



OTICON 2022

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Call for Scientific Program, OTICON 2022

All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) has been providing opportunities every year to all occupational therapists from India and overseas, to present innovative research work in areas of academics and practice; thereby enabling professionals to share ideas with fellow colleagues. Adapting to the New Normal and continuing the learning process by re-inventing ourselves, AIOTA's 59th Annual National Conference, OTICON 2022, goes VIRTUAL again. Aiding in new ways to exchange knowledge and research work in an Indian context and enriching fellow colleagues is the objective of this conference. We hereby invite you for the OTICON 2022 with your exciting research Papers/exhibits related to the theme as listed below, in the vivid areas of Occupational Therapy practice.

Themes for Deliberations: For Scientific Papers and Innovative Technologies

- Intervention during/ for COVID
- OT practice models during pandemic
- Developing aspects of professional education and practice
- Preventive and restorative aspects of healthcare treatment in an interdisciplinary team approach
- Locomotor disabilities
- Mental health practices
- Institutional versus community-based rehabilitation
- Developmental disorders
- Technology and assistive technology: biomechanics and bioengineering
- Occupational health and work physiology
- Ergonomics, industrial rehabilitation, architectural barriers, environmental modifications, access.
- Sports science and comprehensive fitness
- Social and legal aspect of the profession
- Geri-care
- Adjunctive therapies
- Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation
- Cancer rehabilitation and onco-palliative care
- Occupational therapy in dermatological and connective tissue disorders



General Guidelines for Members

1. Language of deliberations and written communications: American (US) English.
2. Original scientific papers (individual and collaborative) from AIOTA members are welcome for the presentation.
3. A generalized presentation should preferably be avoided.
4. Registration is mandatory for submission in all categories of presentations in the conference.
5. Oral papers/exhibits/mini-movies which do not confine to the standards will not be accepted
6. Participants will be able to download an e-certificate from the website and Winners will receive the hard copy of the certificate by post
7. All correspondence related to the scientific program should be addressed to the Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee, OTICON'2022 via email

Categories for AIOTA Member

Name of the Award	Guidelines
Kamala V. Nimbkar Award for Best Scientific Paper	A original Scientific paper of a robust novel research question and methodology
Vijay Suple Award for Best Scientific Paper in Mental Health	Research emphasizing the role of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health
Ona Desai Award for Best Scientific Paper in Neuroscience	Research paper emphasizing the importance of Occupational Therapy in Neurological disorders



AIOTA Award for Best Scientific Paper in Pediatrics	Research paper emphasizing the importance of Occupational Therapy in children with developmental disorders/ wellness/ psycho-education of families& caregivers of children with developmental and other disorders
M. M. Sangoi Award for Best Scientific Paper on Ergonomics, Environment & Access	Research paper emphasizing the importance of Occupational Therapy in Designing/Modifying/reviewing/ remediating areas of office, environment and community access
Bharati Kirti Patel Youth Talent Award	Research Paper by the young occupational therapists graduated not before 1st January 2017
N Swaroop Award for Best Innovative Technology	Original design, innovation, discovery of any equipment, concept or tool, tried and tested on the patient/ client by occupational therapists alone or in collaboration
NirmalaVenkateswaran Award for Best Mini Movie (<i>Both Member Delegates and Student Delegates are eligible to participate</i>)	The movie should not be more than 4 minutes. Movie should Promote, create awareness or emphasize on the importance of the profession. The movie should NOT advertise/ Criticize any other profession/ professional/ professional Body. The movie should not reveal the name of the institute.
Best Delegate OTICON'2022 Award by Kerala Branch of AIOTA	The delegate member should have attended all the sessions during the two days of delegations
Non Competitive Oral Paper Presentation / Scientific Exhibit	Original/ review/ expert opinions emphasizing the importance of Occupational Therapy Process and Practice
Gold Medal Award for best OT graduate of 2021 (By Orissa Branch of AIOTA).	Candidate graduated in the year 2021 and recommended by the respective head of occupational therapy college/institute as per the AIOTA guidelines



Instructions for Submission of Research Abstracts

1. Abstracts of oral papers/exhibits should be submitted at aiota.org/conference/abstract submission
2. Members interested in participating in more than one category should submit an abstract for each category.
3. Members will not be allowed to participate in categories for which abstracts have not been submitted.
4. Authors should submit a structured abstract with headings: (a) Title (b) Authors (Full Name) along with details of Institution(s), City, State and Country (c) Background, Objectives and Study Design (d) Methods (e) Results (f) Conclusion (g) Trial Registration if any (h) Funding (i) Acknowledgements and (j) References (not more than 2 latest citations). (k) Keywords
5. The abstract structure should not exceed 350 words.
6. The content of the abstract should be accurate, brief, clear, organized, self contained, and in American (US) English language

Instructions for Submission of Scientific Papers

1. Papers are invited, which describe and emphasize the development in areas of education/academics, clinical practice, and policy decision-making in occupational therapy.
2. The research work to be presented should be novel with sound scientific reasoning, and be pertaining to occupational therapy.
3. Preparation of the study/paper should be based on "Guidelines to Authors for Submission" that can be obtained from IJOT website: www.ijotonweb.org/contributors.asp
4. Scientific papers have to be submitted on acceptance of abstract at www.review.jow.medknow.com/ijoth
5. Participants will be allowed to present only those research papers which are accepted and not any other paper at the last minute.
6. Total time allotted for each oral paper presentation is only 10 minutes. Presenters are requested to login for the entire scientific session
7. Paper presentation in-absentia will not be allowed in the competitive category. However, in circumstances beyond control, the Chairperson of the Scientific Program Committee may use his discretion to grant permission to the first co-author, to present the paper submitted and accepted under the non-competitive category



8. Scientific papers under the competitive category will be peer-reviewed by two experts in the specified field prior to the conference.
9. The design of the scientific program shall be final and binding in respect to acceptance of abstracts/papers and also regarding allotment of time and duration of presentation.

Instructions for Submission of Innovative Technology/Minimovie

1. Mini Movies should not exceed the time limit of 4 minutes.
2. Recorded video of the use of particular innovation has to be submitted.
3. Final Submissions of the videos preferably in .mp4 format should be shared with oticonsce@gmail.com

Student Member Section

Categories for Student Members from AIOTA Accredited Colleges

- Best Poster: Transform your care: OT assesments for telehealth
- Best Innovative Technology
- OMG Provo Award: Best Humorous Occupational Therapy Depiction
- Best Student Delegate: OTICON'2022 Award by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA

Students' Submission General Guidelines

1. Registration for the student's events is mandatory in respective competitive categories i.e. poster and innovative technology.
2. Faculty In-charge from the respective college/institutions will be able to register for the student's event with the conference registration numbers of the students.
3. The number of student participants for the Poster and Innovative category should not exceed 10.
4. 2 students may form a group to participate in the Best Student Delegate Award and OMG Provo Award.
5. Deadline for submission of Image/ video will be 28th February 2022 but the institute participation has to be confirmed by 31st December 2021. Conference registration number is mandatory to confirm the institute's participation.
6. The Participation/Merit Certificates can be downloaded from the website.



Student's Poster/ Humorous Poster Guidelines

1. High-Resolution image-oriented in landscape form in the way that the entire poster is visible on the screen on the 100% mode
2. Not following the norms will be subjected to disqualification from the competition. However, the students can be allowed to present but shall not be judged.
3. Participants are encouraged to present evidence-based information to showcase the poster theme.
4. The humorous poster should NOT advertise/ criticize any other profession/ professional/ professional Body. The movie should not reveal the name of the college/institution/place.
5. Final Submissions received after 28th February 2022 will not be considered.

Student's Innovative Technology Guidelines

Video of demonstration of the device or the equipment needs to be presented during the judging. The presenter should be clearly visible in the video and available during the presentation for judging. Innovative technology should be based on sound clinical and scientific reasoning.

Deadlines for Submissions

Research Abstracts	30 th November 2021
Full Scientific Paper	15 th January 2022
Mini Movie Abstract	31 st January 2022
Video Submission (Innovative Technology/Mini Movie)	28 th February 2022
Confirmation of Institutions Participation	31 st December 2021
Submission of Student's Poster/Innovative Technology	28 th February 2022

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