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Fellowship in Advanced OT: Neuro Developmental Disorders (India) FAOT: NDD (India)

The AIOTA's innovative academic program 'Fellowship in Advanced OT: Neuro Developmental Disorders (India)' FAOT-NDD (India) is all set to be rolled in Sept. 2017by the Academic Council of OT [ACOT], to enhance the knowledge base of India's dynamic post graduates in the field of Occupational Therapy. The fellowship brings together expertise across the globe, who have through their immense contribution has taken Pediatric occupational therapy practice to higher standards. This fellowship offers an opportunity to imbibe practical knowledge in the subject through didactic as well as web-based learning and strengthen clinical practice in light of advanced techniques and latest evidences. CEUs and transcripts shall be awarded. The duration of fellowship program will be 9 months commencing from Sept 18, 2017 - June 17, 2018. For more information write to Dean ACOT (deanacot@aiota.org) and/or visit AIOTA Website: www.aiota.org

OTs Appointed in Government Hospital in Tamil Nadu

In an historical development Occupational Therapists were appointed on newly created 18 posts in government hospitals of Tamil Nadu State in Jan.2017.

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AIOTA Awards & Honors

Following members of AIOTA were honored with prestigious Awards during OTICON'2017: the 54th Annual Conference of AIOTA at Jaipur from Feb. 17-19, 2017 for their meticulous contribution towards the profession and AIOTA:

President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award

Dr. Kit Sinclair (Hong Kong)

AIOTA's Life Time Achievement Award

Dr. M. M. Sangoi (New Delhi)

Dr. G. C. Jain (Jaipur)

AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award

Dr. Jayashri S. Kale (Mumbai)

Dr. Kishor Kumar (Patna)

AIOTA's Young OT Achiever Award

Dr. Harsh Vardhan (New Zealand)

AIOTA Meeting at NDMA, New Delhi

A 3 member delegation of AIOTA under the leadership of Dr. Anil K Srivastava, President AIOTA, Dr. Kit Sinclair, formerly President WFOT &Global Brand Ambassador Disaster Management and Dr. Neeraj Mishra, EC member AIOTA met the officials of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Feb. 20, 2017. The delegation had a meeting with Shri R K Jain, IAS, member NDMA and another senior official from NDMA Shri G S Sharma. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Saurabh Dalal, Consultant Disaster Rehabilitation and Medical Preparedness, NDMA. The meeting was aimed towards the involvement of Occupational Therapists in the Disaster Management process. The NDMA officials were positive and suggested a few things to chalk out a roadmap for the future to which AIOTA agreed:

- 1. Formation of a Disaster Management cell in AIOTA
- 2. Identification of 40 members to be an active part of this cell and who are ready to offer voluntary services during any disaster situations.

- 3. Conducting a national level orientation workshop for these 40 members and other members of AIOTA in collaboration with the Maharashtra state chapter of NDMA and the representatives from the national body of NDMA at Mumbai.
- 4. Intensive capacity building strategies for inclusion of OT in various stages of the disaster management process.

Inclusion of OT in RPWD Act 2016 and Autism Certification Board $\,$

AIOTA is making all efforts for an appropriate inclusion of occupational therapists in RPWD Act 2016 and Autism Medical Certification Board.

Events

- Jan. 5-6: Smt. Kamlaben P. Patel Institute of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Anand Gujrat organized Workshop on 'Hand Splinting' and 'Drawing Competition' for students on World Cancer Day Awareness Program on Feb 4.
- Jan. 16: AIOTA member Dr. Karthik Mani, MSc, OTD, OTR/L gave a live radio interview on 'Office Computer Ergonomics' on Super Human Radio on 16th January 2017. The podcast of the interview is available at http://superhumanradio.com/shr-1971-evidence-based-ergonomics-education-gelatin-joints.html (16th-56th minute)."
- Feb 21: Dr. Anant Kumar EC Member of UPAIOTA and OT at Dr. R.M.L. Institute of Med. Sciences, Lucknow was invited to deliver Guest Talk on 'Assistive Devices & Technology' on Feb. 21 and on Sensory Integration on March 2, 2017 at C.R.C. Lucknow
- *Mar. 5:* TNAIOTA organized a COTE at JKKMMRF College of OT, Erode, Tamil Nadu on 'Recent Trends in Psychiatric Rehabilitation'.
- *Mar.* 29-30: Pt. D.D.U. National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi organized Seminar on 'Therapeutic Intervention in Autism Spectrum Disorders' at Hindi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Mar.31-April 2: 5th Annual Conference of Indian Federation of Rehabilitation (IFNRCON 2017) was organized at Mumbai. Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai and Dean -ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani were invited as Resource Faculties.
- April 2 9: OT School & Centre GMCH Nagpur organized Autism Awareness Programm in collaboration with Nagpur Branch of AIOTA in the college campus.
- May 7: Workshop for OT's on 'Practical in Low Temperature Plastic Splints' by Dr. Shovan Saha (Manipal) at Praytna, Cochin. Information: Dr. Joseph Sunny, Email: josephsunnymot@gmail.com
- Sept. 2-3: 14th annual conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics Chapter of Neuro-Developmental Pediatrics is being organized in New Delhi with the theme "Overcoming Challenges, Building Strengths" for developmental pediatricians, occupational therapy/physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, school teachers and special educators, psychologists and counsellors. Information: Dr. Shambhavi Seth, DNB (Pediatrics) Email: shambhaviseth @gmail.com
- Sept. 22-23: 6th Annual National Conference of Society for Hand Therapy (SHT), India at Mumbai, India. Details Available at: http://www.isshcon2017.com/ and http://www.slideshare.net/SHTIndia/6th-annual-national-conference-of-sht-india-brochure-2017 and www.societyforhand therapyindia.in
- Oct. 4-8: MYOPAIN 2017: The 10th World Congress on Myofascial Pain Syndrome and Fibromyalgia Syndrome is being organised at ITC Gardenia, Bangalore, India. Information: Dr. Deepak Sharan, Email: deepaksharan. rehabilitation1@gmail.com
- Oct. 10-12: 'Asean Conference on Healthy Ageing 2017' will be organized at Sarawak, Malaysia. Theme- Ageing: Challenges, Successes & the Journey Ahead. Information: Professor Nathan Vytialingam Website: http://www.acha2017.com

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