WFOT ANNOUNCEMENTS & DELEGATE UPDATE

February 2014

Happy New Year, colleagues! Here are brief updates on upcoming international OT events:

AOTA CONFERENCE – BALTIMORE, MD – April 3-6, 2014 – INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- International Breakfast Speaker, Gelya Frank, PhD, will discuss International Fieldwork.
- Dozens of International sessions, posters and discussions
- Conversations that Matter Lounge: International Connections and discussion about WFOT.
- Pre-conference institute on April 2: Building an OT Global Community

16th WORLD CONGRESS OF OT - YOKOHAMA, JAPAN - June 18-21, 2014

"SHARING TRADITIONS, CREATING FUTURES" http://www.wfot.org/wfot2014/eng/index.html

PLANNING TO ATTEND: Connect with others going to the Congress:
http://otconnections.aota.org/more_groups/default.aspx (**new** location!)

HELPING: Consider a donation or group fundraising for OTs in developing countries to attend:
http://www.wfot.org/wfot2014/eng/contents/donation.html

STUDENTS: Registration is about $100 for the four day conference!

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITING: http://www.wfot.org/wfot2014/eng/contents/sponsor.html

CAN'T ATTEND BUT WISH YOU COULD PARTICIPATE:

- Contribute any amount to the fund for OT in developing countries (link above).
- Peruse the program: http://www.wfot.org/wfot2014/eng/contents/congress.html
- Begin a savings account to attend WFOT Congress in Cape Town, South Africa in 2018

LOOKING FOR OT EXPERTISE IN BRAZIL

Brazil is organizing to secure the Olympics and Paralympics in 2016. In anticipation of this event, the Association of Brazilian OT (ABRATO) is looking to secure an OT professional from another country to train Brazilian therapists in the area of sport and para-sport with an emphasis on the cardiac needs of individual athletes. ABRATO has an opportunity to apply for funding from the National Institute of Cardiology to cover the cost of travel, meals, and other associated needs for the training to take place at the Brazilian Congress meeting to be held in 2015 in Rio de Janeiro. If you are interested and have advanced skills for this unique opportunity, please contact Sue Coppola, USA WFOT Delegate at **scoppola@med.unc.edu** for additional information.

WFOT BULLETIN READERSHIP SURVEY

The WFOT Bulletin is a peer reviewed journal published in May and November of each year. The aim of the WFOT Bulletin is to provide occupational therapists and students with the opportunity to promote and contribute to the evidence base of the profession by facilitating access to research articles, new developments and personal experiences in the field which are of theoretical and clinical relevance. WFOT would like to hear your input as reader of the Bulletin. Please share your thoughts via this survey link which is available through March 30, 2014: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WFOTBulletin14

STAY CONNECTED: Let's grow our network!

- **International OT News, Events and Resources:** www.wfot.org
- **Twitter:** @thewfot and **Facebook**: http://www.facebook.com/wfot.org
- **OT Connections**: (http://otconnections.aota.org/forums/99.aspx).
- **Googlemap** of national OT associations worldwide: http://tinyurl.com/WFOTMap2012
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Thank you for your interest in Global OT. Please forward this update to colleagues and students.

Sincerely yours,

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- Click on tab "Membership > Already a Member? > set up your account online" or click on http://www.wfot.org/Membership/MemberRegistration.aspx , or
- Go to the "Homepage > Login > Already a member? Register online"
- Fill out the Membership Registration Form – your Membership No. is the same as your AOTA membership number (do not include the string of zeroes at the beginning of the membership number). Click on "Register".
- Login (with your username and password – same as your AOTA username and password)