

NEWS AND INFORMATION

47th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA

Jan., 21-23, 2010, Ahmedabad

The 47th Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association was very successfully organized from January 21-23, 2010 at Tagore Memorial Theater (Tagore Hall), Paldi, Ahmedabad. Theme of the conference was **Entrepreneurship in Occupational Therapy**. It was attended by more than 600 delegates, students and guests.

The highlight of the event was COTE on **Disaster Management in Occupational Therapy**. President AIOTA **Dr. Anil K. Srivastava** was the lead speaker while **Dr M. Mathan R. David** was the co-speaker of this widely appreciated COTE on 21st Jan.

Dr. Mrs V. S. Bole (New Delhi) delivered the Key Note Address on the theme of the conference. **Dr. M. M. Prabhakar, Dr. Dilip Patel, Dr. Bhushan Punani, Dr. V.G.Patel** delivered Guest Lectures on 'Cerebral Palsy', 'Personality Profiles for Health Care Professionals', 'Indian Disability Law and Entrepreneurship Competencies towards Excellence' respectively. The lucid information provided indebted knowledge for the benefit & progress of occupational therapy in India. The conference was inaugurated by the pioneer in OT profession in Gujarat **Dr. Pushpaben Mankad** while **Dr Parimal Trivedi**, V.C. of the Gujarat University was Guest of Honor. **Plenary Session on Entrepreneurship in Occupational Therapy**, with resource persons **Dr. Sarin, Dr. Chaterjee, Dr. S.R. Apte, Dr. R.K. Sharma and Dr. Mrs. Jyothika Bijlani** was welcomed by all.

Dr S.R. Apte was the Organizing Secretary and **Dr Mrs. Pratibha Vaidya** (Mumbai) was the Chairperson of the Scientific Program Committee of this mega event of AIOTA, that was superbly organized by Gujarat Branch of AIOTA in collaboration with Ahmedabad Institute of Medical Sciences.

The Winners of Awards and Trophies

1) Kamala V. Nimbkar Trophy for the Best Scientific Paper

Name : Rasna Ratn (Ahmedabad)

Title : Predictors of Muscle Strength using Quantitative Muscle Testing for Hand Muscles in Young Indian Adults

2) Kailash Merchant Award for the Best Paper in Neuroscience

Name : Jose Mary Sangeetha (Chennai)

Title: The Efficacy of Comprehensive Pelvic Floor Muscle Rehabilitation Program of Stress Incontinence in Women.

3) AIOTA Trophy for the Best Paper in Mental Health

Name : Asmita Sarang (Mumbai)

Title: Adverse Psychological Health of the Care Givers of Older Adults with Dementia: Indian v/s US

4) KEMOT Youth Talent Award

Name : Neeraj Mishra (New Delhi)

Title : To Study the Effectiveness of Specially Designed Therapy Garment on Children with Sensory Integrative Dysfunction

5) AIOTA Trophy for the Best Adaptive Device

Name : Meenakshi Batra (New Delhi)

Title : Multivariant Tone Influencing Positioning System

6) Dr. N. Swaroop Award for the Best Splint

Name : Sanjiv Kumar (Manipal)

Title : Dynamic Pronation Supination Splint

Students' Category

Model

Theme: **Healthy Child Healthy India**

I Prize - Manipal College of Allied health Science, Manipal

II Prize - Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai

III Prize - Indore Institute of Medical Science, Indore

Poster

Theme: **Human Rights & OT**

I Prize - Seth G. S. Medical College Mumbai

II Prize - S. V. NIRTAR, Cuttack

III Prize - L.T.M.M.C. Sion Mumbai

Street Play

Theme: **New Dimensions in OT**

I Prize - Seth G. S. Medical College, Mumbai

II Prize - Jointly by Manipal College of Allied Health Science Manipal & Indore Institute of Medical Science, Indore

OTICON'2011 : 48th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AIOTA

The 48th Annual National Conference of AIOTA is likely to be held in January 2011 at Chennai. The proposals for holding the conference is received by the AIOTA Office from SRM University Chennai and T.N. branch of AIOTA.

In accordance with the AIOTA GB's approval at Ahmedabad now onwards the terminology OTICON (OT India Conference) will be in use in place of earlier EMCON.

The conference information with all necessary details will soon be available on AIOTA website www.aiota.org

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS NEEDED FOR HAITI FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Handicap International is recruiting Occupational Therapists (OTs) to provide direct care for people injured and disabled in Haiti's devastating earthquake. Therapists are needed in hospital settings to help people recover from their injuries, avoid secondary complications, and prevent or mitigate long-term disability. Some therapists will provide community based services in displaced persons camps. Contracts will range from one to eight months. Direct care positions require a commitment of at least 6 weeks. Project managers need to commit to at least 8 months.

Minimum Qualification required is 3 years professional experience as licensed OT for position of occupational therapists.

The required positions are Rehabilitation Program Coordinator, Project Manager, Disability and Vulnerability Focal Point, Project Manager for hospital based therapy services and Occupational Therapists (15 positions).

Please email applications (CV, cover letter, availability dates and contact information for 3 professional references) to: recrut05@handicap-international.org. For more information visit: **Website:** <http://www.handicap-international.ch/>

DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRESENTATION ACCEPTED FOR SUPERCOURSE LIBRARY

The presentation/talk of **Dr Anil K. Srivastava**, President of AIOTA at COTE organized on Jan. 21, 2010 at Ahmedabad is accepted as a part of renowned **Supercourse Library**. It can be visited in two parts on the website as below:

Part 1 - <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec37041/index.htm> and

Part 2 - <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec37051/index.htm>

Supercourse is a repository of lectures on global health and prevention designed to improve the teaching of prevention. Supercourse has a network of over 65000 scientists in 174 countries who are sharing for free a library of 4291 lectures in 31 languages. The Supercourse has been produced at the WHO Collaborating Center, University of Pittsburgh, with core developers Ronald LaPorte, Ph.D., Faina Linkov, Ph.D., Mita Lovalekar, M.D., Ph.D. and Eugene Shubnikov, M.D..

INTERNATIONAL OT DAY, TNMC, MUMBAI

The **International Day of Occupational Therapy**, was also celebrated at T.N. Medical College, Mumbai. A poster exhibition was held on **Occupational Therapy Intervention in Breast Cancer** at T N Medical College and B.Y.L. Nair Hospital foyer on Oct. 27, 2009. This theme was chosen as October is the Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Dean, Dr. R. Rananavare.

To coincide with 14th Nov.: 'The Children's Day', a lecture program too was arranged on '**Sensory Processing Disorders in children**' on **Nov. 19, 2010**. It was attended by about 200 medical, OT & PT

professionals, special educators and parents. Guest of Honour was Dr R.K. Anand (Sr. Consultant Pediatrician at Jaslok hospital). The Guest speakers were **Dr Roopa Srinivasan** (Developmental Paediatrician), **Dr Mugdha Wagh Shaan** (Occupational Therapist) and **Dr Trupti Nikharge** (Occupational Therapist). **Dr Ms Odette M. Gomes** acting HOD, OT School at T.N. Medical College organized these events.

AWARDED

AIOTA'S PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD presented to **Dr .Prakash Prasad Singh**, Former Head of Occupational Therapy College, Patna Medical College, Patna) for his meticulous contribution towards development of Occupational Therapy in India. Dr Singh was also EC Member of AIOTA.

AIOTA'S STALWART AWARD: presented to **Dr. Mrs. I.R. Kenkre** former Head of OT School, Seth G.S. Medical College & K.E. M. Hospital, Mumbai for her life time contribution to development of OT in India and promotion of AIOTA activities. Dr Mrs. Kenkre is also past Hon. Secretary of AIOTA and was also Dean of the Academic Council of OT.

FACOT AWARD: Dr Shovan Saha, Associate Professor of OT at Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal and Hon. Secretary of AIOTA was awarded with prestigious **Fellowship of Occupational Therapy** from Academic Council of OT of AIOTA.

The awards and honors were presented on Jan. 21, 2010, during the inaugural session of 47th Annual National Conference of AIOTA at Ahmedabad.

AIOTA ELECTION RESULT

Following were declared elected during GB Meeting of AIOTA held on 22nd Jan. 2010 to constitute new Executive Committee of AIOTA for the years 2010-2012:

President: Dr M.S. Warhade (Nagpur)

Vice President: Dr Mrs Z.D. Ferzandi (Mumbai)

Hon. Secretary: Dr Shovan Saha (Manipal)

Hon. Treasurer: Dr Satish Maslekar (Aurangabad)

EC Members:

Dr Mrs. Jyothika Bijlani (Mumbai)

Dr Mrs. Pratibha M. Vaidya (Mumbai)

Dr P.P. Ukey (Nagpur)

Dr Ms. Sofia Azad (Nagpur)

Immediate Past President Dr Anil K. Srivastava will be the **Ex-officio** in EC of AIOTA.

RENEWAL OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF AIOTA

AIOTA GB met on 22nd Jan. 2010 at Ahmedabad decided to accept the EC's proposal of **Renewal of Life Membership after every 15 years**. It aimed to meet out heavy financial expenses of AIOTA in all spheres including WFOT annual membership subscription, IJOT and significant issues of professional concern. **The renewal of Life Membership Subscription shall be Rs. 3000.00 only**. The decision would come into force with effect from **April 1, 2010**.

All Life Members enrolled with AIOTA before 31st March 1995 are requested to renew their Life Membership before 31st March 2010, to continue receiving AIOTA information, circulars and publications. Details of the information to this effect shall be uploaded on AIOTA website soon. For more information and for the procedure for renewal of Membership, Hon. Treasurer may also be contacted. **Late payment charges will not be applicable if Life Membership is renewed before 31st March, 2011.**

However they were no revision of subscription for current Regular Life Membership (Rs. 5000.00) and Student Membership (Rs. 700.00)

EVENTS GOLBALLY

COTE on Gericare, Kolkata

A two days Continuing Occupational Therapy Education Program (COTE) organized on 18-19 February, 2010 for the qualified Occupational Therapists/PG students on “**Geriatric Population: Posture Related Issues**” at Deptt. of Occupational Therapy, National Institute for Orthopedically Handicapped, Kolkata. The program has covered different issues related to postural disorders and its management in geriatric population.

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Workshop on Taping Techniques, Bangalore

The RECOUP Neuromuscular-skeletal Rehabilitation Centre, Bangalore organized a two days workshop on Taping Techniques on February 20-21, 2010 in RECOUP Hospital Auditorium.

Information:

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Course Co-ordinator

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Website: <http://www.recoup.in>

Guest Lecture of OT in Forensic Medicine, Mumbai

Bombay Branch of AIOTA organized a Guest Lecture of Dr Samita Kirve (OT) on Occupational Therapy in Forensic Medicine on Thursday 18th February 2010 at L.T.M. Medical College, Sion Hospital, Mumbai.

Information:

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1st Saudi Occupational Therapy Conference

6-7 April, 2010, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Information:

Email: accaffl_symposia@ngha.med.sa

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WFOT: 15th WORLD CONGRESS

4-7 May, 2010, Santiago- Chile

The World Federation of Occupational Therapists 15th World Congress, Santiago Chile 4-7 May 2010 is the premier event for occupational therapists around the globe and will attract around 2500 occupational therapists. **Sharing the World of Occupation from Latin America** is the theme of WFOT 2010.

Information:

Website: www.wfot.org/wfot2010

Email: wfot2010@wfot.org

8th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy meeting

24-26 June, 2010, Orlando, FL

Dr. Hemant Nandgaonkar's study on “**Modified Rivet and Eyelet Definess Test-test to Study Importance of Nail on Hand Skill**” has been accepted as a Scientific Paper presentation for the 8th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy meeting in Orlando. Dr Nandgaonkar is Asstt. Prof. OT, G.S.Medical College, Mumbai and President, Society for Hand Therapy, India

Hand Therapy Conference 2010,

7-9 May, 2010, Mumbai

The Society For Hand Therapy, India is organizing the first Hand Therapy Conference in Mumbai

Information :

Website: <http://hotc4u.tripod.com/isht/id4.html>

5th Malaysian Conference on Healthy Ageing

26-29 May 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The theme of the event is “Embracing Healthy Living and Preventive Medicine”

Information:

Website: <http://www.wfot.org/documents/MHAS%205th%20Conference%20BrochureUSD%20front130110.pdf>

College of Occupational Therapists 34th Annual Conferences and Exhibition

22-25 June, 2010, Brighton Centre, Brighton, Sussex

HIV/AIDS, Oncology, Palliative Care Older People is the theme of the event.

Information:

Website: www.cot.org.uk/annualconferences

New Zealand AOT Conference 2010

8-10 September, 2010, Nelson, New Zealand

‘Shifting Sands - Creating our Place’ is the theme of 2nd National Health and Wellbeing in Developmental Disabilities Conference of New Zealand Association of OT's.

Information:

Website: <http://www.nzaot.com/professional.development/conference/index.php>