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FELLOW OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (FACOT) RECIPIENTS 2019

At the 56th annual national conference of the AIOTA i.e. OTICON'2019 at PGIMER, Chandigarh, India, following AIOTA members were awarded the FACOT

1. Dr. Anuradha V. Pai (Mumbai)
2. Dr. Sanjeev N. Padankatti (Vellore)

AIOTA ELECTIONS 2019-2020

The Deadline for Updating the Contact Detail: 30th June, 2019

The general body (GB) that met at Chandigarh on 9th February, 2019, arrived at a decision of having this year elections online to elect the executive committee for the tenure April, 2020 to March, 2024. Online elections will allow us to 'Go Green', reach more members, allow members in overseas also to cast their votes for election. I request all the members of the All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) to actively participate in electing the new office-bearers. Members are hereby requested to update their contact details (i.e. both email id and mobile number) using the option provided in the AIOTA website. Kindly note, that the deadline for updating the contact details is 30th June, 2019. Contact details (email id and mobile number) are mandatory as the online voting process will be validated by the one-time password (OTP) sent to member's mobile and email. If member's details are not available or updated in the AIOTA website (www.aiota.org), kindly sign up with the copy of the membership certificate.

Please be informed that

- If those member's whose contact details are not updated in the AIOTA website by 30th June 2019, they will not have access to either participate in election as well as in the voting process.
- Entire election process will be updated in the AIOTA website and the AIOTA's official social media pages by 30th June, 2019.

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OTICON'2020 MUMBAI

16th to 18th January, 2020

The 57th annual national conference of the AIOTA i.e. OTICON'2020 is being organized from 16th January, (Thursday) to 18th January (Saturday), 2020, at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. The

conference is being organized to commemorate the platinum jubilee of Occupational Therapy (OT) School and Center, Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College and King Edward VII Memorial (KEM) Hospital, Parel, Mumbai, in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of the AIOTA, with support from OT colleges and institutions of Mumbai. Dr. Jayashri S. Kale, Professor and Head, OT School and Center, KEM Hospital, Mumbai is the Organizing Secretary and Dr. Amitabh K. Dwivedi, Professor and Dean, Jaipur OT College, Jaipur, is the Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee for this conference.

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NIRMALA VENKATESWARAN TROPHY FOR THE BEST MINI MOVIE

The AIOTA has accepted the proposal for incepting an award in the cherished memory of Late Dr. Nirmala Venkateswaran. The award will be named as 'Nirmala Venkateswaran Trophy for the Best Mini Movie' and will commence from OTICON'2020. She was the recipient of the AIOTA's Life Time Achievement Award in 2016, at Chennai, for her academic excellence and dedication for advancement of the profession in India.

AIOTA RESENTED TO SENSORY INTEGRATION COURSES IN INDIA BY USC

The AIOTA has strongly resented to University of Southern California (USC), USA, on its provision to permit the other professionals also to undertake Sensory Integration (SI) courses in India. The AIOTA unequivocally conveyed to USC, to discontinue this provision, failing which further strategies may be formulated against the controversial USC policy, that may also include a legal course of action for violation of regulations of Government of India, diluting the discipline of OT and for safe and quality therapeutic intervention of children with sensory processing disorders, which happens to be their ethical right.

DR. SHASHI OBERAI FELICITATED AT IFNR 2019

Vice President Dr. Shashi Oberai was felicitated for her exemplary contribution for Indian Federation of Neuro-Rehabilitation Conference (IFNR), 2019 at Mumbai from 19th to 20th April, 2019. Dr. Oberai was also an executive official in the organizing committee of IFNR, 2019.

Dr. Saamil Asher, a member of the AIOTA was honored with Young Fellowship Award for the Best Essay in this 7th Annual Conference of IFNR held at Mumbai.

DR. PRAKASH P. UKEY ELECTED AS TREASURER OF THE COMHAD

Dr. Prakash P. Ukey, formerly the AIOTA EC Member and Head of OT School and Center at Government Medical College, Nagpur is elected as Treasurer in the recently elected Executive Board of the Commonwealth Association for Health and Disability (COMHAD). The COMHAD is a Non-Government Organization (NGO) working in official relations with WHO since 1990. It is actively involved in promoting health development, exchange of technical expertise and inter-country training and education in health in 54 Commonwealth countries all over the world. The COMHAD is also working for education and research in health and disability sector for improving the quality of life by raising awareness for prevention of disease and disabilities and promoting healthcare for low and middle income group of the community in urban settings. The eminent pediatrician from Nagpur Dr. Uday G. Bodhankar is the Executive Director of the newly elected COMHAD Board.

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY EVENTS AT CHENNAI

The 12th Annual World Autism Awareness Day was 2nd April, 2019.. Joined by the international community, hundreds of thousands of landmarks, buildings, homes and communities around the world are turned into light blue in recognition of people living with autism.

Tamil Nadu (TN) Branch of the AIOTA has taken a lead to arrange many events in collaboration with OT colleges and other organizations at Chennai with blue dress code.

On 2nd April, 2019, faculties and BOT students of department of occupational therapy, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai participated in the event of human chain, and distributed brochures for community awareness.

On 5th April, 2019, the faculty of occupational therapy of Meenakshi Academy of Education and Research (Deemed to be University) in collaboration with TN Branch of the AIOTA organized continuing occupational therapy education (COTE) on Autism in the university campus. Resource persons were Dr. Raghuram P, Convener TN AIOTA and Dr. Arun Kumar M, Principal Saveetha College of Occupational Therapy, Chennai. It was attended by faculties, members and students.

On 8th April 2019, TN AIOTA in collaboration with Hopes and Dreams (Centre for Differently Abled Children) arranged lectures, demonstration and parental education and training at Chidambaram with resource persons: Dr. Raghuram P and

Dr. Arun Kumar M and Dr. Shankar. Total of 73 parents and students participated in the event.

SYMPOSIUM HELD ON THE MODERN APPROACH IN PSYCHO-NEUROTIC ISSUES AND LIFESTYLE DISORDERS

A symposium on 'The Modern Approach in Psycho-Neurotic Issues and Lifestyle Disorders' was organized by Mind Care and Management Associates Private Limited on 17th February, 2019 at The Integral Space, Lower Parel, Mumbai. The resource person, Dr. Pooja P. Mehta, Occupational Therapist, delivered talk on 'Psychosocial Occupational Therapy in Psycho-Neurotic Issues and Lifestyle Disorders'. Dr. Sagar Mundada, Psychiatrist, Mr. Mehul Kumar Dave, Neuro-Psychotherapist and Mrs. Vaijanthi Joshi, Nutritionist and Yoga Therapist, were the invited guests. Mental health professionals from different faculties and psychology students attended the symposium. Information: Dr. Pooja P. Mehta. Email: drpooja21mehta@gmail.com

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

- **'The 3rd Annual Fellowship in Advanced Occupational Therapy on Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation and Ergonomics' (FAOT: MSK-R):** is scheduled from September, 2019 onward with renowned national and international resource faculties.
- **'Splinting in Neuro-Rehabilitation':** one-day workshop on 22nd June, 2019 by resource faculties: Dr. Shovan Saha (Manipal) and Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma (Ghaziabad) at GIPMER, New Delhi
- **'Hands on Techniques for Motor Re-education':** one-day workshop on 23rd June, 2019 at GIPMER, New Delhi, with renowned resource faculties from Mumbai Dr. Maya Nanavati (Advanced PNF Techniques) and Dr. Kavitha Mahamankar (Advanced NDT Techniques)
For registration and more information on fellowship and one-day workshops contact: Dr. Jyothika N. Bijlani, Dean ACOT, Email: deanacot@aiota.org and/or Dr. Neeraj Mishra, Coordinator, Email: neeraj_1_ot@yahoo.co.in
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