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The 56th Annual National Conference of AIOTA i.e. OTICON'2019, is being organized as a gala academic meet of occupational therapy profession in India, at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh from 8th to 10th February, 2019. Honorable Governor of Punjab and Administrator Union Territory, Chandigarh will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest of the inaugural function.

Dimitrios Mylonadis, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, CEO & Clinical Director, Hopscotch Children's Therapy Centre and a faculty in the Child and Family Practice, London will deliver Key Note Address. Dimitrios is an Occupational Therapist and an internationally acknowledged expert in Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD).

Pre-Conference COTE is organized by ACOT on 'Advanced Occupational Therapy in Neuro-Rehabilitation' with resource faculties: Dr. Kavita Mahamankar & Dr. Priya Kothavale - Tawde from Mumbai. The areas covered by them will be occupational therapy intervention in Visual Impairments and Aquatic Therapy in neurological disorders respectively.

The significant highlights of OTICON'2019 are Guest Lectures from National and International faculties of repute. The key guest speakers are:

- **Dr. Rehab Zaytoun MD, a faculty at Fayoum University, Egypt:** Rehab has obtained her Medical Doctorate in Phoniatrics and is specialized in educating parents to support their children with language delay using 'It Takes Two to Talk, More Than Words' and Talkability programs. She will deliver talk on "Therapeutic Feeding and Oral placement therapy: The Myths of Picky Eaters and Feeding Difficulties" and on "The Connection Between Language and Executive Functions: The Role of Parents, SLPs and OTs".
- **Dr. Alok Sharma, MS, MCh (Neurosurgery). Director & Consultant NeuroGen Brain & Spine Institute, Navi Mumbai:** Dr. Sharma is world renowned Neurosurgeon. He will talk on "Neuro Rehab: Then & Now".
- **Dr. Uday Govindrao Bodhankar MD (Paediatrics):** an eminent paediatrician of the country from Nagpur and currently International President of Commonwealth Association for Health & Disability – UK and Ex National President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics: The topic of his lecture is "Community Based Rehabilitation: Indian Vs. Global Scenario".
- **Dr. Amit Ramesh Dhumale MD (Physiatry)** from Jupiter Hospital Mumbai, **Dr. Vijay Suple** from Canada, **Dr. Joseph K. Wells** from USA and many other national faculties would deliver talks on vivid areas of occupational therapy practice.

Please visit the website: <http://oticon.aiota.org/> for registration and more updates on OTICON'2019.

WORLD OT DAY & OTINDIA MONTH

For the first time, the All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA), celebrated the World OT Day and OTIndia month 2018. It was celebrated in a grand way on 30th October 2018, at AIOTA National headquarter at Nerul, Navi Mumbai. On this occasion, a walkathon was organized from Wonders Park to AIOTA headquarter at Business Bay at Nerul, Navi Mumbai. The 4 km walk, was flagged off by Shri Sandeep Naik MLA Navi Mumbai. Over 300 people participated that included AIOTA officials viz. President AIOTA Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, Dr. Satish Maslekar, Dr. Zarine D. Ferzandi, Dr. Pratibha M. Vaidya, Dr. Joseph Sunny, Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Dr. Punita V. Solanki & Dr. Lakshmanan Sethuraman, members of Mumbai Branch, clinical OTs, faculties, guests and OT students from various teaching institutions in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Mr. Gitin Pillai a spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy with honors in MBA was a special invitee.

Later on the day a drawing and painting competition was conducted for differently abled children from special schools of Navi Mumbai. About 100 children participated in the event accompanied by school teachers and parents. An interactive session was also arranged for regular and special school principals, psychologists, special educators on the role of OT in a school set up. Experienced occupational therapists working in school set up from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, highlighted the issues of children, OT assessments and remediation. Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai was the organizing Convener of this well-knit program to mark the occasion.

The celebration of World OT Day & AIOTA's OTIndia month 2018 had been more successful in comparison with past years. In comparison to 11 celebration reports in 2017, this year 23

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WFOT ON OTDAY CELEBRATION REPORT FROM INDIA

Dear Anil and colleagues,

I sincerely appreciate the dedication and commitment of colleagues at the AIOTA in their celebrations of World Occupational Therapy Day & OTIndia month 2018.

The reports, accounts and photographs are as always, creative, innovative and inspiring. These events and support of both individuals and the AIOTA is impressive and remarkable. Please share my appreciation with all the colleagues involved. Your work, time and enthusiasm continues to be an example to others of how to promote occupational therapy at a national level,

With best wishes

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celebration reports were compiled for publication in the newsletter and submitted to WFOT for uploading on its website. Such an enthusiasm and the effort involved by the members, branches and institutions in promoting awareness of the profession throughout India is remarkable and praiseworthy.

The Executive Committee of AIOTA express its thanks and gratitude to all those involved in spectacular celebration of World OT Day & OTIndia Month 2018 for AIOTA, WFOT and the promotion of OT profession in India and globally.

ALLIED & HEALTHCARE CENTRAL COUNCIL BILL 2018

Union Cabinet has approved the 'Allied & Healthcare Central Council Bill - 2018' recently on 22nd November, 2018. AIOTA has been informed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare that AIOTA's submissions put forth in various meetings in the Ministry, which includes independence status, structure, scope of practice and the definition, etc. has been appropriately incorporated in it. It looks like that it is beginning of a new era in respect to regularization, standardization and legislation of OT practice in India. Lets hope that the upcoming bill is welcoming to the profession of occupational therapy in India. The bill is all set to be introduced in winter session of the parliament beginning from 11th December, 2018. AIOTA executive officials will carefully investigate all of the provisions of the bill in the wider interest of the profession in the country before, accepting it in its entirety.

INCLUSION OF OT IN MEDICAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION

Occupational Therapists are now also included as specialists in the medical board as official signatory for issuance of Unique Identity Card for Disabled (UDID Card) in all categories of locomotor disabilities including Hemophilia. Such a welcome beginning of issuance of certificates is reported by Dr. Satish Maslekar Hon. Secretary AIOTA and Senior Occupational Therapist at Government Medical College & Hospital, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India.

In accordance with the government order the occupational therapist as an official signatory for Specific Learning Disability (SLD) certification, has also begun in the State of Kerala. Incidentally like Dr. Satish Maslekar, EC Member of AIOT, Dr. Joseph Sunny, Occupational Therapist from Trivandrum Medical College in Kerala also becomes the first signatory as an Occupational therapist in the medical board for certification of SLD. First SLD medical board in India began in Government Mental Health Center Thrissur (Kerala) with occupational therapist as an official signatory for issuance of certification.

The members of AIOTA and state branches throughout India are hereby advised to make all efforts for including themselves as a specialist in the medical boards in each of the cities for issuance of certification to Persons with Disabilities (PWD's) and SLD. This should be considered as an urgent requirement for the unique contribution of occupational therapy in disability sector, besides the promoting visibility of the profession in medical and public arena.

NATIONAL AWARD TO DR. SUBRATA KUMAR HALDER

Dr. Subrata Kumar Halder, Senior Occupational Therapist cum Junior Lecturer at S. V. National Institute of Rehabilitation Training

& Research, Cuttack, Odisha, India, received National Award by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, in recognition of development of new cost-effective product for manufacture aimed at improving the quality of life of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December, 2018 on The World Disability Day.

Dr. Halder has innovated an assistive device 'Adjustable Postural Correction Chair' to be used by the children between the age of 2-12 years. The device has a weight less than 10 kg and can be dismantled easily. The advantages of the device are: improved performance, safety, repairable, multiple range of applications, direct utility and attachment facility. Dr. Halder has been winner of AIOTA Trophy for best Adaptive Device in the national conferences organized in Indore, Bhubaneswar, Jaipur and Delhi in the past.

WHF EMERGING LEADER AWARD 2018

World Heart Federation (WHF) aims to reduce premature Cardio Vascular Disease (CVD) mortality by 25% by the year 2025 (25 by 25 - Goal). It selects emerging leaders from all over the world each year. Dr. Sureshkumar K. from Wellcome Trust - DBT India Alliance Fellow & Assistant Professor Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad is honored with WHF Emerging Leader Award 2018 in June 2018 at Duke Kunshan University, China. Dr. Sureshkumar will be leading Rehab group and will carry out a research study looking at rehab professionals (REPs) for stroke care in China and India which would investigate the rehab workforce and inform strategies for workforce capacity building.

RULA AWARD TO DR. AMITABH K. DWIVEDI

Rula International Innovation & Betterment Excellence in Technical Research has honored Dr. Amitabh Kishor Dwivedi, Professor & Dean Jaipur OT College, Jaipur & EC Member AIOTA, with an Award of Innovative Scientist in Occupational Therapy in November, 2018 at Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India.

SMT KAMALA V. NIMBKAR BUST IN AIIPMR, HAJI ALI, MUMBAI

The Bust of the founder of the profession of Occupational Therapy in India & Asia Smt. Kamala V. Nimbkar was donated by the Nimbkar family to Department of Occupational Therapy at All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Mumbai. It was installed in the library of the Institute on World OT Day, 2018.

COTE HELD ON WHEELCHAIR SEATING & MOBILITY

Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) in collaboration with Occupational Therapy Department of All India Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AIIPMR) Mumbai, successfully organized certificate course on Wheelchair Seating and Mobility on 29th September, 2018 at AIIPMR, Mumbai. Dr. Anita Gupta, HOD of the Department of OT of the institute was Principal Resource Faculty.

WORKSHOP HELD ON SENSORY DYSFUNCTION ISSUES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

With an initiative from government of Kerala the 2 days' workshop on "Preparation of Comprehensive Resource Book with Special Reference to Sensory Dysfunction issues in ASD" at CDC Trivandrum was organized on 10th to 11th October, 2018, which was participated by Dr. Joseph Sunny EC Member AIOTA with occupational therapists and other professionals of the State.



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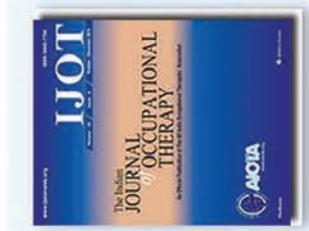


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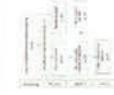
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