governor of Punjab Sri V.P.Singh Badnore

Recipients of AIOta Awards during OTICON2019

Presented during inaugural function of OTICON'2019 on Feb. 08, 2019, at Chandigarh

AIOta's Life Time Achievement Award



Dr. Vijay G. Bodhankar
Hyderabad

AIOta's Professional Excellence Award



Dr. Punita V. Solanki
Mumbai



Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti
Vellore



Dr. Subrata Kumar Halder
Cuttack

AIOta's Young OT Achiever Award



Dr. Joseph Sunny
Cochin

Fellow of Academic Council of OT (FACOT) Award - 2019



Dr. Anuradha Pai
Mumbai



Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti
Vellore

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OTICON'2019 - Chandigarh on Feb. 8-10, 2019



Inauguration of ACOT organised Pre-conference COTE 'Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro-Rehabilitation' with resource faculties Dr. Kavita Mahamankar & Dr. Priya Kothavale - Tawde from Mumbai.



President AIOTA & Executive Chairman ACOT addressing Pre-conf.COTE



Address by Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani



AIOTA Officials for receiving the Chief Guest



Lighting of the Lamp by H.E. Governor of Punjab and Administrator Union Territory Chandigarh Sri V.P. Singh Badnore



Welcome Address by President AIOTA



Dr. Uday Bodhankar receiving Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of his elder brother of Dr. Vijay Bodhankar, Formerly VP, AIOTA (Hyderabad)



AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award being presented to Dr. Subrata Kumar Halder (Cuttak) by H.E. Governor of Punjab. Others seen are President AIOTA and Demitrios Mylondis (UK)

OTICON'2019 - Chandigarh on Feb. 8-10, 2019



Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti (Vellore) receiving Professional Excellence Award



Dr. Punita V. Solanki (Mumbai) receiving Professional Excellence Award



Dr. Joseph Sunny (Cochin) receiving Young OT Achiever Award



Dr. Anuradha Pai (Mumbai) receiving FACOT award



President AIOTA Dr. Anil K. Srivastava accepting honor as best leader on behalf of AIOTA/AOT/IJOT Committees



Inaugural Address by H.E. Governor of Punjab



Vote of thanks by Org. Secretary OTICON'2019
Dr. Bhavinder Singh Suchdeva



H.E. Governor visiting the Scientific Exhibition on Posters and Innovative
Technology with President & Secretary AIOTA, Dr. Rehab Zayoun (Cairo) and others

Significant News from AIOTA / ACOT / IJOT Officials and AIOTA Members



Dr. Shovan Saha (Manipal) was invited at 'Global Report on effective access to Assistive Technology' consultation on Aug. 22-23, organized by WHO



OT awareness through print and electronic media by Dr. J.S. Kale and Dr. Shipshree Palsule (Mumbai)



Symposium on 'The Modern Approach in Psycho-neurotic Issues & Lifestyle Disorders' by Mind Care & Management Associates Pvt. Ltd. on 17th Feb, 2019 at Mumbai by Dr. Pooja Mehta, as resource faculty



Neonatal Therapy Workshop organized by Genesis Neurogen, Delhi in collaboration with ACOT at Swami Dayanand Hospital, Delhi on 7-8 Dec. 2019. Dr. Jyothika Bijlani and Dr. Shailza Jayvant were the resource faculties



Seminar on 'Striving For Excellence in Occupational Therapy Research' on Aug.7, 2019 organized by Mumbai Branch of AIOTA at Seth G.S. Med. College, Mumbai with Dr. Punita V. Solanki as the resource faculty.



Dr.Vijay Suple coordinator –International Chapter of AIOTA with Indian OT's working in US:Dr Razak Buddha, Dr. S.L. Rai, Dr. Kshepakaran, Dr. Niloo Bohre, Dr.Parul Sharma, Dr.Gourav Kumania



Dr. Vijay Suple with Dr. Satish Patel, Ms. Patel & Dr. Nafeesa Hussain



All India Occupational Therapists' Association

Website : www.aiota.org

AGENDA

Dear Members,

I am pleased to inform you that the Annual General Body Meeting of AIOTA is scheduled on 17th January, 2020 (Friday) along with OTICON-2020 (Jan. 16-18, 2020) at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Mumbai. On behalf of President & Executive Committee of AIOTA, I invite you all for your active participation as per following program :

OTICON'2020: The 57th Annual National Conference of AIOTA-Jan. 16th ,17th and 18th 2020.

Date of GB meeting- 17th Jan.2020

Venue- Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi, Mumbai.

Date and time- 2.00 PM -5.00 PM

Kindly confirm your participation to the undersigned. You are requested to contact **Dr. Jayashri S. Kale** Organizing Secretary, OTICON-2020 (Mob: +91 9372498395 Email: jayashrikale@gmail.com or jayashrikale@yahoo.com to get yourself registered for the conference and also for the requirement of your accommodation.

AGENDA

- Agenda 1** : Roll Call and Apologies
- Agenda 2** : Welcome & Opening Remarks by President of AIOTA
- Agenda 3** : Confirmation of Minutes of the last G.B. Meeting held on 9th Feb. 2019 at Chandigarh.
- Agenda 4** : Matters arising out of the minutes
- Agenda 5** : Submission of Annual Reports : Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, WFOT delegate, Dean ACOT, Editor IJOT, Convener of Council Act Committee, Chairman Scientific Program Committee OTICON' 2020, Organizing Secretary of OTICON 2020, Convener AIOTA Website, Coordinator International Chapter of AIOTA, Coordinator AIOTA Branches, Chairman Election Committee-2019
- Agenda 6** : Declaration of AIOTA Election Results (Online Mode of Election) - by Chairman Election Committee-2019
- Agenda 7** : Appointment of Auditor
- Agenda 8** : Constitutional Amendments if Any
- Agenda 9** : Invitation for 58th Annual National Conference of AIOTA-2021
- Agenda 10** : **Discussion/Updates on the issues related to current professional issues**
Inclusion of OT's in • Medical Board for Disability Certification, • Clinical Establishment Act, • Mental & Healthcare Act -2017, • National Education Policy, • Allied & Healthcare Council Bill 2018, • Any other issues of professional significance
- Agenda 11** : Any other Matters with the Permission of Chair
- Agenda 12** : Vote of Thanks- Vice President AIOTA

Important-

- 1) If at the scheduled time of the GB meeting, quorum is not complete, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened after 15 minutes for which no quorum shall be required.
- 2) Kindly note that, that only those matters that are submitted by members of AIOTA before the GB meeting to the Hon. Secretary, will only be taken up for discussion under the Agenda 11 'Any other matter'.

Thanking you,

With Warm regards,

Dr. Satish S. Maslekar

Hon. Secreatry,AIOTA.

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

PGIMER, CHANDIGARH: Feb. 9, 2019

On behalf of AIOTA EC, I welcome the members in this annual GB Meeting of AIOTA at Chandigarh and regret for the inconvenience caused to members and delegates due to sudden changes in venue for unforeseen reasons, and it also has been a financial burden of Rs. One Lac plus on AIOTA. This specific conference as you all are aware is being organized by AIOTA itself.

I regret that due to pertinent medical reasons in the family, requiring my presence, I could not make it possible to be with you all today for the GB Meeting. My sincere apology for my absence today. I request you all for a very decent and professionally dignified meeting, under the control of Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai.

I congratulate organizing team for hosting **OTICON'2019** as a mega event of OT's in India at Chandigarh for AIOTA. I applaud the sincere and dedicated efforts of very enthusiastic Dr. Bhavinder Singh and the staff of occupational therapy department of PGIMER, Chandigarh for this wonderful conference. Dr Bhavinder Singh has made extra efforts with personal involvement for exemplary number of delegates for this conference. Very special mention of Dr. Punita Solanki and her team of scientific program for an appreciable scientific itinerary enriched with panel discussions. She also took over the responsibility of designing the brochures and other print materials for this event. Her selfless dedication for AIOTA is praiseworthy. I am fortunate to have her in our team in the works related to publication of IJOT as Associate Editor and in the organizing team of OTICON'2019 as Chairperson Scientific program. The regular international participation in AIOTA Conferences speaks of good international relations of AIOTA which too is visible in this conference too.

You all are aware that AIOTA believes in silently working for development of OT in all spheres, in respect to academics, awareness, promotion and above all the professional development in government and private sector.

2018 has also been a year of meticulous achievements for OT and AIOTA in India.

- AIOTA has fulfilled the years awaited dream of our stalwarts by establishing its own national headquarter at Nerul Navi Mumbai. It was inaugurated in 20th April 2018 in superbly organized function in gracious presence of former President AIOTA during early 60's Dr. Ramesh Oza, who also had been director of OT School at GMC, Nagpur. AIOTA headquarter is fully equipped to host small workshops and webinars with national and international faculties with 25-30 participants. Many ACOT organized COTE's, workshops, Fellowship program and EC Meetings were convened there in AIOTA headquarter in last 8-9 months. My sincere regards and thanks to those members who have voluntarily contributed in GB Meeting at Nagpur to equip it with all facilities. AIOTA Newsletter circulated to you all carries detailed information in this respect. We have no words to express our gratitude for the dedication and sustained efforts of Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai in fulfilling the dream of AIOTA by serious hunt for the office premises, negotiation for moderately slashing the cost and impressively furnishing it a minimal expenditure, to make us proud.
- It was for the first time that AIOTA itself celebrated OT Day & OTIndia Month on 30th October at National Headquarter in a grand way under the leadership of Dr. Shashi Oberai, by arranging about 4 KM walkathon with about 500 members and students under the leadership of President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava. It was followed with drawing and painting competition with registered about 100 special children and an interactive OT orientation session with principals and teachers of special schools. I am pleased to inform about the increasing acceptability of OT Day and OTIndia Month by the institutions and branches. In comparison to 11 celebration reports in 2017, this year 23 reports were compiled and published in AIOTA/WFOT Newsletters.
- I congratulate members of AIOTA for inclusion of occupational therapist as specialist in the medical board as an official signatory with other board members for issuance of Unique Identity Card for Disabled (UDID Card) in all categories of locomotor disabilities including Hemophilia. Government Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad has moved forward in this direction by including occupational therapist also with orthopedic surgeon and medical superintendent as official signatories for issuing certificates. Likewise the first SLD medical board in India also began in Government Mental Health Center, Thrissur (Kerala) with occupational therapist as an official signatory for issuance of certificates. The decision to this effect was taken by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India vide Gazette Notification dated Jan. 4, 2018. I consider this as an achievement of the year in government sector. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Hon. Secretary Dr. Satish Maslekar and EC member Dr. Joseph Sunny and congratulate them to become first signatories in issuance of certificates to PWD's and SLD's.. The State Branches and members throughout India are hereby advised to make all efforts for their inclusion as a specialist in the medical boards in each of the cities in their States for issuance of certification to PWD's and SLD. An urgent needful by you all is the need of today.
- 'Allied & Healthcare Central Council Bill – 2018 'was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 12th Dec. and was referred to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare. Standing committee has invited representations and oral presentations from stake holders and others within 15 days in recently published notification. Key Ministry official has called me in person to extend support for this Bill. It was conveyed to them that AIOTA is reviewing the Bill and seeking opinion of members. It was also informed that bill does not appear to be OT friendly, hence will likely to be resented for suggested modifications. It is open for discussion by members for taking decision for incorporating in AIOTA representation.
- It is also a matter of great pride that the Ergonomic Certification from AIOTA now has become mandatory in government tenders for seating and other furniture ranges. It is a welcome trend that many of the major furniture industries are now regularly approaching us for issuance of AIOTA certification for ergonomic suitability of their products. The certification is issued after fulfilling the requisite guidelines followed with inspection by the nominated two member's team.

- AIOTA is also looking the issue of Cadre review of OT's working in Central Government Hospitals under the leadership of EC Member Dr. Neeraj Mishra.
- On behalf of AIOTA EC & members of AIOTA, I congratulate Dr. Subrata Kumar Halder a faculty from, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack to be honored with National Award on Dec. 3, 2018 by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, in recognition of development of new cost-effective product 'Adjustable Postural Correction Chair' for the use by the children for manufacture aimed at improving the life of children with disabilities. AIOTA has honored him with prestigious Professional Excellence Award-2018.
- ACOT is working strenuously under the potential leadership of Dean Dr. Jyothika Bijlani by offering long duration Fellowship programs and postgraduate certificate courses in specialty areas to update members and OT's with recent advancements to excel them in clinical practice. All academic programs are well received by members with almost full seats. We also have signed memorandum with OTCourses.com (USA) for online courses for members of AIOTA in different areas of OT practice.
- We have come to understand that UGC has accepted AIOTA plead to amend the duration of OT Programs from 4 years to 4 years & 6 months in the UGC records. The notification to this effect will be issued soon by UGC. I am thankful to EC Member Dr. Lalit Narayan for his continuous pursuance to resolve this long pending issue.
- The vision, dedication and hard work of IJOT Editorial Team specifically the Associate Editor Dr. Punita Solanki is admirable. IJOT is now being published by Medknow. I am sure members must have appreciated the newly structured setup of IJOT
- Revamping of AIOTA website has been impressively done by the Web Convener Dr. Joseph Sunny. OTICON2019 information was uploaded in a very impressive format. Members are advised to frequently visit AIOTA Website to get instantly informed, on: professional updates & significant news, accessing IJOT issues & News Letter, OTDay/Month compiled reports and the appeals for cooperation of members on professional issues as and when required.

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. All stated significant achievements would not have been possible without the cooperation & trust from members of AIOTA and the team of AIOTA/ACOT/IJOT executives working with dedication with me. I am blessed to have such a wonderful team working with me. I am thankful to each one of them.

Thank You

Dr Anil K. Srivastava

President, AIOTA

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIOTA

Chandigarh, 09/02/2019

1) Welcome & Opening remarks by President of AIOTA-

Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai chaired the meeting in absence of President Dr. Anil Srivastava. Dr Oberai on the behalf of President welcomed all members of AIOTA. She informed G.B. that due to some unavoidable circumstances, our President sir has to return to Lucknow. He has conveyed his apology. Dr.. Oberai requested Honorary Secretary to proceed with the Agenda and circulate Roll call.

2) G.B. Meeting Roll Call

Sr No	Name	Designation/ Place	Sr No	Name	Designation/ Place
1	Dr Anil K. Srivastava	President	23	Dr Raned Ayer	
2	Dr Shashi Obearai	Vice President	24	Dr Anupam Khanna	
3	Dr Satish S. Maslekar	Hon. Secretary	25	Dr Vasudha Rushi Mohan	
4	Dr Pratibha Vaidya	Hon. Treasurer	26	Dr Hema Kapoor	
5	Dr Zarine Ferzandi	EX-Officio	27	Dr Shilpa Tripathi	
6	Jyothika Bijlani	Dean ACOT	28	Dr Soni Dhavan	
7	Dr Amitabh Dwivedi	EC Member	29	Dr Sounyakanta	Hyderabad
8	Dr Joseph Sunny	EC Member	30	Dr Pranaita Gusain	Delhi
9	Dr S.K. Meena	EC Member	31	Dr Kinkuri Kaur	
10	Dr Neeraj Mishra	EC Member	32	Dr Smridhi Grover	
11	Dr R.K. Sharma	Co opted EC Member	33	Dr Durgesh Pathak	New Delhi
12	Dr Lalitnarayan	Co opted EC Member	34	Dr Subhodh	
13	Dr Punita Solanki	Chairperson Sci. Prog.	35	Dr Ananat Sharma	
14	Dr Bhavindersingh	Organizing Secretary	36	Dr Rashmi Yeradkar	Mumbai
15	Dr Veena Slaich	EC ACOT	37	Dr Pooja Mehta	Mumbai
16	Dr V.S. Bole	EC ACOT	38	Dr Shailaja Jaywant	Mumbai
17	Dr Jayashree Kale	EC ACOT	39	Dr Anuradha Pai	Mumbai
18	Dr Shovan Saha	EC ACOT	40	Dr Nitesh Kumar Srivastav	Lucknow
19	DR Ilavajagan		41	Dr Debashish Panda	
20	Dr Dr Ramakrishna	Puduechery	42	Dr Neha Jain	Jaipur
21	Dr Puniyamurthy	Puduechery	43	Dr Rutvi Kakdiya	Anand
22	Dr Naresh Babu	Puduechery	44	Dr Devashree Pande	

Sr No	Name	Designation/ Place	Sr No	Name	Designation/ Place
45	Dr Gopika govind		63	Dr Joginder Singh	Delhi
46	Dr Ebenzer Wilson Rajkumar	New Delhi	64	Dr Priyadarshi Alok	Patna
47	Dr Noor Mohammad	Delhi	65	Dr Kishor Kumar	Patna
48	Vikram Deep Saxena		66	Dr Abhay Jaiswal	Patna
49	Dr Dinesh gurjar		67	Dr Subhadra	Patna
50	Dr Sudhir Kumar	Ludhiyana	68	Dr Mritunjay Mukund	Ahmadabad
51	Dr Birendra Prasad	Jalandhar	69	Dr Deepak Ganjiwale	Anand
52	Dr Aditya Kumar	Ludhiyana	70	Dr Ranjit Pathak	Chandigarh
53	Dr Braj Kishor Prasad	Chandigarh	71	Dr Vikas Kumar	Chandigarh
54	Dr Mohammad Zaheer	Chennai	72	Dr Lakshamanan	Bangluru
55	Dr Abhijit Mukadam	Nashik	73	Dr Shivani Bhardwaj	Gaziabad
56	Dr Arun Kumar	New Delhi	74	Dr Manjusha Vagal	Mumbai
57	Dr Gaurav Kumar	Delhi	75	Shriharsh Jahagirdar	Mumbai
58	Dr Kapil Kumar	Kannauj	76	Dr Pritpal	Chandigarh
59	Dr Narad Prajapati	Gurgaon	77	Parag Adsule	Goa
60	Dr meenakshi Batra	Delhi	78	Dr Arnit Kumar	Nirtar
61	Dr Vijay Batra	Delhi	79	Dr Subratokumar	Cuttack
62	Dr Santosh Kumar	New Delhi	80	Dr Sanjeev Padankatti	Vellore

3) Confirmation of Minutes of last G.B. Meeting-

Minutes stands as confirmed-

Proposed by- a) Dr. Veena Slaich

Seconded by- b)Dr. Durgesh Pathak

Carried unanimously

Dr. Vijay Batra suggested that, we should appreciate the efforts of Dr. Sujata Malik. Dr Sharma suggested that we should also appreciate efforts taken by Dr. Batra and Dr. Lalit Narayan for UGC matters in respect to modifying the duration of BOT Courses on their website which has created confusions amongst members and institutions imparting BOT education.

4) Matters arising form last G.B. Meeting Minutes-

There were no matters arising out of the minutes.

4) Submission of Annual Reports - (Reports Attached)

6) Appointment of Auditor-

G.B. Unanimously agreed for appointment of Mr Raheja and Raheja company as an Auditor of AIOTA.

7) Constitutional Amendments-

No amendments are proposed.

8) Appointment of Chairperson of Election Committee-

Dr Oberai informed that, in last G. B. Meeting many members have suggested for online election. G.B. Formed a committee of members like Dr Sanjeev padankatti & Dr Lakshmanan to submit opinions on all aspects for conducting AIOTA election by online mode . Dr Maslekar requested Dr Lakshamanan to brief G.B. about the procedures for online election.

After briefing by Dr Lakshmanan, G.B. Unanimously agreed for Online election. Dr Durgesh and Dr Dr. Devashish proposed the name of Dr Santosh Kumar while Dr. Punita and Dr. Shivani proposed the name of Dr. Lakshmanan for Chairperson of Election Committee. Dr Ranjit pathak and Dr Hema has proposed Dr. Lalitnarayan's name as Chairperson of Election committee. Dr Naresh Babu proposed the name of Dr. Rajkumar (He himself also volunteered). Dr Pritpal proposed the name of Dr Ranjit Pathak.

Dr Kamal Arya suggested that, Election Chairperson should not be coopted as an Executive Member of AIOTA. G.B. Agreed for this.

Dr Rajkumar and Dr Lalitnarayan did not accept their nominations..

G.B. nominated Dr. Jayashri S. Kale and Dr Abhijit Mukadam to conduct voting amongst remaining three nominees (Dr. Santosh Kumar, Dr. Ranjit Pathak & Dr. Lakshmanan S). Voting was carried. Dr. Jayashri S. Kale announced that Dr. Lakshmanan S. has received highest no. of votes. GB elected Dr. Lalshmanan S (Bangalore) as a Chairman-Election Committee to carry out AIOTA Election-2019 by online mode.

9) Invitation for 57th Annual national conference of AIOTA-

In last G.B. Meeting Dr Jayashri S. Kale had been given invitation to host 57th Annual national conference of AIOTA. KEM Occupational therapy school is completing 70 years. They want to celebrate it at Mumbai to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of OT School at G.S.Med. College, Mumbai. GB unanimously approved to organize OTICON'2020 at Mumbai.

Dr. Abhay K. Jaiswal proposed 2021 conference at Patna. The proposal was also received for OTICON'2022 at Pondicherry. The proposals were noted for discussion in next GB Meeting for decision.

10) Any Other matters-

Dr. Kamal Narayan criticized for openly serving of Liquor to students during dinner on Feb.8 and advised that it should not be allowed. Dr. Oberai replied that, this is not acceptable and the Organizing committee has not consulted for the same. Dr. Bhavinder clarified that

Students were not allowed but probably some delegates have given them the coupons. Dr. Oberai strongly condemned and said it should not repeat in future.

Dr. Kishor Kumar HOD of OT/PT College PMCH, Patna informed that, Government has provided him a car for the office purpose. G B applauded him for his dedicated efforts.

Dr Arun suggested that, There should be one term of EC member to nominate for office bearer of AIOTA. Dr Sharma and Dr Maslekar replied that, it would not be appropriate to frequently modify the Byelaws. GB met at Trivandrum in 2013 (only during the last tenure of EC) resolved to extend the tenure of EC from two to four years, hence it may not be appropriate and may also be objected by the Charity Commissioner for such frequent changes in Byelaws.

Dr Batra suggested that, we should file a PIL on syllabus of PMR. Dr. Pritpal responded that, we should go with PMR rather than filing a PIL. Dr. Sharma responded that, instead we should improve our standards of education and practice, rather than filing a PIL.

Vote of Thanks-Hon Secretary Dr. Satish Maslekar extended vote of thanks on the behalf of President and all EC members to G.B. Members for enthusiastically participating in discussions in G.B. He also thanked to Dr Bhavinder and his team for providing a good venue for G.B. Meeting and impressive arrangements in organizing OTICON-2019 at Chandigarh.

Thanks to Dr. Anil Sir, Dr. Oberai madam and all EC for their valued cooperation as and when was required.

Respectfully submitted by

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

Proposed by- a) Dr Jayashri S. Kale

Secoded by - b) Dr Vijay Batra

Carried unanimously

SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS - [2018-2019]

FROM THE OFFICE OF HON. SECRETARY

It gives me an immense pleasure to present the annual report of the office of the Hon. Secretary for the year 2018—2019. Following is a summary of all activities taken by Hon. Secretary Office.

AIOTA National Headquarter was inaugurated on 20th April 2018 at 11.30 AM by the Chief Guest Shri Ganesh Naik, Ex Guardian Minister Thane. Shri Jaywant Sutar Mayor Navi Mumbai and AIOTA stalwart Dr Ramesh Oza , Former President of AIOTA and EX - Director of Occupational Therapy School and Centre, GMC, Nagpur were the Guests of Honor.

This year we conducted Three EC Meetings and for the first time two Virtual EC meeting. The first EC meeting was at AIOTA National Headquarter, Nerul, Navi Mumbai after the inaugural function of AIOTA Headquarter.

UDID- In the month of September: Central Government has started UDID Certificate for all 21 types of Disability. I got appointed as Coordinator for UDID for Aurangabad District. As AIOTA Hon. Secretary, I continuously communicated with State and Central team of UDID and finally with the sustained efforts of AIOTA, now OT is also included in the specialty column and as one of the Signatory Authority in the Medical Board for certification of for Loco motor, Autism, Hemophilia and other disabilities. Incidentally now I am the first Occupational Therapist in India, who who was one of the signatories for certification of Loco motor and for Hemophilia Disabilities. Beginning from September 2018, around 250 Loco motor and Hemophilia Certificate were issued with me as signatory from specialty profession of occupational therapy for issuance of Disability Certificate. This is big achievement for OT profession in India which was pending since many years and needs to be stressed upon by members in their States and cities for multidimensional development of OT in India.

Dr Durgesh suggested that, UDID GR about inclusion of Occupational therapist should be uploaded on AIOTA website. The suggestion was noted.

51 License Verifications were issued after confirmation from Hon. Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,

Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

HON TREASURERS REPORT

It gives me an immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of AIOTA for the Year 2018- 19

Status of Membership Applications:

Life membership enrolled till Feb. 2019	216
No. of student members enrolled till Feb 2019	425
No of Renewal of membership	30
Request by members for change of Name	01
Request by members for Id Card	04
Provisional Membership	01

Duplicate ACOT/LM certificate	01
Request of members for License Verification / Good Standing	51

Bank Details / Investments

There is one FD Central Bank Of India Mumbai Central Branch -	Rs 20,00,000
There is one FD Bank of Baroda Nerul Branch-	Rs 5,00,000
Balance Savings Bank A/C at CBI Mumbai Central Bank as of 30/01/19	Rs 41,86685
Balance Savings Bank A/C at Bank of Baroda Nerul as of 30/01/19 -	Rs 27,52,166

AIOTA Conference Matters

Received 10% of registration fee from Dr. S. K. Meena Organizing Secretary OTICON 2017 Jaipur.
 Received 10% of registration fee from Dr. Sofia Azad Organizing Secretary OTICON 2018 Nagpur.
 Not received Audited Accounts from both Dr. Meena and Dr. Azad

AIOTA Income & Expenses at a glance

INCOME

- Received Rs **25,000/-** each from SOAH Manipal for Accreditation of M.O.T. Program and Rs **25000** from Jamia Hamdard for Renewal of accreditation of MOT course
 - Received Rs **1000/-** from Akash for Minimum standards booklet
 - Received Rs. **10000** each from two candidates for PAMOT certification for the purpose of NBCOT.
 - Received Rs 1,00,000 from Dr Manish Samnani for fellowship in pediatrics
 - Received 10% of registration fee from Dr. S.K. Meena Organizing Secretary 2017 Jaipur Conference. Rs. **71,178**
 - Received 10% of registration fee from Dr. Sofia Azad Organizing Secretary 2018 Nagpur Conference Rs **1,83,300**
 - Received from 2 members of AIOTA fee towards FACOT **Rs.20000**
 - Total Collections for Paediatrics Fellowship 20 Participants Rs.9,14,755 and also total of Rs 25000/- for displaying Banners.(914755+25000 = 9,39,755) Total Expenditure Rs. 5,93,631. Balance (9,39,755-5,93631 = 3,46124) Total Balance adding payment from Samnani Rs. 4,46,124
 - Total Money deposited towards registration for Drivers Rehab **Rs. 47,500**
- Expenditure Rs. **35228/-** Balance with AIOTA Rs. **12,272**
- Total Collections for Research Methodology Workshop 18 Participants Rs.**85,404**. Expenditure Rs. **71,818**
 - 12 candidates paid for Fellowship program in Neurorehab Total collection Rs. **4,81,000 + 9000 (Returned Rs 36000/-**
 - Total Collection for wheelchair workshop **Rs. 49000/-** Expenditure Rs. **37000/-**
 - Total Collection of webinar at headquarters Rs **12000/-**
 - Received **Rs.1,53,649/-** from OT courses.com

EXPENSES

- Paid Rs **4838/-** on 27/02/18 to Sinjore technologies for conversion of word to XML format IJOT 49 Issue 4 AND Vol 50(1) , Vol 50(2) Rs **7080**
- Paid Rs. **1000/-** for stamp paper required for documentation of purchase of property to Charity Commissioner
- Paid Rs. **1000/-** for stamp paper required for the purpose of change of address and new Pan Card and for Acquiring TAN No.
- Paid Rs **1,47,500** to PCB/APPS Global Pvt. Ltd. as AIOTA Website redesigning charges
- Paid RS. 45000/- to Intertoons Internet services for Web Development
- Paid Rs. **82,500** to Sienti Solutions Pvt Ltd as 50% advance amount for web development
- Paid RS. **79200/-** to Intertoons Internet services for Web Development after deducting 2% tax at source (Rs 3300/-)
- Paid Rs **1,73,460** to Walters Kluwer India Pvt Ltd after deducting 2% tax at source (Rs 3450/-). One time fee for journal website Rs 1.00,000 and one time fee for manuscript Management system Rs 50,000 IGST Rs 27000
- Expenses incurred during inauguration of office on 21/04/18 – **Rs 1,26,839**
- Expenses incurred for OT day celebration 30/10/18 Walkathon, Drawing competition Rs. **44,463/ + Rs 25000/-** to the photographer for photos and videos
- Paid Advance of Rs. **20000/-** to CA appointed for purpose of FCRA certificate
- Paid Salary to Ms Agnihotri Office staff (Aug to Nov 2018) **Rs.19632/-**

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 31/03/2019

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 & Malnte	-	On Securities	-
Salaries	-	On Loans	-
Insurance	-	On IT refunds	5,060.00
Depreciation	-	On Bonds	-
Other Expenses	-	On Bank Accounts	-
		- S/h	145156
To <u>Establishment Expenses</u>	10,40,121.77	- FD	167729.5
(Sch1)			3,12,885.45
To <u>Remuneration to trustee</u>	-		
To <u>Legal Expenses</u>	21,000.00	By <u>Income from UTI</u>	-
To <u>Audit Fees</u>	25,000.00	By <u>Donation</u>	4,56,001.00
To <u>Contribution & fees</u>	-	By <u>Grants</u>	-
To <u>Amt Written off</u>	-	By <u>Income from Other Sources</u>	65,63,264.45
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	51,43,557.50		
(Sch2)			
To <u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	11,07,531.63	By <u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>	-
	73,37,210.90		73,37,210.90

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

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President. Hon. Secretary. Hon. Treasurer.

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- Received IJOT subscription for 2018 from Different organizations **Rs.48400**
- Overseas subscription from EBSCO ,USA- **Rs 41990 (18/9/18) and 20995 (21/11/18)**
- Received subscription for IJOT from Shri Ram Murthi Smarak Trust Rs **5000/-**
- Printing and Postage of IJOT News Letter: Rs 121,817
- Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 49 Issue-3: Rs. 43727
- Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 49 Issue-4: Rs 48895
- Paid Advance to Editor-in-Chief for IJOT Vol.50 Issue 1 Rs 30000
- Mailing by self Rs 32051
- **Total Rs 2,46490**
- Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 50 Issue -1 Rs. 21900
- Printing and Postage of IJOT Vol. 50 Issue - 2 Rs 29723
- Paid Advance to Editor-in-Chief for IJOT Vol.50 Issue 1 Rs 30000
- Mailing by self Rs 17216
- Advance for printing News letter Rs. 30000
- **Total Rs 98,839**

INCOME TAX AND AUDITORS:

- Income Tax Returns for the Year 2018-2019 filed in Sept 2018
- TAN Number Received for AIOTA
- Paid Rs **23600/-** to Vishal Raheja CA for the Financial year 2017-18
- Paid Rs.**25000/-** to Raheja and Associates for the Financial year 2017-18

Total Expenditure incurred in purchase of Office at Nerul, Navi Mumbai including stamp duty & Registration, advocate, vendor, Agent & Property Tax : Rs.1,26,13,723

Expenditure till date towards furnishing and interiors etc: Rs.12,55,729

IN VIEW OF PURCHASE OF OFFICE FOR AIOTA AT NAVI MUMBAI FURTHER PAYMENT MADE

Name	Amount	Date	Cheque No.	Bank
Golchha International (Camera)	1,34200	15/03/18	419315NEFT	CBI
D- Vois Communication Pvt Ltd (Broad band cable)	12000	14/03/18	419307	CBI
Pionec Electronic System (CCTV)	15000	14/03/18	419308	CBI
Pionec Electronic System (CCTV)	15000	14/03/18	419309	CBI
Eureka Forbes (Aqua Guard)	10190	14/03/18 (23/03/18)	419310	CBI
MSEB (Electricity Bill)	920	14/03/18 (17/03/18)	419311	CBI
Vijay Sales Godrej Fridge	10990	14/03/18 (28/03/19)	419312	CBI
Vijay Sales Sidhansh Sony TV	80990	14/03/18 (19/02/18)	419313	CBI
Favourite Furnishing	12200	04/04/18	419317	CBI
Vijay Sales (Desktop)	28400	04/04/18	419318	CBI
Vijay Enterprises (Gayathri Shastri)-Boards Balance amount	20000	12/04/18	419319	CBI
Inarch Interior Designers & turn Keys Contractors (Balance Amount)	3.00.000	14/04/18	419320	CBI
Infiniti Retail Ltd (Laptop)	57994	18/04/18	NEFT	CBI
Favourite Furnishing	12200	18/04/18		CBI
C.P.John Labour Work Office	75000	26/04/18	610164	CBI
Vijay Enterprises (Banners)	10300	28/07/18		
Property Tax	27053	25/09/18	490093	CBI
Geonet HP Printer	12288	24/09/18		CBI
Eswipe DFL Agencies	12410	21/10/18		
MSELB payment (April to December 2018)	10755			
MTNL (Aug to Dec 2018)	2040			

DONATIONS FOR ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AT AIOTA HEADQUARTER

1	Punita Solanki	10000	NEFT	23/02/18
2	Jyothika Bijlani	10000	NEFT	26/02/18
3	V.T. Sawlani	25000	NEFT	27/02/18
4	Kartik Mani	25000	NEFT	28/02/18
5	Arisyuvady	10200	NEFT	08/03/18
6	Anil Srivastava	11000	Cheque	17/03/18
7	Pankaj Bajpai	75000	NEFT	20/03/18
8	Manjusha Vagal	10000	NEFT	21/03/18
9	Pratibha Vaidya	10000	Cheque	07/04/18
10	Dr. R.K.Sharma	30000	Cheque	21/04/18
11	Dr. Zariine Ferzandi	10000	Cheque	21/04/18
12	Dr. S.K.Meena	11000	Cheque	21/04/18
13	Dr. Manek Sangoi	50000	Cheque	20/04/18
14	Dr. Shashi Oberai	10000	Cheque	27/07/18
15	Dr. Raghuram	11000	NEFT	27/05/18
16	Dr Neeraj Mishra	10001	IMPS	09/09/18
17	Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi	10000	Cheque	09/09/18
18	Dr. Joseph Sunny	10000	IMPS	14/12/18

I thank for the valuable cooperation from Dr. Anil Srivastava - President AIOTA, Dr. Shashi Oberai - Vice President AIOTA, Dr. Satish Maslekar - Secretary AIOTA, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani - Dean ACOT and Dr. Zarine Ferzandi - Ex Officio and all EC Members and Dr. Bhavinder Singh – Organizing Secretary and Dr. Pritpal Singh Treasurer OTICON' 19 & Team Members

Special thanks to Dr. Neeraj Mishra and Dr Joseph Sunny for understanding my difficulties and helping and supporting me at every moment

Thanks to Mr. Sachin Naik for errands and miscellaneous work

My special thanks to all AIOTA members

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya

Hon. Treasurer AIOTA

Dr Shovan enquired that now we have purchased AIOTA office, do we get some tax benefit? Dr Pratibha and Dr Oberai informed that, we need not pay tax.

Proposed by- a) Dr. Sovan Saha
Seconded by- b) Dr. Ilavajagan R
Carried Unanimously

REPORT FROM WFOT DELEGATE

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

OTICON 2018 information & Academic Activities were sent to WFOT which was well appreciated.

Photographs with News of inauguration of AIOTA National Headquarter was sent to WFOT which I totally were appeared in WFOT E-Newsletter of September 2018, which was sent to all member countries. AIOTA received many letters of congratulations from member countries and WFOT officials.

WFOT President & Executive Director sent letter of appreciation for the innovative PowerPoint presentation on AIOTA Vision & Mission sent in July 2018.

OTICON2019- Chandigarh information was uploaded on WOT Website prominently by providing a direct link to AIOTA Website.

World OT Day and OTIndia Month celebration compiled report from India was also sent in Dec.2018. The letter of appreciation from WFOT Executive Director is published in IJOT Vol. 50 Issue 4 (2018).

Updated information of AIOTA/WFOT accredited program was desired by WFOT on Excel Sheet which was prepared by ACOT and was sent. Newly accredited OT program of Goa Medical College was sent and is listed on WFOT Website.

AIOTA strongly resented to WHO Document 'classifying health workers: Mapping occupations to the international standard classification'. On the page no. 5: ISCO Code- 2264 for classification of Physiotherapy therein and also the page no. 6: ISCO Code- 2269 for Occupational Therapy, which is included as Health Professionals not elsewhere classified under the category of 'Health Professionals'. ISCO is published by International Labor Organization.

AIOTA has sent a letter of protest against such a classification by WHO which has diluted the significance and value of the occupational therapy profession which is now age-old and fully developed in respect to academics, clinical practice, rehabilitation including community-based rehabilitation. WFOT too has strongly resented to it. AIOTA has received letter from ILO with an assurance that it will be discussed and the decision on reclassification will be taken in the ILO.

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

Thank you

Respectfully submitted by VP Dr. Shashi Oberai on behalf of WFOT Delegate

Dr Anil K.Srivastava

WFOT Delegate.

Proposed by- a) Dr Kamal Arya
b) Dr Anupama Mishra

Carried Unanimously

REPORT FROM DEAN ACOT

COTE/Courses in year 2018

Following courses were organized by ACOT/AIOTA or in collaboration with others during 2018-19.

1.1 March 2018 : “Driver rehabilitation”

One day certificate course was successfully conducted by faculty of AIIPMR, Mumbai on 10th March 2018 in AIIPMR which was organized by AIIPMR in collaboration with ACOT/AIOTA. Total 28 candidates attended the course.

1.2- April 2018 : “Science and Ethics of Research Methodology and Art of Writing Research”

1st academic activity in AIOTA headquarters was organized Online & live from 22nd to 25th April 2018 under the aegis of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) in collaboration with Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT) of AIOTA. Total 18 participants registered. Dr. Punita V. Solanki was the convener for the COTE.

1.3- May 2018: “Health Conditions in Children & Adolescents”

Live and Webinar Program by All India Occupational Therapists’ Association (AIOTA) in collaboration with its Regional Chapters/Branches was organized at AIOTA headquarters on 14th May 2018. In this program “Vision and Mission of AIOTA, ACOT and IJOT” were presented by Dr. Shashi Oberai, Vice President, AIOTA, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, Dean, ACOT & Dr. Punita Solanki, Associate Editor IJOT respectively. Lectures were delivered on “Project Career: iPad Use Among Post-Secondary Students with Traumatic Brain Injury” by Dr. Karen Jacobs (USA) & “Diagnostic Assessment in Autism Spectrum Disorder: Occupational Therapy Perspective” by Dr. Harsh Vardhan (New Zealand) respectively

1.4- June 2018: AIOTA’S 1st Annual “Fellowship Program 2017-18: FAOT: NDD”

The Third & concluding part was scheduled in June 2018 . Erna Blanche from US delivered lectures on specialized topics in SI & NDT during last 3 days. Total no of candidates were 20 out of that one discontinued, 15 successfully completed the course in June while rest of 4 completed by Dec 2018. Chief guest for Valedictory function was AIOTA president Dr Anil Srivastava who handed over the completion certificates to fellow candidates. The function was attended by Stefanie Bodison, the mentors & faculties of fellowship program, HODs & faculties of LTMMC & TN medical college, Odette Gomes & Kavita M were also present amongst other guests.

1.5- June 2018: Sensory integration continuing education certificate course

Sensory integration continuing education certificate course 1,2 & 3 by USC chan Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy, University of Southern California was organized for only occupational therapy professionals by SOCH, Delhi in collaboration with ACOT/ AIOTA in Avion Hotel, Mumbai from 4th June 2018 to 8th June 2018 & from 10th June 2018 to 15th June 2018.

1.6- JULY 2018: “Sensory integration for individuals with Autism Spectrum” & “Sensory Integration in school based settings “

Both special courses were held from 17th July to 20th July 2018 Mumbai by SOCH in collaboration with ACOT/AIOTA.

1.7 -September 2018: “Fellowship Program 2018-19 in advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro-rehab”

Part 1 of Fellowship Program 2018-19 in advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro rehabilitation (FAOT: NR) (INDIA) was organized from 26th to 29th Sept 2018 at AIOTA head quarter, Navi Mumbai

1.8 -Sept. 2018: “Wheelchair seating and Mobility”

One day work shop on Wheelchair seating & mobility was organized by AIIPMR in collaboration with ACOT/AIOTA on 29th Sept 2018.

1.9 - January to December - Online courses of OT courses.com from US in collaboration with AIOTA

1.10 - February 8 2019- Preconference COTE on “Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro rehabilitation” at OTICON 2019

2.0 -Future Planned activities: Academic Year 2019

- **March 29 to 31-** certificate course on “PAMOT”, GBPIPMER, Delhi
- **April 6 to June 29 -** 12 weeks- Post graduate certificate course in “Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro & Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation”, Jupiter Hospital, Thane, off Mumbai
- **April 20 to 21 -** Certificate course in “Introduction to office Ergonomics: Module 1, AIOTA Headquarters, Navi Mumbai
- **June 22-** workshop on “Upper Extremity splinting, Assistive Technology & Tele-rehab. in Neurorehabilitation”, GBPIPMER, Delhi
- **June 23-** workshop on “Hands on techniques for motor re-education” GBPIPMER, Delhi
- **June 24 to 26 -** concluding part III AIOTA's 2nd Annual Fellowship in Advanced Occupational Therapy: Neurorehabilitation (India) (FAOT: NR)2018" organised by ACOT/ AIOTA
- **Sept 2019-** 9 months- Part I AIOTA's 3rdAnnual “Fellowship in Advanced Occupational Therapy in Musculoskeletal Rehab. & Ergonomics”

3.0-AIOTA accreditation

3.1- Following 9 OT colleges have been started in academic year 2016-17, 17-18 & 18-19

Not applied for AIOTA accreditation-

1) RMM College of OT, Tamil Nadu 2) Saveetha College of OT, Chennai 3) OTcollege of Sri Ramchandra University, Tamil Nadu 4) OT college, NIEPMD, Tirchuri 5) Meenakshi OT School in Tamil Nadu 6) JSS University in Mysore 7) Amity University in Noida 8) SCI Centre in Delhi 9) MG College of OT, Jaipur

4.0- **August 2018-Curriculum draft** for BOT & MOT Courses was reviewed by Dr. Srivastava, Dr. Bijlani & Dr. Neeraj Mishra & was submitted to Kavita Narayan, Director, MOHFW

5.0- FACOT 2018: Following were awarded Fellow of Academic Council of OT

1. Dr Anuradha Pai faculty from LTMMC, Mumbai
2. Dr Sanjeev Padankatti HOD of OT school, CMC, Vallore had applied for “Fellowship in academic council of OT”.

Their applications were then subsequently approved by AIOTA Executives after recommendations by reviewing committee.

6.0 World OT Day/Month

The theme on World OT day & AIOTA'S OT India month (celebrating our Global community) was conveyed to all the Heads of the department of OT colleges for celebration from 27th Oct. 2018 to 26th Nov 2018 in their respective institutions & they were asked to send the brief report along with some photographs. All the institutes who celebrated the OT DAY/OT Month. They have sent the report of celebration of this event which has been printed in the newsletter & also uploaded on AIOTA WEBSITE.

7.0- SLD Certification-

The committee of Occupational Therapists working in state/central govt or corporation hospitals & involved in the “assessment & intervention of children with SLD” & their disability certification was formed to work on standard method of “comprehensive Assessment in SLD “by Occupational Therapist to bring uniformity in the OT assessment for SLD Children all over India. The committee consisted of Dean ACOT, Dr. Bijlani, Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Dr. Shailaja Jaywant, Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti, Dr. Anupama Khanna, Dr. Joseph Sunny, Dr. Gita , Dr. Anurupa Senapati & Dr. Sofia Azad & have finalized the assessment proforma for the same which needs to be still validated & also normative data on Indian population has to be developed on 2 standardized test batteries 1) Beery VMI & 2) Sensory Profile & 3) BOTMP

8.0- Guidelines for standardization of OT section of therapy centres :

AIOTA formed a committee consisting of Dean ACOT Dr. Bijlani & Dr. Jayashri S. Kale, Dr. Pratibha Vaidya , Dr. Rashmi Yeradkar, Dr. Deepa Pradhan, Dr. Sunita K & Dr. Karuna Nadkarni, the HODs & faculties of 4 OT schools in Mumbai for preparing Guidelines for standardization of OT section of therapy centres

The guidelines have been prepared for the same & have been submitted to the Kerala state Govt.

Guidelines were prepared for children with Neuro Developmental disorders, Locomotor disabilities & Intellectual disabilities & for adults with neuro & musculoskeletal disabilities & with mental disorders

I am thankful to Executive Chairman Dr. Anil Srivastava for his continuous support, guidance & encouragement and all the Executives of ACOT and AIOTA for their timely co-operation in all above activities.

My special thanks to treasurer Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Dr. Shriharsh Jhagirdar , Dr. Neeraj Mishra & Dr. Lakshmanan S and all the national & international faculty & mentors for their extensive & selfless support for my ongoing fellowship programs & I am sure they would continue the same in future programs.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Jyothika Bijlani

Dean ACOT

Dr. Batra suggested to include Dr. Meenakshi and Dr. Sanjeev for SLD Validation. Suggestion was noted.

Proposed by- a) Dr. Hema Kapoor

Seconded by- b) Dr. Veena Slaich

Carried Unanimously.

REPORT FROM EDITOR IJOT

IJOT Meetings Held:

1. 4th IJOT Meeting on 16th February, 2018, Friday at 2.00 pm at Nagpur, (During OTICON'2018)

Considering the unsatisfactory work of website provider PCB Apps and Sinjore Technology (Editing and XML conversion service provider) it was discussed to seek quotations from the three prospective service providers from Bangalore, Cochin and Mumbai (Wolters Kluwer-Medknow Publications only for IJOT work) and then finalize whom to outsource the services from 2018 onward. To aim that IJOT remains self-funded practice and it does not financially burden AIOTA for annual expenses. A decision was also taken on moving from subscription to open access journal by IJOT board members.

2. 5th IJOT Meeting Venue:

Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Office at Andheri East, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India to discuss details of outsourcing the journal. The meeting was attended by Associate Editor, Dr. Punita V. Solanki and two Medknow Executive Officers viz. Mr. Hemant Manjrekar and Ms. Mamta Java

3. 6th IJOT Meeting 20th April, 2018, Friday at 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Venue: AIOTA National Headquarter, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India with the Wolters Kluwer - Medknow Publications House's Executive Mr. Hemant Manjrekar. Meeting was attended by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, Editor, Dr. Shashi Oberai, Associate Editor, Dr. Punita V. Solanki, Assistant Editor, Dr. Lakshmanan Sethuraman, Website Convener, Dr. Joseph Sunny and the AIOTA Treasurer, Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya

Unanimously it was decided to outsource the journal to Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House from IJOT 2018 Volume 50 Issue 3 (July-September) onward at a negotiated charge (with a clause of cutting down the printing charges by printing only those many copies based on demands). It was requested to send the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for review and signing by both parties, to start the collaborative work. The MoU was signed in the month of May 2018 by Editor-in-Chief Dr. Anil K. Srivastava on behalf of the Editorial Board of IJOT, to initiate the work of IJOT 2018, Volume 50, Issue 3.

4. 7th IJOT Meeting on 29th October, 2018, Monday at 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Venue: AIOTA National Headquarter, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

IJOT Editorial Board Meeting at AIOTA's National Headquarter with the Wolters Kluwer - Medknow Publications House's Executives viz. Ms. Juilee Naik and Mr. Nipu Kumar Nath with Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, Editor, Dr. Shashi Oberai, Associate Editor, Dr. Punita V. Solanki, Assistant Editor, Promotion, Dr. Lakshmanan Sethuraman, Assistant Editor, Website, Dr. Joseph Sunny and finalized necessary details reg. training for online submissions and review of articles, publication, subscription, circulation and advertisement and promotion etc.

Information of Significance:

- IJOT publication layout was changed significantly
- From January, 2018 to January, 2019, about 27 manuscripts were processed for peer review and publication procedure, with documentation of timeline from the date of submission of fresh, revised manuscript to the date of emailing official acceptance letter to the authors. In our tenure since April 2016 to date: about total of 64 submissions (63 manuscripts and 1 letter to the editor) were processed. Of the total 64 processed papers list: 3 submissions were rejected, about 10 were released on author's request, 41 were accepted and published, 7 are under peer review process and some authors have not responded after initial communications about.
- Backlog of OTICON'2015, OTICON'2016, OTICON'2017 and new submissions of OTICON'2018 were reviewed. The papers found below publication standards and some papers on author's request, were sent Release Letters.
- News, Information and Announcements were compiled by the Editor-in-Chief, Editor and Associate Editor for IJOT 2018, Volume 50, Issue 1 to 4. Currently IJOT 2018 Volume 50 Issue 4 (October-December) and IJOT 2019 Volume 51 Issue 1 (January - March) are in process.
- IJOT details and new documents upload in the IJOT subdomain website of AIOTA's main domain website (<http://aiota.org/publications/ljot>) is in process.
- IJOT work has been taken over by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House from IJOT 2018, Volume 50, Issue 3 onward.
- New website has been created and updated by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House viz. <http://www.ijotonweb.org/> along with the online management system on Journal on Web (JoW) Page viz. <http://www.journalonweb.com/ijoth/> for online editorial and peer review work by the editorial and review board, for online submission by authors and for online management by the administrators of the publication house. New email ids were also created for all 6 editorial board members for official communications related to IJOT.

- Many new reformations have been introduced by Wolters Kluwer India Private Limited - Medknow Publication House viz. new print layout, new cover designs, revised editorial statement, revised subscription rates, bar code for each article, digital object identifier (DOI) for each article, open access in html, introduction new indexing and abstracting sites, introduction of JoW information page in IJOT etc. Discussions are still on, for adding many more reformations in 2019.
- Current indexing and abstracting status: The journal is registered with the following abstracting partners: Baidu Scholar, CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure), EBSCO, Publishing's Electronic Databases, Ex Libris – Primo Central, Google Scholar, Hinari, Infotrieve, National Science Library, ProQuest, TdNet, Wanfang Data. The journal is indexed with, or included in, the following: Indian Citation Index

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Punita V. Solanki, Associate Editor On Behalf of the IJOT Editorial Board

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Shashi Oberai
Editor

Dr. Punita V. Solanki
Associate Editor

Proposed by- a) Dr Arun Kishor
b) Dr Jayashri S. Kale

Carried Unanimously.

REPORT FROM CONVENER COUNCIL ACT COMMITTEE

I am pleased to submit the report and updates on central council of occupational therapy. We were continuously in follow up in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi . President Dr. Anil Srivastava sir , Dr R.K. Sharma sir and Dr Neeraj had attended a meeting with Mrs Kavita Narayan regarding Allied & Healthcare Professions Council Bill-2018 . Later on me as Hon. Secretary and EC Member Dr Neeraj had a meeting with her and she was convinced for an independent board for Occupational Therapy with appropriate inclusion of OT's in the proposed Bill.

The Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha in Dec 12, 2018 and is referred to Department Related Parliamentary Sanding Committee on Health & Family Welfare.

The Bill was circulated from the office of the President to all OT Heads, Members of AIOTA and Branches through the offices of the Hon. Secretary, Dean ACOT, Coordinator AIOTAranches and Admin AIOTA for seeking opinion and comments from Members for incorporating in AIOTA representations followed with meeting and discussion before the Standing Committee.

Officials of Ministry of Health has requested on telephone to President AIOTA for supporting the Bill and send nomination of 2 AIOTA officials for the proposed meeting with Standing Committee. President Dr. Anil Srivastava has strongly shown his displeasure on the Bill as being not OT Friendly. He informed that the Bill is under review and if the grievances of the OT profession are addressed properly, members might accept the Bill. They assured that hopefully it will be taken care of. President nominated following 3 officials for the proposed meeting.

President AIOTA- **Dr. Anil Srivastava**

EC Members- **Dr. R.K. Sharma** (Advisor Council Act Committee) and **Dr. Neeraj Mishra**

AIOTA has prepared a provisional representation with non-acceptance of various provisions of the Bill for necessary amendments giving valid reasons. It is circulated to all State Branches, Members through Email database and Head of Occupational therapy Colleges on Jan 29, 2019. Members are requested for making all efforts through their resources and local MPs and Ministers and eminent persons for sending letters of recommendations for rectifying the errors of the Bill in respect to OT Profession.

If things will be not in favor of the OT profession, we may opt for a legal course of action.

I am grateful to President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava, for all his efforts, dedication and guidance and sincere cooperation of Dr. Neeraj Mishra and all EC's for central council issue.

Respectfully submitted

Dr Satish S. Maslekar,
Convener, Council Act Committee,

Dr Durgesh questioned that which representation has submitted to Parliamentary standing committee, Dr Neeraj responded that, He will give him that copy. Dr Sharma also responded to prepare a draft as per the present bill with suggestions, we will definitely incorporate the valid suggestions. Dr Batra suggested that, AIOTA should circulate the draft to all members of AIOTA. Dr. Neeraj replied that, We did already. Dr. Sharma also responded that, the bill is in the Parliamentary Standing Committee, so we can't go to court of law right now.

Dr. Kale has also informed that, Maharashtra Council of Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy has of which she is Vice President, has also submitted representation for Allied and Healthcare bill.

Dr Priyadarshani Yadav has suggested that, Whatever AIOTA is interacting with Government, It should come on Social Media.Suggestion was noted.

Proposed by- a) Dr Abhijit Mukadam
Seconded by b) Dr Vijay Batra

Carried unanimously.



Improving World Health & Wellbeing



Message from President AIOTA

OT DAY & AIOTA'S OTINDIA MONTH-2019

Thank you!



President and Executive Committee of AIOTA are pleased to extend heartfelt thanks to the members of AIOTA, OT Colleges, State Branches of AIOTA and the institutions with OT set up in government and private sector for enthusiastic response in celebrating the World OT Day & OTIndia Month-2019 throughout the country during 27th October to 26th November 2019. The Theme "Improving World Health and Wellbeing" given by WFOT was appreciated and welcomed by all.

We also express thanks to the faculties and students of OT Colleges specifically Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai Branch of AIOTA, AIIPM&R and OT Department of Tata Cancer Hospital, Mumbai for their encouraging participation added with full cooperation, in making AIOTA organized OT Day celebration in Mumbai exemplary successful.

The celebration reports received much more in number in 2019 than in past years reveal the need and significance of annual OT Day celebration for generating awareness and promotion of OT for reaching to the unreached- not only to government, fellow medical professionals, and younger generation but ultimately to the masses-the ultimate goal. It certainly has helped OT profession in India in achieving results throughout the country in form of recognition in government sector besides opening and reopening of OT colleges in different States of India in past few years.

Dated: November 30, 2019

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava

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WORLD OT DAY & AIOTA'S OTINDIA MONTH 2019

The Report of Celebration by AIOTA

Nov. 9, 2019, Mumbai

The All India Occupational Therapists' Association celebrated the World OT Day during AIOTA's OTIndia Month in Mumbai on 9th Nov.2019. The highlights of the celebrations were Pre event press release for about 1 week in print and electronic media in the commonly spoken local languages English, Hindi and Marathi. Then on 9th Nov. a Walkathon with the Theme- Walk for OT, was organized in collaboration with G.S. Medical College, K.E.M. Hospital , Mumbai, Mumbai Branch of AIOTA and Occupational Therapy Colleges of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai and Tata Cancer Hospital. About 4 km Walk with participation of about 500 members, AIOTA & ACOT EC officials and Executive members, faculties, clinical OTs and enthusiastic students was superbly organized. The highlight of the superbly organized walkathon was display of banners of AIOTA's State Branches for its projection as national event of OTs in India.



Press Conference at Press Club of India, Mumbai



The All India Occupational Therapists' Association celebrates
World Occupational Therapy Day & OTIndia Month 2019
On
9th November, 2019, Saturday from 8.00 am onward
Venue: KEM Hospital, Parel East, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Dress Code: White and Blue
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**Let's promote Occupational Therapy in our positive world
On this OTIndia month 2019!**

Events

- Walkathon-Flag off at 8:00 am
- Street Play by OT Students
- Press Meet

In collaboration with OT Colleges:
SUSMC, TNMC, LTMMC, AIOPM,
IOP, PAF, IIT, Department of
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Dr. Hemant Deshmukh Dean, G.S. Medical College, Mumbai and Dr. Anil Srivastava President AIOTA flagged off the rally. Members of all State Branches of AIOTA also marked their presence with branch banners. This was followed by Street Plays performed by enthusiastic students from all participating OT colleges at different locations to bring about awareness of occupational therapy roles and services. Later in the afternoon a Press Conference was organized at the Press Club of India, Mumbai. The event had a wide coverage on print and electronic media. President AIOTA in his address to press highlighted multifaceted professional issues like need for a Central Council, mandatory Inclusion of OT in key program and policies of Government of India like the National Health Policy, Rural Health program, Clinical Establishment Act, National Education Policy for





ensuring the rights of persons with dysfunctions & disabilities in getting served by this profession.

All over the country, OT India Month-2019 began on October 27th on the occasion of World OT Day and was celebrated as a professional festival with great enthusiasm. The month-long awareness drive also included various other activities such as Seminars, panel discussions, poster presentation, awareness rallies, street plays, camps and more. Almost all States / cities in India through institutions, hospitals, rehabilitation centers and State Branches organized awareness program during OT India Month.

Dr. Shashi Oberai Vice President AIOTA was designated Coordinator and Dr. Satish Maslekar Hon.Secretary was Media Coordinator of this AIOTA organized event.



On behalf of the AIOTA Executive Committee and OT Fraternity in India, we are pleased to extend our heartfelt gratitude & thanks to the all faculty members and clinical OTs and students of all OT Colleges, AIIPMR and Tata Cancer Hospital Mumbai for the support, hard work and participation in various events organized to mark World OT Day & OTIndia Month-2019. The great success of the events to be cherished in the years to come would not have been possible without the esteemed enthusiasm of the participating students. Our special thanks to Dr. Jayashri Kale HOD, OT School & Center, GSMC , Mumbai for providing the venue and other desired technical support. Convener of Mumbai Branch of AIOTA and his team deserve applaud, for their tireless efforts, for making this event a great success.

The visionary artwork – in designing a very presentable and informative flyers, banners and brochures by Dr. Punita V. Solanki, Associate Editor IJOT was very well appreciated by all. Our special thanks to team of Child Rehabilitation Centre, Navi Mumbai for their cooperation in Walkathon besides sponsoring the snacks.

Very special Thanks to Mr. M. P. Joshi of Mopar Communications, Mumbai in promoting OT through wide coverage on print and online Media, which played a vital role promotion of OT besides the all-round success of this event. We also convey our gratitude to AIOTAEC officials and Dean ACOT for their valuable cooperation and esteemed presence for this event.

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Visit YouTube link : <https://youtu.be/eUj5q--UIHA>



Occupational therapists' awareness drive

MUMBAI: Scores of occupational therapists across the country will resort to a walkathon and perform street plays in the King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEM) precincts on November 9. The initiative will be undertaken in order to create awareness about the key contribution of occupational therapy (OT) in healthcare. The unique awareness campaign, organised under the auspices of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA), will be held with a 2-km walkathon in the premises of G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital. It will be followed by various awareness activities including street play to focus on the contribution of OT in the restoration of functions in persons with disabilities and dysfunctions including kids. The AIOTA has kick-started the month-long campaign on October 27, which is the World OT day, and the event of November 9 is part of its month-long OT awareness drive across the country. AIOTA President Dr. Anil K. Srivastava said the majority of countries have regulatory boards to regulate occupational therapy as a health profession, which currently lacks in India and it still is an issue of great concern. "Occupational Therapists serve all age groups and every condition/pathology that may cause or pose a risk to limit 'occupational' (human) performance. OT is practiced in a wide range of public, private and voluntary sector settings, such as the person's home environment, schools, workplaces, health-centers, supported accommodation, housing for seniors, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, forensic services and self-owned private centers," he stated.

—Staff Reporter

THE HINDU
November 10

Occupational therapists call for Central regulatory body

'Govt. has been ignoring our demands for past 10 years'

SUPRETTI DAVID
MUMBAI

Members of the All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) on Saturday reiterated their 10-year-old demand for a Central regulatory body for occupational therapists in India.

The members voiced their grievances at a press conference at Mumbai Press Club. They said with the government paying no heed to their grievances and the AIOTA unwilling to resort to protests, creating awareness of the demands of their profession is the only option left with them.

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, AIOTA president, said, "There is not enough awareness of occupational therapy in the country, which restricts the consumers of this service. There is a dire need for a Central council for standardisation of practice parameters, education policies and to prevent fraudulent activities."

Dr. Srivastava said the lack of government colleges for occupational therapy, exorbitant fees in private colleges, inconsistent educational standards in the field and negligible presence of occupational therapy departments in hospitals added to their woes.

Dr. R.K. Sharma, former AIOTA president, said, "The government should look at the sheer percentage of people in the country who have become permanently handicapped because of the lack of services, which is a constitutional right for better quality of life."

The members also highlighted the migration of professionals. They said over 25% to 30% of occupational therapists having migrated owing to inadequate oppor-



Hoping for change: Occupational therapists participate in an awareness campaign on Saturday. *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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tunities in both the government and private sector.

Punita V. Solanki, an occupational therapist, said, "In private hospitals, revenue generation is the primary concern and since occupational therapy cannot provide a high remuneration, private colleges or hospitals do not have these departments or courses."

The members said the main reason why the profession has been sidelined and clubbed as an allied health profession was because of lack of social and economic awareness among people.

According to the mem-

bers, the amended rights of persons with disability reiterates the importance of early intervention in identifying disabilities, but most States are unable to provide help owing to the absence of a Central regulatory council.

Dr. Sharma said, "You don't see us protesting on the streets as we are not a destructive organisation. But this is also why it is easy for the government to ignore us. The incomplete medical advice as well as social stigma attached to seeking help for disabilities has led to so many people settling for a lower quality of life despite options being available."

On Saturday, as part of 'Occupational Therapists India Month', AIOTA organised campaigns across the country, which included walkathons, street plays, seminars, panel discussions, poster presentations, awareness rallies, and camps on the premises of medical colleges and hospitals.



WORLD OT DAY & AIOTA'S OTINDIA MONTH 2019 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, BRANCHES AND INSTITUTIONS

THE SRM COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, KANCHIPURAM

Continuing Occupational Therapy Education (COTE) COTE, on the Rehabilitation Aspect of Spinal Cord injury by Dr. .R. K. Senthil Kumar. Other events organized were Poster Competition and distribution of occupational therapy brochure for creating awareness on 30th October 2019.

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GOA MEDICAL COLLEGE, BAMBOLIM, GOA

One day workshop on “Occupational Therapy Management in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) by the resource persons Dr. Jyothika Bijlani, Dean, Academic Council of Occupational Therapy, AIOTA and Dr. Kavita Sreekumar, Assistant Professor Department of Paediatrics, Goa Medical College, Goa in October 2019. Other events to promote awareness were 'Goa River Marathon' by OT students in cooperation with Vasco Sports Club, Goa, occupational therapy camp organized at St. Cruz High School, St. Cruz, Tiswadi, Goa in the month of November 2019.



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DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, MANIPAL

Radio Drama “Escape to Explore” related to Internet Addiction on FM Manipal 90.4. -was aired on 10th October 2019, on the occasion of World Mental Health day. The second radio drama on Internet Addiction “Are you ready for it?” was aired on 27th October 2019, on the occasion of World Occupational Therapy Day. A program on 'Social Skills for Prison Inmates' was organized in sub-jail, Hiriyaadka, Udupi, on 12th of October, 2019. The program included role plays on commonly found social skill issues such as saying NO to drugs, alcohol and other related issues.





On 15th October 2019, an interactive seminar was organized on Overcoming Challenges of Adolescence with the Theme: 'Time management and peer influences', for the student of 9th and 10th standard at Trinity Central School to drugs and alcohol, managing disagreements, managing false accusations, etc.

An awareness program 'Beat loneliness' was organized in association with Udupi Senior Citizen Association near, Mahatma Gandhi Stadium, Ajjarkad, Udupi, on 4th of November, 2019. The program included skit, interactive sessions and activity to explain causes and effects of loneliness among older adults, the common symptoms and how to help each other to identify loneliness.

The department also organized a COTE on 'Working with high-risk infants and families: Journey from NICU to home and beyond' was organized on 7th & 8th November, 2019.

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JKKMMRF- COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, NAMAKKAL



Occupational Therapy awareness Rally in Erode district on 31st Oct which was supported by the District Disability Rehabilitation Officer of Erode. More than 250 Occupational therapy students with faculties participated in the Rally. The Rally was covered by fifteen Medias including Top News Channels..

Three days' workshop on advanced learning programs on Disability Evaluation and Certification by Dr. Anita Gupta (AIIPM & R Mumbai) and Instruments assisted soft tissue mobilization and Myofascial release by Dr. Abhinav Mishra, Neuro occupational Therapist, Jupiter hospital Mumbai was organized from 11.11.2019 to 13.11.2019. The students and Faculties of the college also participated in Second State level Inter college sports and cultural meet in Tamil Nadu Conducted by MAHER and TNAIOTA

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T. N. MEDICAL COLLEGE & B. Y. L. NAIR CH. HOSPITAL, MUMBAI

A story telling competition for Occupational therapy students and professionals revolving around their experiences with clients in Occupational Therapy and also therapists' self-development. An innovative "Twister Rehab Game" was designed based on the interdisciplinary approach to clients with various medical conditions in which Occupational Therapy would play a vital role. The game was open for participation by Medical and OT students or Professional. With an aim for promoting awareness of Occupational Therapy process amongst other professionals.

A Street play based on role of Occupational Therapy in oncology was also organised in the hospital premises.

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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, NAGPUR

OT School conducted an Inaugural Function and 'College Making Competition' on 26th November on the theme - 'Improving World Health and Well-being'. A free Diabetic Foot Scanning Camp was organized on 5th November in which about 60 patients were evaluated, scanned, and educated about the importance of proper footwear, exercises and balance activities.



The OT staff of National Cancer Institute, Jamtha; in collaboration with the OT School conducted a CME on 'Evolving Concepts in the Cancer Rehabilitation' on Nov. 9, 2019. An Interview of Dr. Sofia Azad at the Akashwani Kendra, Nagpur, was broadcasted on 9th November 2019 on AIR. A school based Occupational Therapy and career counseling Program was also conducted.

Diabetic foot scanning camp was also organized on Nov 5. About 60 patients were evaluated, scanned, and educated about the importance of proper footwear, exercises and balance activities.

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BIHAR COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERPAY & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY and BIHAR BRANCH OF AIOTA, PATNA



With a Prelude of a Month-long awareness campaign, the World OT Day celebrations went on from Nov 25, 2019 with a grand valedictory on Nov 28, 2019. The events organized were Debate competition on the topic “Improving World Health and well-being”, Quiz Competition, Poster Competition, Play by CP Child, Cultural Program & talks by the guests and faculty members dwelling on the mission of the occupational Therapy, on all days with dignitaries, faculty members, alumni, students & other associates.

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JAMIA HAMDARD, NEW DELHI

Free Occupational Therapy Health camp at Mukesh Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi by the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Jamia Hamdard on 13th October by arranging free checkup of Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, and distribution of Multivitamin and Calcium etc.

A talk on “Role of Occupational Therapy in various pediatric conditions and Placement drive for the Occupational Therapy students by Continua Kids, Centre of Neurotherapy in Uniquely-Abled Kids” was also organized on 18th October 2019.

The COTE on Workplace Ergonomics on by Dr Saurabh Bhalla, senior Occupational Therapist, Workplace Ergonomics certified was also organized.

Teachers Sensitization Program Towards “Difficulties in primary school going children” and “sensitization about Occupational Therapy and scope” were taken by the faculty members of Occupational Therapy Department. at Hamdard Public School, Sangam Vihar on 16th October 2019.



Panel Discussion with Tata Memorial Hospital on “Dementia and Occupational Therapy” on 23rd October 2019, Online Lecture By Ms. Manjusha Vagal –“An Overview Of Occupational Therapy In Oncology” on Date: 25th November 2019 and talk by Dr. Ms. Smita Jayawant (Director, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped) on 4th November 2019 were other highlights of OT Day celebration events.



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S. V. NIRTAR, CUTTACK & ORISSA BRANCH OF AIOTA

A manual describing different areas of Occupational therapy along with opinions of different medical professionals, administrators, etc. had been released. Director, Social securities and Empowerment of persons with disabilities, Mrs. Bratati Harichandan was the Chief Guest . Other activities such as training program for school administrators, street play by students of occupational therapy on perspectives of OT & video presentation on the role of OT in different PWDs were also conducted. PWDs had performed a dance showing OT Intervention in their lives. This celebration captures attention of many media professionals & had wide range of electronic as well as print media coverage. The event was organized on Nov. 5,2019.



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D.Y. PATIL SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, NERUL , NAVI MUMBAI



The street play was conducted to spread an awareness about Occupational Therapy, on 22/10/19 .by first year students. The lecture session was arranged on 8/11/19 on the topic "Stress Management and Suicide Prevention". The speaker was psychologist Mrs. Sampada Bhatte.

The students and faculties of the school of Occupational Therapy participated in the Walkathon organized by the All India Occupational Therapists' Association on Nov. 10 at Parel Mumbai.

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Improving World Health & Wellbeing

OT SCHOOL & CENTER, L.T.M. MEDICAL COLLEGE, MUMBAI

World Occupational Therapy Day was celebrated by Occupational Therapy Training School and Centre, L.T.M.M.C. & G.H. in collaboration with AIOTA and Mumbai Branch of AIOTA.

Occupational Therapy staff and students participated enthusiastically in the Walkathon organised by AIOTA on 9th November 2019 at Parel, Mumbai. O.T. public awareness placards and posters were designed and displayed during the walk. Interesting slogans were made by the students. An audio was recorded in English and Hindi about Occupational therapy awareness and propagated through loudspeaker throughout the walk. The 2 hour walk culminated at G.S.M.C. & K.E.M. hospital.

It was followed by a street play to spread awareness about the role of Occupational therapy in different fields. on this year's WFOT theme "Improving world health and well-being".

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SAVEETHA COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, CHENNAI

In collaboration with Department of Transfusion Medicine (Blood Bank) a Blood donation camp was held at in the Saveetha Hospital campus.

Students of OT College donated blood

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PT. DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, NEW DELHI

Deptt of OT of the Institute celebrated OT Day on Nov. 5 in the premises with students and special children with their parents by organizing events like races, plays, dance and rangoli etc.

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Improving World Health & Wellbeing

DELHI BRANCH OF AIOTA & GIPMER, NEW DELHI



The Delhi Branch organized OT Day in collaboration with Occupational Therapy Department of GIPMER, New Delhi. Poster exhibition, Street play by interns and students from OT Colleges of Delhi & Ghaziabad and Awareness talks for sensitizing about OT practice to medical professionals on 13th November, 2019 were arranged at GIPMER auditorium, New Delhi in the valued presence of Medical Superintendent and HOD of Neurology of GIPMER. Sr. members of the Branch were also felicitated on this occasion for their contribution to OT services in Delhi. The OT Day function received widespread publicity and coverage in both Print and electronic media, Delhi Aajtak, News 24 India etc.

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JAIPUR OT COLLEGE, JAIPUR



During the period Nov. 5 to Nov. 12 the events related to the OT and OT Day theme organized were Quiz Competition, Essay Competition, Poster Competition, Mono play, Speech competition and Fun Games by students of OT College.

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Improving World Health & Wellbeing

SANTOSH OT COLLEGE, GHAZIABAD & UP BRANCH OF AIOTA



Clinical talks & presentations on various areas of OT practice, the Posters, debate, street play, dance, Rangoli focusing the theme "IMPROVING WORLD HEALTH AND WELLBEING" were arranged on 16th November 2019

A free two days OT camp from 14th November 2019 to 15th November 2019 was arranged in the hospital premises. The 3 KM Walkathon in Ghaziabad was highlight of the event by OT students.

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27th October 2019: Intellectual Disability Centre; Jamdoli was decorated with handmade decoration and Rangoli representing the theme of World Occupational Therapy Day to spread the awareness followed with Painting and dance competition

During the whole OTIndia month, students of Mahatma Gandhi Occupational Therapy College organized and participated in number of events like therapeutic activity designing, quiz competition, Dum charades, searching hunt program with occupational therapy hidden hints and many other interesting and knowledge gaining activities. The theme for poster presentation was OT in cognitive disability.

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SRI RAMACHANDRA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, CHENNAI

Faculties & BOT Students of Department of Occupational Therapy of Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai participated in the event of human chain and displaying pamphlets in and around the premises on October 30, 2019 to create awareness of occupational therapy.

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The Mumbai Branch of AIOTA World Occupational Therapy Month 2019 Celebration Report



The Mumbai Branch of AIOTA continued its practice of collaboration with the five Occupational Therapy educational institutions in and around Mumbai, for celebration of the World Occupational Therapy Day and AIOTA's O.T India Month -2019. The very well successfully 'Walk for Occupational Therapy' event organized by AIOTA and hosted by O.T Training School & Center, G.S.M.C & K.E.M.H in collaboration with Mumbai Branch on 30th November 2019 at Parel, Mumbai received wide appreciation and media coverage. It was followed with 3 Street Plays by Students from different OT Colleges.

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TAMILNADU BRANCH OF AIOTA

TNAIOTA in collaboration with Institutions/Organizations/Trust/Clinics/Schools celebrated World OT Day & OTIndia Month for creating awareness, and promoting OT Profession in the State of Tamil Nadu.

Rally in collaboration with JKKMMRF College of OT on 31st Oct' 2019 at Erode with TNAIOTA office bearers , college faculties along with 250 Students.





Improving World Health & Wellbeing

Blossom Kidz clinic's - 11th Anniversary, Children's Day Celebrations on 14th Nov'2019 .

2nd State conference with theme Improving World Health and Wellbeing, Inter college sports & cultural meet at MAHER University , Chennai from 22 to 24th Nov.2019. All 7 OT Colleges with 447 students participated in this academic meet. Poster presentations & Quiz competition for students were also arranged.



JH rehabilitation center in collaboration with TNAIOTA organized COTE on 10th Nov'19 on the topic 'Occupational Therapy and Neuro Rehabilitation'.

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GUJARAT BRANCH OF AIOTA



Gujarat branch of AIOTA in association with Government occupational therapy college, Ahmedabad and Department of Spine Institute, celebrated world occupational therapy day function on 27th October 2018 at Ahmedabad. The Chief Guest of the event Dr. M. M. Prabhakar, Additional Director Medical Education & Research, Gujarat Government appreciated the work done in the field of OT in Gujarat and also applauded the beginning of OT course in Ahmedabad. The Annual Award function was also arranged to felicitate OT's of the State for their appreciable works. A poster competition was also held in the event. As a part of the World Occupational Therapy Day celebration, Association of Occupational Therapy- Gujarat arranged a COTE program with Resource person Dr. S.R. Apte on the topic 'Snack & Ladder for Disability'.

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HEALTH AND CARE FOUNDATION, AHMEDABAD

Occupational therapy day was celebrated on 23/10/2019 by organizing Games and Competitions for Special Children and Prizes given. 7 Occupational Therapists working with Health and Care Foundation were felicitated.



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SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE, MUMBAI



World OT Day celebration was organized along with 70th Foundation Day of OT School on Nov. 14, 2019. The faculties, staff and students enthusiastically celebrated both of the events together. Seminar followed with a camp was arranged on Preventive Back Care.

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DR. ODETTE GOMES WITH TEAM FROM T.N.M.C. , MUMBAI

Keeping this in mind, a 'Healthy Ageing and Wellness' a program was organized for the seniors of the community, in Mahim, Mumbai in cooperation with volunteering OT team from TNMedical College, Mumbai. It was scheduled as one hour a week for eight weeks program, during the months of October and November to coincide with the World OT day. Sessions arranged were on deep breathing, stretching and various exercises for Upper extremity, Lower extremity & neck, care of the back, balance and fall prevention, coordination, memory etc. Each session began with a 10 minute presentation on the day's topic followed by the exercises/activities. There were 34 seniors who participated.



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B.J. WADIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, MUMBAI.

OT Day was celebrated by Conducting awareness program on 23rd November 2019 for parents and games for children with autism, ADHD and LD

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PUDUCHERRY BRANCH/OT ASSOCIATION, PUDUCHERRY

The awareness campaign by distributing pamphlets by members of the branch was arranged at Gandhi Statue, Beach Road, Puducherry on Oct. 29, 2019. It carried information about OT and its different area of practice.

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In another event in Puducherry, the world OT Day was observed in a car workshop. The program was conducted in the local language to educate the employees and the staff of the company about the Body Mechanism, handling the heavy weights and works to be carried out in the various position with proper method.

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MASINA HOSPITAL, MUMBAI



Occupational Therapy Department organized a seminar - **Eat, Play and Learn** for parents and teachers on 12th October 2019 with 30 participants, signifying the importance of sensory diet and an interactive C.O.T.E. on **Scope and Extensions of Practice in Occupational Therapy** on Nov.17, 2019. The workshop was for 45 occupational therapy interns and OT professionals. The areas taken up were Scope of pediatric occupational therapy screeners, Neurolinguistics program and occupational therapy – an integrated approach & Diabetic Foot Clinic – an emerging role

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**NAVJEEVAN CHAIRITABLE TRUST,
AHMEDABAD**



A CME on 'How to become Good Occupational Therapist', activities for PWD's and an award function was organized on Nov. 17, 2019 by Dr. S.R. Apte as resource person in Ahmedabad.

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B.M. INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AHMEDABAD



Occupational Therapy Department of the Institute organized competitive events- Poster, Drama & oration for OT Students & nursing students encircling the theme of World OT Day on 19th October as Pre Celebration of World Occupational Therapy Day. On World OT Day a Therapeutic Training Program was organized to provide proper guidance about therapy to students and caregivers under the guidance of HOD OT, Dr. Mritunjay Mukund.

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WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

Sept. 21



Department of Neurology & Occupational Therapy of Institute of Human Behavior & Allied Sciences, Delhi organized academic and other events on World Alzheimer's Day on Sept. 21, 2019 with support from Dementia support group DHAIR.

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WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY DAY

October 6



World CP. Day Awareness Rally was organized by **Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA** under the leadership of Dr. S.K. Meena Convener Rajasthan Branch of AIOTA on October 6, 2019.

Dr. S.K. Meena
Convener



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

October 10



In a superbly organized program for promoting awareness the **Arisjuvady Mental Health Center (AMHC) (Psychiatric Residential Center), Puducherry** organized signature campaign, awareness balloons, and rose plant distribution to children besides many competitive events for differentially able children from LKG to 10th standards. Hon. Chief Minister Shri V. Narayansamy was the Chief Guest. The theme of the program was 'Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention'

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Pt. DDU National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi arranged many awareness campaigns on Mental Health Day with staff and students of Institute.

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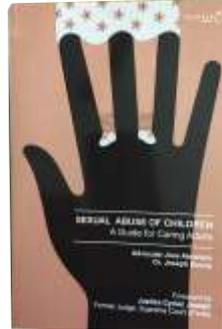
Significant News from AIOTA / ACOT / IJOT Officials and AIOTA Members



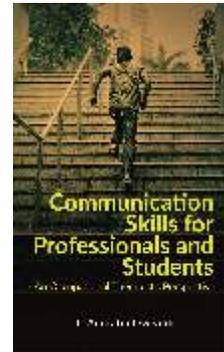
E-book by Dr. Hemant Nandangaonkar, (Mumbai) on I.N.D.I.A. EBUS Individual Newborn Developmental Intervention Application: Digital Approach to Neurodevelopmental Care in N.I.C.U.



Dr. Shovan Saha (Manipal) included as author in American text book



A book released on Sept. 14, 2019 with Dr. Joseph Sunny (Cochin) as co-author



New Book authored by Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi (Jaipur)



Combined Medical Board comprising of Occupational Therapist - Dr. Joseph Sunny, Pediatrician, Clinical Psychologist and Psychiatrist in Kerala for Certification to persons with SLD, MR and Autism



Dr. Satish Maselkar felicitated by Dean Dr. Kanan Yelikar for UDID Identification certificate for thalassemia patients and also for being first Blood Donor on world Thalassemia day on 5th May 2019.at Government Medical College, Aurangabad



Dr. Shashi Oberai supervising AIOTA examination -4 for grant of AIOTA's Provisional Membership at AIOTA National headquarter, Navi Mumabi on 15th June 2019



Dr. Satish Maslekar as an occupational therapist in role model on Disability certification and also delivered talk on disability and Rights of PWD's for MBBS students



Dr. Satish Malekar delivered talk on World Disability Day-2019 on rights of PWD's in Government Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad



ACOT organized Live & Webinar on Assessment Module with resource persons Dr. .Pratibha Vaidya & Dr. Shailza Jayvant for SLD Certification at AIOTA Headquarter in Aug.2019 with 71 participants

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA COTE: Feb 8, 2019

Chandigarh

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. I gratefully acknowledge the presence of national and international guests specifically Dr. Dimitrios Mylandis (UK), Rehab Zatoun (Cairo), Dr. Vijay Suple (Canada) and Joseph Wells (USA). I also extend a warm welcome to our resource faculties of today's Pre-conference Continuing OT Education Program Dr. Kavita Mahamankar and Dr. Priya Kothavale.

Very special and warm welcome, to Dr. Alok Sharma, an internationally acclaimed Neurosurgeon and Director of NeuroGen, Mumbai. NeuroGen Brain and Spine Institute Navi Mumbai is not a new name for the country. AIOTA is elated to inform you that NeuroGen Institute is sponsoring this Pre-conf. COTE. We are honored with the gracious presence added with a talk on 'Neuro Rehabilitation: Then and Now' by Dr. Alok Sharma today. I am optimistic that valued academic association of NeuroGen and AIOTA will continue for many years to come for the effective care and service to humanity.

The topic of today's COTE is on 'Advanced Occupational Therapy .in Neuro- Rehabilitation'. Despite the fact that occupational therapists in India have made tremendous progress in academic growths, yet the areas where they have not been able to invade in their clinical practice in most of the institutions are Robotics & Aquatic Therapy and OT intervention in Visual impairments. And that is the reason that Academic Council of Occupational Therapy has decided to explore them and chosen these topics of advanced OT in Neuro-Rehabilitation for today's education program. We may consider planning a Postgraduate Certification Program for young OT graduates on these practice areas of advanced occupational therapy in near future.

Visual impairments in neurological disorders is common conditions that we observe in our clinical practice, which results into limiting the person's ability to perform the daily tasks. OT's with specialized knowledge can modify the tasks and/or environment also with the use of assistive technology to minimize or remove such limitations to improvise the quality of life. Similarly the use of clinical Robots is effective to monitor human movements and using the feedback, to potentially interact with the environment.

I am certainly not an authority to discuss more on this subject of utmost significance in today's healthcare system The invited faculties Dr. Kavita and Dr. Priya both are having deep knowledge, expertise and competency in the subjects, hence are here to interact with you and enhance your knowledge base.

Pre-Conf. COTE is a regular feature of AIOTA's National Conferences under the ambit of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy. AIOTA is pleased to inform you that Academic Council of OT under the leadership of its Dean Dr. Jyothika Bijlani is working strenuously added with vision, to update the members of AIOTA with recent advancements for their academic growth. Many of the short and long duration postgraduate courses on vivid areas of OT practice are being offered by ACOT throughout the year. I congratulate ACOT and its Executive Team for very successful completion of 9 months duration Fellowship in Advanced OT in Neuro-Developmental Disorders in June 2018 with eminent national and international faculties through web-learning. The second Fellowship in Neuro-Rehabilitation began in September 2018 is in progress.

The academic activities of ACOT has increased manifold with overwhelming response from OT's in India and also overseas in past few years. It certainly would not have been possible without the hard work and visionary approach of Dr. Jyothika Bijlani with all support with AIOTA & ACOT Executives.

I am confident that the Delegates and young generation OT's would welcome the academic deliberations in the emerging areas of OT practice in today's continuing Education session. We would appreciate to receive your feedback on this program and also suggestions for our future endeavours.

Thank you

Dr Anil K. Srivastava

President, AIOTA & Executive Chairman, ACOT

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AIOTA OTICON'2019: THE 56th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA Chandigarh, Feb. 8, 2019

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 Union Territory Chandigarh which also is the capital of States of Punjab and Haryana which also is acknowledged as most well planned city of the country.

I congratulate young and enthusiastic Organizing Secretary of OTICON2019 Dr. Bhavinder Singh and the organizing team. They have superbly created the conference platform, here at Chandigarh, in spite of many challenge, issues and limited manpower & resources. . Chairperson Scientific Program Dr. Punita Solanki & her associates deserve applaud for their commendable efforts in making the well-knit scientific itinerary.

The Theme for this conference is: "Interdisciplinary Approach: Towards Comprehensive Healthcare". The Interdisciplinary team comprises

of group of health care professionals from diverse fields to work in coordination and collaboration to set goals, make decisions, share resources and responsibilities to achieve a common goal to improve patient outcomes, besides avoiding duplication of assessments and management. I am confident that the presentations supported with evidence based research in various areas of clinical practice would promote knowledge dissemination to enhance further growth of OT in India.

The founder of the profession in India was Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, nee Elizabeth Lundy who was an American Lady, who laid the foundation of OT at KEM Hospital Mumbai in 1950. All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) has been proactively taking steps for uplifting the profession of occupational therapy in India, since its inception 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 which 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 and updating the clinical practitioners with new advancements and techniques by offering short and long duration continuing OT Education programs and fellowship in vivid areas of OT practice.

AIOTA's official publication Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy is peer reviewed journal with international acceptability. 50 Volumes have been published till date carrying evidence based research studies.

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. We help people across the lifespan, participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities or 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.

The landmark achievements of the year 2018 had been inauguration of AIOTA's first national headquarter in a grand function on 20th April 2018, at Nerul, Navi Mumbai and the valued recognition of occupational therapy in the government sector by inclusion of occupational therapist as one of the healthcare authorities of the constituted medical board, for issuance of certification to persons with specific learning disabilities (SLD). Occupational Therapists are now also included as specialists in the medical board as an official signatory for issuance of Unique Identity Card for Disabled (UDID Card) in all categories of loco motor disabilities including Hemophilia.

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 considered a big challenge for the profession which needs to be addressed by the government on priority basis.

I urge to Governments of Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana 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 with the pay and position structure on the basis of qualifications.

The utmost requirement is for establishing OT Colleges in Government Sector in the States of Punjab & Haryana and UT Chandigarh which currently have no such provision. I humbly request to Hon'ble Governor sir to take an initiative to incept OT Colleges in these States. I also humbly propose to Hon'ble Director PGIMER to incept an exemplary OT College under his patronage at PGIMER, Chandigarh. The department of OT at PGIMER, Chandigarh has infrastructure and also duly qualified OT's to take over this responsibility under your guidance. AIOTA will extend all necessary cooperation to fulfill this genuine requirement to cater the needs of special children and challenged population.

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.

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

REPORT FROM ORGANISING SECRETARY OTICON-2019

I am very thankful to respected Anil Srivastava sir, for chairing the meeting at New Delhi with Haryana Branch and PGI Chandigarh OT's. He informed in the meeting that we all should abide by the GB decision for holding the conference at Chandigarh with cooperation from Haryana Branch of AIOTA. Finally PGI , Chandigarh was chosen for conducting OTICON 2019.

Due to unavoidable reasons, the Venue had to be shifted at GMCH Auditorium for two days and the concluding day at PGI. . In the same sequence, there is a plan to complete the previously announced program of the 8th and 9th in the GMCH itself. The Pre-Conf. was inaugurated by the Dr. Kohli, Dean Central University on Feb. 8, 2019.. OTICON'2019 was inaugurated by His Excellency the Governor of Punjab State. He has assured full cooperation in the upliftment of Occupational therapy profession in Punjab region and establishment of a college in PGI Chandigarh. According to the data given by the In charge of the registration committee Dr. S. K. Meena , the largest number of

members, delegates and students are participating in this conference

The Scientific Sessions and Valedictory function on last day of the conference had been arranged at PGI Auditorium. The Director PGIMER, Chandigarh also graced the occasion.

I apologize for any untoward incident. Your cooperation is appreciated. Hoping to receive your further support in the same way.

Thanking You

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Bhavinder Singh Suchdeva

Organizing Secretary OTICON'2019

Proposed by- a) Dr Zaheer
b) Dr Hema Kapoor

Carried Unanimously.

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OTICON-2019

AIOTA Members' Awards/Trophy

1. Kamala V. Nimbkar Trophy for Best Scientific Paper (Any Topic / OTICON'2019 Theme)

Title: Comparison Between Myofascial Release and Myofascial Taping as an Adjunct to Conventional Treatment in The Management of Dequervain's Tenosynovitis: A Randomized Control Trial

Authors: Taslina Abdul Kader, Karuna Nadkarni

Institution: OT School & Centre, Seth GSMC & KEM Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

2. Vijay Suple Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Mental Health

Title: A Cross Sectional Study to Investigate the Association Between Sleep and Happiness Among Nurses with Different Personality Traits

Authors: Rakesh B. Shitole, Sushant D. Sarang

Institution: OT School & Centre, LTMMC & LTMGH, Sion, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

3. AIOTA Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Neuroscience

None (3 papers were submitted. One withdrew at full paper submission level, one did not come for the conference presentation and only one paper was presented which scored <60%. As per AIOTA policy, the Award was not acknowledged to anyone, due to marks eligibility criteria)

4. Gazala Makda Trophy for Best Scientific Paper in Pediatrics

Title: Effectiveness of Play Based Occupational Therapy Intervention on Social Skills of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Case Series

Authors: Kinkuri Sahib Kaur, Ranjit Pathak

Institution: Inspiration the Learning Center, New Delhi, India

5. M. M. Sangoi Trophy for Best Scientific Paper on Ergonomics, Environment & Access

Title: Burdened by the Bag: Issue of Heavy School Bags

Authors: Grace Elizabeth Muppidi, Ann Salome, Angel MR, Ronald Thomvic MJ, Grace Rebekah, Sanjeev Manasseh Padankatti

Institution: CMC, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India

6. KEMOT Youth Talent Trophy for Best Scientific Paper by Occupational Therapist Graduated after 1st January, 2014 (Any Topic)

Title: Effectiveness of Social Stories in Coping with Bullying among Children with Childhood Psychiatry Conditions

Authors: S. Sakthi Srija, Sugi S

Institution: KMCH College of Occupational Therapy, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India

7. AIOTA Trophy for Best ePoster

Title: Moving Out from Clinical Settings: A Pilot Study of Task and Context Specific Training on Balance and ADL in Patients with Parkinson's Disease

Authors: Soumyakanta Sahu, Padmalaya Jali

Institution: In-Sync Center for Child Development; Plexus Neuro and Stem Cell Research Center, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

8. N. Swaroop Trophy for Best Innovative Technology

Title: Biofeedback Equipment for Non-Nutritive Sucking in Preterm Infants

Authors: Shailaja Sandeep Jaywant, Sarvesh Karkhanis

Institution: OT School & Centre, LTMMC & LTMGH, Sion, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

9. Best Delegate OTICON'2019 Award / Kaun Banega Delegate of OTICON'2019* By Kerala Chapter/Branch of AIOTA

Winner: Avipsa Patra

Institution: Cuttack, Odisha

*All Award winners (which were declared during Valedictory function) have scored >60% marks as per AIOTA policy. The scientific submissions (21 Competitive Oral Papers; 9 Non-Competitive Oral Papers; 12 ePosters (9 Competitive and 3 Non-Competitive), 3 Innovative Technology; 4 Mini Movies) were grouped based on session themes, across seven sessions, during the 3 days of the conference.

Students' Category Awards

1 AIOTA Trophy for Best Poster

Theme / Topic : Innovations in Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice

Award Winning Colleges : 1. PDUNIPPD, Delhi, India
2. Goa Medical College, Goa, India
3. TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai, India

2 AIOTA Trophy for Innovative Technology (IT)

Theme / Topic : Cost-effective Therapeutic Media: Indian Context

Award Winning Colleges : 1. Goa Medical College, Goa, India
2. Seth GSMC & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, India
3. TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai, India

3 AIOTA Trophy for Best Street Play

Theme / Topic : Skill India: Occupational Therapist's Perspective

Award Winning Colleges : 1. TNMC & BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai, India
2. Government Medical College, Nagpur, India
3. Goa Medical College, Goa, India

4 Best Student Delegate of OTICON'2019 Award / Brainvita Quiz Contest

By Karnataka Chapter/Branch of AIOTA

Winner : PDUNIPPD College, Delhi, India (Agrima Aggarwal & Ankit Kumar)

5 Gold Medal Award for Best OT graduates of 2018 Candidate graduated in the year 2018 and recommended by the respective head of occupational therapy college/institute as per the AIOTA guidelines

By Odisha Chapter/Branch of AIOTA

Winner : Kajol Poladia

Institution : SGSMC & KEMH, Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Acknowledgements to Contributors of OTICON'2019

Members' Category

• **Chairpersons:** The seven sessions were chaired by **14 chairpersons:** Dr. Alok Sharma, Mumbai; Dr. Jayashri S. Kale, Mumbai; Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya, Mumbai; Dr. V. S. Bole, New Delhi; Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Mumbai; Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti, Vellore; Dr. Zarine D. Ferzandi, Mumbai; Dr. Ona Vyas Desai, Delhi; Dr. Seema Chetri, Chandigarh; Dr. Joseph K. Wells, USA; Dr. Vijay Suple, Canada; Dr. Anuradha V. Pai, Mumbai; Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Ghaziabad; and Dr. Shovan Saha, Manipal.

• **Pre-Conference Judges:** There were **16 pre-conference judges:** Dr. Vaithi Perumal, Riyadh; Dr. Sumita Rege, Manipal; Dr. Kamal N. Arya, Delhi; Dr. Zarine D. Ferzandi, Mumbai; Dr. Hemant P. Nandgaonkar, Mumbai; Dr. Chavan Shashidhar Rao, Kuwait; Dr. Shilpshree P. Palsule, Mumbai; Dr. Karthik Mani, USA; Dr. Karuna V. Nadkarni, Mumbai; Dr. Dhiraj Kishnani, Australia; Dr. Sunita Koutarapu, Mumbai; Dr. Ruchi Nagar Buckshee, Delhi; Dr. Vinita Acharya, Manipal; Dr. Anita Gupta, Mumbai; Dr. Pragyan Singh, Cuttack; and Dr. Leena Deshpande, Nagpur.

• **Conference Judges:** There were **16 conference judges:** Dr. Surendra Kumar Meena, Jaipur; Dr. Sofia H. Azad, Nagpur; Dr. Joseph K. Wells, USA; Dr. Shashi Oberai, Navi Mumbai; Dr. Shailaja S. Jaywant, Mumbai; Dr. Dimitrios Mylonadis, UK; Dr. Shriharsh S. Jahagirdar, Mumbai; Dr. Joseph Sunny, Cochin; Dr. Meenakshi Batra, Delhi; Dr. Anupama Khanna, Delhi; Dr. Ebenezer Wilson Rajkumar D, Delhi;

Dr. Kamal N. Arya, Delhi; Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Ghaziabad; Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti, Vellore; Dr. Shovan Saha, Manipal and Dr. Subrata Kumar Halder, Cuttack. The quiz was **supervised** by **2 judges**: Dr. Shashi Oberai, Navi Mumbai and Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Delhi.

• **Faculty**: There were **23 faculty experts**: 2 COTE Faculty: Dr. Kavitha Vinayak Mahamankar, Mumbai and Dr. Priya Kothavale - Tawde, Mumbai; 1 Keynote Address Faculty: Dr. Dimitrios Mylonadis, UK; 7 Guest/Faculty Talks: Dr. Alok Sharma, Mumbai; Dr. Dimitrios Mylonadis, UK; Dr. Rehab Zaytoun, Cairo; Dr. Joseph K. Wells, USA; Dr. Uday Bodhankar, Nagpur; Dr. Vijay Suple, Canada, and 3 Sponsored Talk Faculty: Dr. Amit Ramesh Dhumale from Jupiter Hospital, Mumbai; Dr. Reena Valecha, Godrej Interio, Mumbai and Mr. Manmeet Singh, Geeken Seating Collections Private Limited, Gurgaon and 3 Panel Discussions: 10 Panel Experts: Dr. Sahil Mehta, Chandigarh; Dr. Alok Sharma, Mumbai; Dr. Jayashri S. Kale, Mumbai; Dr. Lokesh Saini, Chandigarh; Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Mumbai; Dr. Sanjeev Padankatti, Vellore; Dr. Dimitrios Mylonadis, UK; Dr. Vishal Kumar, Chandigarh; Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Ghaziabad and Dr. Shovan Saha, Manipal and was moderated by **7 moderators**: Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Delhi; Dr. Anupama Khanna, Delhi; Dr. Vikramdeep Saxena, Amritsar; Dr. Joseph Sunny, Cochin; Dr. Nitesh Kumar Shrivastav, Lucknow; Dr. Punita V. Solanki, Mumbai and Dr. Ranjit Pathak, Chandigarh

Students' Category

• **Judges and Moderators**: The students' category was judged by **6 judges** (Dr. Vijay Suple, Canada; Dr. Vijay Batra, Delhi; Dr. Joseph K. Wells, USA; Dr. Rehab Zaytoun, Cairo; Dr. Satish Maslekar, Aurangabad; Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Mumbai). The **moderators** for the street play were Dr. Veena Slaich, Delhi and Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Ghaziabad. The quiz was **supervised** by **2 judges**: Dr. Zarine D. Ferzandi, Mumbai and Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya, Mumbai. The Gold Medal Award was conducted and assessed by the representatives from Odisha Chapter/Branch of AIOTA in coordination with the scientific program committee member Dr. Nitesh Kumar Shrivastav.

Submitted on Behalf of Scientific Program Committee

Dr. Punita V. Solanki,

Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee.

Dr. Kamal Arya proposed that E- poster should be open for all members and not only between the judges and students. Suggestion was noted. Carried Unanimously.

REPORT FROM WEBSITE CONVENER

IJOT Related update

IJOT Promotional files updated, Uploaded IJOT issues of the years- 2001 Vol 33 to 2018 Vol 50. User credentials-

Changed the login username from life membership no to registered email. Now members can login with their registered email address.

OTICON 2019 photograph has been uploaded in AIOTA website and also Added OTICON 2020 website link

Online Payment-

Members can make online payment for below mentioned areas

- i. Apply Life Member
- ii. Membership Renewal
- iii. Associate Member
- Iv. License verification Forms

Updated Provisional Membership Form and Life Membership Form in downloads.

Updated fellowship forms.

Removed Google indexed files.

Created AIOTA ELECTION Tab and updated voters list.

Uploaded new AIOTA bylaw and constitutions.

Uploaded ergonomic certification form and guidelines in the website.

Updates-

All award updated, Branch details, OT council, World OT day 2018 and 2019

President Message, OT India month 2019, AIOTA round up 2019, updates on NMC Bill & Clinical Establishment Bill

Respectfully submitted by

Dr Joseph Sunny

AIOTA website convener

Proposed by a) Dr Manjusha Vagal
b) Dr Punita Solanki

Carried unanimously



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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th March, 2019

G.S.R.209(E).—Whereas a draft of certain rules to amend the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 was published as required by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 100 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 1053(E), dated the 22nd October, 2018 inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of thirty days from the day on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification was made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the Official Gazette in which the said notification was published were made available to the public on the 23rd October, 2018;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public were considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 100 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, to amend the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, namely:-

1. Short title and extent.- (1) These rules may be called the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2019.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, after Chapter V, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:-

“CHAPTER VA

14A. (1) The State Governments or Union Territory Administrations shall notify the authority to whom a person with benchmark disability can apply for the high support requirement as per sub-section (1) of Section 38 of the Act.

(2) Only the persons with benchmark disabilities having permanent certificate of disability shall be eligible for applying for high support requirement.

(3) The State Governments shall constitute Assessment Board at the District level or Division level based on the number of persons with benchmark disabilities comprising the following:-

- (a) District Chief Medical Officer or Civil Surgeon or Medical Superintendent.....Chairperson;
- (b) District Social Welfare Officer.....Member;
- (c) Five rehabilitation specialists [Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation or Orthopaedic specialist, ENT specialist, Ophthalmologist, General Physician (if the applicant is 18 years or above) or Pediatrician (if the applicant is less than 18 years), Psychiatrist].....Members;
- (d) Occupational therapist or speech therapist or Clinical Psychologist or Physiotherapist (as per requirement).....Member;
- (e) Any other expert as the Chairperson deems appropriate.....Member.

(4) The authority notified under sub-rule (1) shall refer every case to the Assessment Board for assessment of applicant’s high support requirement.

(5) The Assessment Board shall invite the applicant of high support requirements for assessment and may, if necessary, seek clinical assessment.

(6) The Assessment Board shall assess the applicant on the basis of the six parameters (a) to (f) and assign scores on the basis of the 100 point graded weightage indicated below:-

Parameters		Weightage
(a) Severity of physical disability (Max. weightage – 25)	(a) 40% - 59%	15
	(b) 60% - 79%	20
	(c) 80% - 100%	25
(b) Severity of mental/developmental disability (which restricts the person to take any informed decision) (Max. weightage – 25)	(a) 40% - 59%	15
	(b) 60% - 79%	20
	(c) 80% - 100%	25
(c) The extent to which daily activities in a person is hampered (Max. weightage – 35)	(i) Bathing, Brushing, combing, Dressing	10
	(ii) Toilet hygiene (getting to the toilet, cleaning oneself, getting backup etc)	10
	(iii) Functional mobility (ability to work, get in and out of bed, get in and out of a chair, moving from one place to other while performing activities)	10
	(iv) Self-feeding (not including cooking)	5
(d) Cognitive Abilities like ability to take safety measures to use transport, logistics, gadgets, not to get lost (Max. weightage – 5)	-	5
(e) Environmental Barriers like access to health care or support systems for rehabilitation or health needs (Max. weightage – 5)	-	5

Parameters		Weightage
(f) Socio-economic status	APL	0
(Max. weightage – 5)	BPL	5
Total		100

(7) Any person with benchmark disability with a score 60 out of 100 point mentioned in sub-rule (6) may be recommended by the Assessment Board for high support needs.

(8) The Assessment Board shall submit its recommendations to the authority notified under sub-rule (1) within a period of 90 days from the date of receiving request for assessment from the said authority.

(9) The State Government or Union Territory Administrations may develop dedicated schemes to provide high support to such persons with benchmark disabilities.

(10) The authority notified under sub-rule (1) shall consider the application for high support requirement on the basis of the recommendations of the Assessment Board keeping in view the schemes or programmes of the respective State Governments or Union Territory Administrations, as the case may be.”

[F. No. 16-16/2017-DD-III]

DOLLY CHAKRABARTY, Jt. Secy.

Message from President AIOTA

Inclusion of Occupational Therapists in Medical Boards for Assessment of Disabilities

The Gazette Notification from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, dated March 8, 2019 has directed the State Governments to constitute the ASSESSMENT BOARD at district level or division level for benchmark disabilities having permanent disability certificate for applying for high support requirement. With sustained efforts from AIOTA, under Chapter 5 A (d) occupational therapist is also included in these Assessment Boards in all districts of the State. Department of Health & Family Welfare,

Govt. of Delhi has also issued notification to this effect on Oct.1, 2019. Inclusion of OT as official signatory in Medical Board for issuance of Unique Disability ID Certificate (UDID) is already in existence by Maharashtra Government since 1918 (eg/Govt. Med. College & Hospital, Aurangabad.

As informed earlier the Gazette notification dated 4 January 2018 of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has already approved the request from AIOTA and has included occupational therapist as one of the healthcare authorities of the constituted medical board, for issuance of certification to persons with specific learning disabilities (SLD).

State Branches & Members of AIOTA are requested to make efforts for implementation of these provisions in their States too for depicting the vaulted contribution of occupational therapists in assessment of PWD's under various categories. This may be taken up by all on priority.

Dr. Anil K. Srivastava
President AIOTA

Dated: December 05, 2019

(To be publish in the part IV of the Delhi Gazette Extra Ordinary)

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
9th Floor, A-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-110002

F.No. 24/Misc Policy/Disab/DHS/NHC/Part-III(A)/CD#000551595 | 1-12

Date: 01/10/11

NOTIFICATION

F. No./Misc Policy/Disab/DHS/NHC/Part-III (A) _____ In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of rule 14A of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017 read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs notification number S.O. 3870(E) dated 12th December, 2017, the Lt. Governor, National Capital Territory of Delhi Hereby constitutes of the following the Assessment Boards for assessment of high support needs of persons with benchmark disability for National Capital Territory of Delhi at the District level, consisting of the following persons, namely:

S. No.	District	Name of Hospital/Institution	Members of Board
1	2	3	4
1	I. East II. Shahdara III. North East	1.Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, and 2.Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Science (IHBAS), Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095	(1) Medical Superintendent of GTB Hospital- Chairman (2) District Social Welfare Officer (Concerned District)- Member (3) Panel of concerned specialist from both hospital/institutions i.e. Five Rehabilitation Specialists Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation or Orthopaedic Specialist, ENT Specialist, Ophthalmologist, General Physician if the Applicant is 18 years or above or Paediatrician If the applicant is less than 18 years, psychiatrist- Members (4) Occupational Therapist or Speech Therapist or Clinical Psychologist or Physiotherapist (as per requirement) - Member (5) Any other expert as the chairman deems appropriate- Member
2	I. Central II. New Delhi	1.Lok Nayak Hospital, J L Nehru Marg, Delhi-110002, and 2.Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital, 1, J L Nehru	(1) Medical Superintendent of Lok Nayak Hospital- Chairman (2) District Social Welfare Officer (Concerned District)- Member (3) Panel of concerned specialist from

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3	I. North II. North West	1.BSA Hospital, Rohini, Delhi-110085	<p>(1) Medical Superintendent of BSA Hospital-Chairman</p> <p>(2) District Social Welfare Officer (Concerned District)- Member</p> <p>(3) Panel of concerned specialist from both hospital/institutions i.e. Five Rehabilitation Specialists Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation or Orthopaedic Specialist, ENT Specialist, Ophthalmologist, General Physician if the Applicant is 18 years or above or Paediatrician If the applicant is less than 18 years, psychiatrist- Members</p> <p>(4) Occupational Therapist or Speech Therapist or Clinical Psychologist or Physiotherapist (as per requirement) - Member</p> <p>(5) Any other expert as the chairman deems appropriate- Member</p>
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The Assessment Boards shall assess the applicant on the basis of the six parameters (a) to (f) and assign scores on the basis of the 100 point graded weightage as per the table given below:-

Parameters 1	Percentage 2	Weightage 3
(a) Severity of Physical Disability (Max. weightage-25)	(a) 40% - 59%	15
	(b) 60% - 79%	20
	(c) 80% - 100%	25
(b) Severity of mental/developmental disability (which restricts the person to take any informed decision) (Max. weightage-25)	(d) 40% - 59%	15
	(e) 60% - 79%	20
	(f) 80% - 100%	25
(c) The extent to which daily activities in a person is hampered (Max. weightage-35)	(i) Bathing, Brushing, Combing, Dressing	10
	(ii) Toilet hygiene (getting to the toilet, cleaning oneself, getting backup etc.)	10
	(iii) Functional mobility (ability to work, get in and out of bed, get in and out of a chair, moving from one place to other while performing activities)	10
	(iv) Self-feeding (not including cooking)	5

(d) Cognitive Abilities like ability to take safety measures to use transport, logistics, gadgets, not to get lost (Max. weightage-5)	-	5
(e) Environmental Barriers like access to health care or support systems for rehabilitation or health needs (Max. weightage-5)	-	5
(f) Socio-economic status (Max. weightage-5)	APL BPL	0
Total		100

1. Any person with benchmark disability who is having High support need or any person or any organization on behalf of such person with benchmark disability may approach notified authority of the District (as per Rule 19 (1) of Delhi Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018), in which he ordinarily reside, who shall refer the case to the Assessment Board of the District/Division.
2. The Assessment Board where the application is referred may include Assessment Board of other district/Division if notified authority feels the need of it on basis of special reasons(s).
3. The Assessment Board shall call/invite the applicant of high support requirements for assessment and may, if necessary, seek clinical assessment.
4. Any person with benchmark disability with a score 60 out of 100 point mentioned in Sub-Rule (6) of Rule 14 A of the Rights of Persons with Disability (Amendment) Rules , 2019, may be recommended by the Assessment Board for high support needs.
5. The Assessment Board shall submit its recommendation to the authority notified under Rule 19 (1) of Delhi Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 within a period of 90 days from the date of receiving request for assessment from the said authority, as per Sub Rules (8) of Rule 14A of the Rights of Persons with Disability (Amendment) Rules, 2019.

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(AJAY BISHT)
Dy. Secretary
Health & Family Welfare

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AIOTA is 'GOING GREEN' as an environment friendly measure. Two recent major measures are making IJOT online and AIOTA elections online. Online manuscript system is in place and the issues are accessed at ijotonweb.org. AIOTA elections 2019 was completely online right from nomination to polling. Other important measure is under consideration to digitise the certificates. AIOTA wishes its members get the benefits of this measure by updating their contact details on AIOTA website. Kindly login using member credentials and update your profile. Updating recent contact details will help AIOTA to send you notifications of recent developments in the body. User name to login is your registered email address. Forgot password option may be used to regenerate password. Kindly write to admin@aiota.org with copy of membership certificate for registering your mail ID.

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Prof's work on low-tech devices wins laurels at global summit

Times News Network

Mangaluru: Dr Shovan Saha, associate professor, department of Occupational Therapy, Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), came in for praise for his presentation at the World Health Organisation's (WHO), global summit on Assistive Technology (AT) held at Geneva recently. His work was titled "The role of low technology assistive device for clients with affected hand functions: Case reports in Indian context."



Innovations by Saha

- ▶ An explosive injury partly ripped off the right hand of a man. His religious conviction was that he had to write holy scriptures with his right hand, and therefore a writing aid was designed optimally utilizing the remaining two fingers.
- ▶ A young boy with triple amputation (bilateral lower limb and one knee

held) post-electrocution, wanted to brush his teeth independently. A brushing aid was designed to enable him to brush his teeth using his right shoulder stump.

▶ A microbiologist, with an assault injury to her right hand had difficulty in reaming her job. An adapted platinum loop holder was designed enabling her to resume her lab work.

A WHO report stated that globally there are 265 million people with some form of musculoskeletal deficit and in need of technological assistance.

Dr Saha's areas of clinical interest is in hand rehabilitation for people with dysfunctional hand resulting from trauma, neurological conditions or birth defects.

He has been instrumental in setting up the state-of-the-art Hand Splinting and Low Technology Lab in Kasturba Hospital which is one of its kinds in India. Dr Saha conducts a specialized post professional live training programme, and has already trained in batches of occupational therapy professionals.

Social Justice dept to start course in occupational therapy within a year

SLEEPY KUMAR @Times

DESPITE being an integral part of modern medicine, occupational therapy is yet to gain due prominence in the state thanks to non-availability of occupational therapy courses and qualified occupational therapists (OTs). But a change is on the cards as the Social Justice Department is planning to introduce the course at the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) and the National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (NIPMR). The course is being designed by the Kerala Devising of Health Sciences (KDHSS).

WHAT IS AN OT?

An OT is one who helps to cooperate from physical or mental illness. The therapist helps the affected person to develop independent ambulation or some form of mobility with or without aids such as wheelchairs and canes.

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy is a 4.5 month course. Some colleges also offer a master's in the subject.

It is planning to introduce it in NISH and NIPMR, said KDHSS. According to NISH, it has received a proposal to start an occupational therapy course at NISH and NIPMR, and only final discussions have been held on the same.

The university further added that within one year the course will come into being at these two institutions. As such as Occupational Therapy Association's state chapter president Joseph Sanyal hailed the decision.

"At present, those who wish to study occupational therapy will have to travel outside the state."

All the national level, around 45 to 50 institutions offer occupational therapy courses. There is a demand for qualified OTs within and outside the state as well as in the Middle East countries, the UK and USA.

However, he said that along with the commencement of the course the government should take care of creating adequate posts in the public sector also.

At the same time, it is feared that once the course course into being it will also help the OTs in NISH their long pending demand of constituting a state council for regulating the practice of occupational therapy.

Students on a mission to beat loneliness among senior citizens

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Udupi: The staff and students of the department of Occupational Therapy (OT), Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), have launched a unique project called 'beat loneliness'.

The aim of this project is to reach out to the masses, especially elderly and to spread awareness on loneliness in society through different mediums including e-posters and public awareness campaigns. The 'Beat Loneliness' project was taken up by the first, second and fourth year OT students.

The project group includes 20 members. Koushik Sai, assistant professor, department of OT, told TGN: "Loneliness is the feeling of being socially isolated and this can cause unhealthy behaviour, lack of interest, poor health and can lead to physical disability, stress etc. The young generation is so much attached to gadgets that they tend to ignore elderly within the family. Some causes are depression, feeling of missing someone, retirement and lack of social support. The project will explain how people can find solutions by volunteering for a cause, taking up hobbies such as gardening, staying connected with family and social participation.

The department hopes to take



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this project further and plan to create a short video and photo collage and upload the same on various social media platforms.

Loneliness could also encourage suicidal tendencies, said assistant professor Koushik Sai.

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Members of Goa Branch participating in SLD Webinar



Members of Telangana Branch participating in SLD Webinar



President AIOTA felicitating Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director GIPMER, New Delhi during inaugural function of COTE on PAMOT –March 29-31, 2019



Dr. R.K.Sharma felicitating President AIOTA during inaugural function of COTE on PAMOT, New Delhi



Participants of COTE on PAMOT, New Delhi with resource faculties and Dean ACOT



Dean ACOT with Participants of AIOTA's Fellowship on Neuro-rehabilitation (FAOTNR)



Valedictory function of ACOT organized AIOTA's 2nd Annual Fellowship Neuro-Rehabilitation on valedictory function in GIPMER, New Delhi on June 27, 2019

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3 candidates received post graduate certificate in Advanced OT in Neuro & MSK Rehab at Jupiter Hospital, Mumbai in June 2019



Seminar with psychiatrist, counselors, diabetologist clinical psychologist & occupational therapists (Dr. Zarine Ferzandi) on diabetic foot care at Masina Hospital, Mumbai in Aug 2019



Dr. Jyothika Bijlani and Dr. Neeraj Mishra meeting with Union Health Minister Dr. Harshwardhan at New Delhi reg. issues of Central Council & CEA etc.



AIOTA delegation (Dr Zarine ferzandi, Dr. J. Bijlani and Dr. Abhijit Mukadam) had a successful meeting with Mrs. Bharti Pawar, MP and member of parliamentary standing committee for Allied health care council bill



Dr. Zarine Ferzandi & Dr. J. Bijlani felicitated by secretary & joint secretary of Shri Guruji Hospital, Mumbai



Dr. Lalit Narayan Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of S.J. & Empowerment, Dr. Thawarchand Gehlot on Oct. 23, 2019 regarding Allied and healthcare professionals Bill & Issues on disability certificate etc.



Workshop on OT in Early Intervention & SI at Shyam Sanjeevani Hospital, Kanpur by UPAIOTA on July 18, 2019. Resource faculties were Dr. Nitesh Srivastav, Dr. Rosalin Nath & Dr. Anant Kumar .



Meeting of Delhi Government OT's at PDDUIPH, New Delhi under the leadership of Dr. Lalit Narayan, Convenor Delhi Branch of AIOTA on 14 December 2019.

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Participants of AIOTA's Advance Assessment Module for SLD at GIPMER, New Delhi organized by ACOT in June 2019 with resource faculties Dr. Shailja Jayvant, Dr. Jyothika Bijlani & Dr. Neeraj Mishra



Celebration of First foundation Day of AIOTA Headquarter on April 20, 2019 at LTM Medical College, Mumbai



Address by President AIOTA in inaugural function of Office Ergonomics Module -1 Workshop Mumbai (April 2019)



Dr. Bharti Jajoo Resource faculty for Office Ergonomics –Module 1 with AIOTA officials and faculties of OT School LTM Med. College, Sion, Mumbai (April-2019)



Workshop on Entrepreneurship & OT by Dr. Shovan Saha at GIPMER New Delhi, June 2019



Dr. Shovan Saha conducting Hand Splinting in Neuro-rehabilitation at GIPMER, New Delhi-June 2019. Dr. R.K. Sharma was other resource faculty.



Participants & faculties of AIOTA workshop on "Hands on Techniques for Motor Re-education" was conducted at GIPMER, New Delhi in June 2019 by resource faculties from Mumbai, Dr Maya Nanavati and Dr Kavita Mahamankar. in collaboration with OT dept., GIPMER, New Delhi.



Participants and resource faculties of COTE on Autism organized at Meenakshi Academy University, Chennai on April, 2019

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ACOT organised AIOTA Workshop on "Office Ergonomics Module-II" (13-15 December 2019) at LTM Medical College, Sion, Mumbai by Dr. Bharti Jajoo



AIOTA Representation to Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Allied & Healthcare Council Bill 2018 during the meeting at New Delhi on 11 October 2019.



Participants of Seminar on Sensory Processing Disorders organized by Gujarat Branch on April, 2019 at Anand



Dr. Joseph Sunny meeting with Former Supreme Court Justice and Lokaykuta, Kerala Sri Cyriac Joseph in Mental Health Center, Thrissur



Dr. Shashi Oberai & Dr. Satish Maskekar with Vice President Durian Industries, Ltd Mumbai Mrs. Meena Kshirsagar while inspection for AIOTA Certification for Ergonomic Suitability of their seating and other range of furnitures



Dr. Punita Solanki delivered talk on "Hand Therapists Approach Towards Complex Regional Pain Syndrome" during the 7th annual national conference of the Society for Hand Therapy, India in September 2019 at Puri (Odisha)



Dr. Punita Solanki was faculty speaker on "Clinical & Functional Assessment of Hand for Planning Hand Therapy" during "CME on Gynaecological Cancer Management & OT" in December, 2018, at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai.

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