

From the desk of Organising Secretary

Dear Fellow colleagues,

It's a great pleasure inviting you for this memorable conference in the history of Occupational Therapy.

It's been a long journey of 70 years, years passed by and we have come to the point of time where this event deserves a great, so here we are, with an invite for, "The Platinum Jubilee year of Occupational Therapy" ! We are glad to announce the most happening event of the year-The 57th annual national conference of AIOTA, the OTICON 2020, which will be celebrated at the first Occupational therapy school and center, in India and Asia.

In 1950, developmentally we started budding at a very premature level and today we have grown and matured scientifically, to prove that we are the ones who bring about a real change in the life of the differently abled...not just adding years to their life, but adding life to the years. Every profession progresses with the conception of the current knowledge; the current changes with time, the needs of the time and culture. So has the profession transformed itself magnanimously to stand up to meet the connotation of academic disciplines and practice; adhering to the newer definitions in health, latest classifications and diagnosis of conditions.

Occupational Therapists as trained professionals in the field of health care deal with disabilities, dysfunction, and impairment and envisage a portfolio of inevitable occurrences that can be prevented and treated through advanced approaches and technology today.

In the light of changing dimensions, Occupational Therapy may be defined as a holistic approach to functional diagnosis and having a specific intervention towards the diagnosis. The practice framework involves application of goal oriented exercises to enhance purposeful activities. The effect of goal oriented exercises and techniques are translated to effective functioning; the improved components of performance are utilized to make a patient independent. The tenets of profession have now been modulated to use of the latest technology and modalities, use of computerized systems to evaluate and diagnose the functional deficits and treat a person whose function is impaired or is differently abled.

The core objectives of Occupational therapy are thus, to prevent and treat disability, promote, and maintain health and wellbeing of individuals to enhance the daily functioning of an individual, the extended objectives being integration into society as a productive individual.

We hope to see this conference be a mega academic event, joining the east- west- north and south of the world. We invite national and international delegates from all over the world to participate in the conference; and share their expertise in the field of Occupational Therapy. The special feature of this event is the alumni meet of the Seth GSMC, KEMH.Mumbai; of course other willing delegates will be welcomed too!

An excellent academic bonanza of research, knowledge, education and hands on for rare topics –pain management and sports nutrition , sports medicine workshops prior to the conference. Rich and enjoyable ambience of the venue which is situated in the heart of the Mumbai Mega Metropolis, wide

media coverage. We expect the occasion to be graced by, the presence of eminent personalities of the state.

The mega cultural event presented by Mumbai institutes and the spine chilling experience of site seeing of the popular spots, of the capital of Maharashtra, surrounded by the blue lagoon are some of the attractions.

Please do register in large number; it is your event and our pride to serve you!

Thanking you

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