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September. 2018-June 2019

AIOTA'S innovative academic program "Fellowship in advanced occupational therapy: Neurorehab (FAOT:NR) is all set to be rolled out in 2018 by Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT), to enhance the knowledge base and clinical skills of Post graduates in Occupational therapy. The Fellowship program offers a blend of clinical expertise and knowledge from all across the Globe. It is also a one of its kind academic platform which provides unique opportunities for didactic as well as web based learning backed by expert supervision and evidence based practice guidelines.

Academic Schedule

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AIOTA NATIONAL HEADQUARTER INAUGURATED

AIOTA National Headquarter 801, Business Bay, Plot No.51, Sector-1, Nerul, Navi Mumbai- 400706 (Maharashtra) was inaugurated by Shri Ganesh Naik, Ex-Guardian Minister, Thane in the gracious presence of Shri Jayawant Sutar, Mayor, Navi Mumabai on 20th April in a grand function. Dr. Ramesh Oza Former President AIOTA was Guest of Honor. Former President Dr. Madan Warhade (Nagpur), Former Secretary Dr. Vasant Thombre (Nagpur), Dr. Jaya Kale HOD OT School GMCH, Mumbai, Dr. Veena Slaich EC ACOT (New Delhi), Dr. M.M. Sangoi and many HOD'S & Faculties from Mumbai and official from Charity Commissioner, Mumbai also graced the occasion. President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava felicitated the dignitaries present there on the occasion. In his welcome address he said that it is a significant achievement of past more than six decades of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA). It would not have been possible without selfless dedicated services from each one of the pioneers, members and members of the Executive Committee. Now the mission of AIOTA is to build an OT Bhavan in Navi Mumbai. The proposed OT Bhavan will have provisions of AIOTA secretariat, board room, mini auditorium for academic workshops & professional meetings and specialized OT facilities for developmental disorders, elderly, orthopedic & neurological dysfunctions. Hon'ble Guests Shri Ganesh Naik and Shri Jayvant Sutar assured for their full cooperation in transforming the dream of AIOTA's OT Bhavan into reality. The inaugural program had wide media coverage. Vice President AIOTA Dr. Shashi Oberai was the organizing convener of this well-knit inaugural program.

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IJOT SPECIALTY EDITION 2018 ON NEURO-REHABILITATION

The theme for specialty edition of IJOT (Volume 50, Issue 4) for the year 2018 is "Neuro Rehabilitation". IJOT Editorial Board invites research manuscripts, review article and/or case report in the field of Neuro-Rehabilitation from authors across the globe, on or before 31st July 2018. We encourage amateur as well as experienced authors to gear-up to be

featured in the specialty edition of 2018 as research authors.

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AIOTA'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP IN ADVANCED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

AIOTA's First Annual 9 month's duration Fellowship in Advanced Occupational Therapy on Neuro-Developmental Disorders (FAOTNDD-India) was concluded on June 11, 2018. This innovative fellowship program had 20 postgraduate OT participants and more than 30 national and overseas faculties including key resource faculty Erna Blanch (USA). The highlights of concluding week of the fellowship program organized at Avion Hotel, Mumbai were:

- The presence of Erna with her impressive talks and presentations for full 3 days.
- · The presentation, examination & discussions
- Presence of President AIOTA Dr. Anil Srivastava as the chief guest of the closing function
- Presence of mentors & faculties of fellowship in OT: NDD added zeal to the function. Dr. Pratibha Vaidya, Dr. Anjali Joshi, Dr. Ashwini Vaishampayam, Dr Shailaja Jaywant, Dr Sushant Sarang, Dr Saadhiya Merchant, Dr Manish Samnani & Dr. Chaula Badiani showered their blessings on the candidates for their completion of the fellowship.
- Presence of other dignitaries Dr. Stefanie Bodison, faculty USC SI certification course, Dr Rashmi Yeradkar, HOD of LTMM OT College, Dr. Anuradha Pai, Dr. Odette Gomes, Dr. Kavita Mahamankar added grace to the occasion
- Presentation of certificates to participants, mentors, faculty members
 and coordinators by Dr Anil Srivastava who in his
 address congratulated Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani and
 Coordinators Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar (Mumbai) & Dr. Lakshmanan
 S. (Bangalore) for the exemplary success of the 1st fellowship program
 on NDD through live and web-based learning and at Mumbai.

The Fellowship program included didactic lectures, practical sessions, and active learning modules of the advanced occupational therapy practice in neuro-developmental disorders during 18th September 2017 to 11th June 2018. The successful participants were provided 49 CEU's by ACOT.

He announced the beginning of the 2nd Fellowship in Advanced OT on Neuro-Rehabilitation (FAOT: NR-India) from Sept.2018 at Mumbai. OT's with postgraduate qualifications may contact Dean Academic Council of OT- Dr. Jyothika Bijlani for more information and registration (Tel: 9820964567, Email: aiotafellowship2018@gmail.com)

SENSORY INTEGRATION CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE COURSE BY USC

Sensory Integration Continuing Education Certificate Course 1, 2 & 3 by Chan Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy, University of Southern California (USC) was held in Avion Hotel, Mumbai from 4^{th} June 2018 - 8^{th} June 2018 & from 10^{th} June $2018-15^{th}$ June 2018. The USC Certificate Course was organized by SOCH (Smt. Meera Foundation for Health, Education & Welfare), Delhi in collaboration with Academic Council of OT of All India Occupational Therapists' Association. Erna Blanche & Stefanie Bodison, from division of Occupational Therapy, University of Southern California were the key resource faculties .40 national & international participants: 1 from Saudi Arabia & 6 from Bangla Desh, attended course 1 & 3 while for course 2 the no of participants were 53.

The special course 1:" Sensory integration for individuals with Autism Spectrum" & course 2: "Sensory Integration in school based settings "will be held from 17thJuly to 20th July 2018 at Avion Hotel, Mumbai. These both special courses will be conducted by Stefanie Bodison.

AIOTA AWARDS 2018

Following members were selected with prestigious AIOTA awards for their exemplary achievements and contribution for OT in India and AIOTA. The 2018 awards were presented during the inaugural function of OTICON2018: ie 55th Annual National Conference of AIOTA on Feb.16, 2018 at Nagpur-

President AIOTA's Crown of OT Award

- 1. Dr. Shashi Oberai, Navi Mumbai
- 2. Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Mumbai

Life Time Achievement Award

- 1. Dr. M.G. Deo, Nagpur
- 2. Dr. V.S. Thombre, Nagpur

Professional Excellence Award

- 1. Dr. Vijay Suple, Canada
- 2. Dr. Sunil P. Mokashi, Bhubaneswar
- 3. Dr. S.K. Meena, Jaipur

Young OT Achiever's Award

- 1. Dr. Lakshmanan.S, Bangalore
- 2. Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar, Mumbai

CONTRIBUTION OF A CHAPTER IN TEXTBOOK

Dr. Odette M Gomes, Formerly Prof & Head OT, TNMC & BYL Nair Ch. Hospital, Mumbai & also Hon. Secretary AIOTA, contributed a chapter with the title 'Leisure Activities for Mental Health' in a text book -'Prevention and Practice and Community Physiotherapy'. Leisure/play is one of the performance areas in the occupational performance model & forms the basis of use in therapy. The chapter encapsulates the importance and use of leisure activities to enhance one's mental and physical well-being.

COTE ON "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MANAGEMENT OF HEMIPLEGIC HAND"

A one day COTE on "Occupational Therapy Management of Hemiplegic Hand" was organized by the Occupational Therapy Department of SVNIRTAR, Cuttack, and Orissa on March 28, 2018.

Key resource persons for the COTE were: Dr. Ashok Malik, Professor & H.O.D. Department of Neurology, Bhubaneswar Medical College, Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Occupational Therapist, Department of Neurology, GIPMER, New Delhi and faculties from SVNIRTAR - Dr. Pragyan Singh, Dr. Ram Kumar Sahu and Dr Amit Kumar Mandal.

The COTE consisted of lectures and demo by the faculty members about the latest advances in management of Hemiplegic hand, Splinting and Neuro-Rehab. 35 participants attended the COTE.

COTE HELD ON SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND ART OF WRITING RESEARCH

1st Annual, Intensive, Live and Webinar COTE on "Science and Ethics of Research Methodology and Art of Writing Research" under the aegis of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) in collaboration with Indian Journal of Occupational Therapy (IJOT) was successfully organized from 22nd (Sunday) to 25th (Wednesday) April, 2018 at AIOTA National Headquarter in Nerul, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India and completed with enthusiastic zeal. Dr. Anil K. Srivastava, President AIOTA inaugurated the event on April 22nd. It happened to be the first academic program which was superbly organized at AIOTA National

Headquarter. Dr. Punita V. Solanki was the organizing convener; Dr. Lakshmanan S. was the co-convener; and Dr. Joseph Sunny was the website coordinator under the potential leadership of Dean ACOT Dr. Jyothika Bijlani.

Research COTE was successfully completed by 9 participants as live (from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Ghaziabad and Delhi) and by 9 participants as webinar (from New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Dubai) with a total of 18 participants. The 12 eminent faculty members from India and overseas delivered talks, as live or webinar mode of teaching.

WEBINAR ON AIOTA VISION & MISSION AND "HEALTH CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS"

Live and Webinar Program was organized by AIOTA with ACOT in Collaboration with its Regional Chapters/Branches on "AIOTA Mission and Vision" and "Health Conditions in Children & Adolescents" on 14th May 2018. The power point presentations on "Vision and Mission of AIOTA, ACOT & IJOT" were delivered by Vice President, Dr. Shashi Oberai; Dean, Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani & Associate Editor, IJOT, Dr. Punita V. Solanki respectively. It was followed with 2 faculty presentations viz. "Project Career: iPad Use Among Post-Secondary Students with Traumatic Brain Injury" by Dr. Karen Jacobs, Boston, USA and "Diagnostic Assessment in Autism Spectrum Disorder: Occupational Therapy Perspective" by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, New Zealand. The webinar was hosted from AIOTA National Headquarters, which was coordinated by Assistant Editor (Promotion), IJOT, Dr. Lakshmanan S.(Bangalore). It was attended by 15 members and 17 student members of AIOTA from various regions of India viz. Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi, Gandhinagar, and Indore. The member participants were awarded 0.5 CEU by ACOT.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OTICON'2019 AT CHANDIGARH

The 56th Annual National Conference of AIOTA with international participation is being organized by All India Occupational Therapists' Association in collaboration with Occupational Therapy Department, of country's pride- the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh from Feb 8-10, 2019. 'Interdisciplinary Approach: Towards Comprehensive Healthcare' is the theme of this event. Early bird Registration closes on July 31st. The deadline for submission of Abstracts is Sept.30, 2018.

Pre-conference COTE on 'Advanced OT in Neuro-Rehabilitation' is scheduled on 8^{th} Feb.

COTE -1: "Evidence Based Occupational Therapy for Visual Impairments in Neurological Disorders" by Dr. Kavita Mahamankar, Mumbai.

COTE-2: "Robotics & Aquatic Therapy as an Adjunct to Occupational Therapy in Neurological Disorders" by Dr. Priya Kothavale - Tawde, Mumbai.

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