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This edition addresses **Assistive Technology and Information Technology**. Take a trip around the world with OT authors from Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Latvia, Netherlands, Romania, Sweden, Singapore, United Kingdom, USA

AOTA CONFERENCE – BALTIMORE, MD – April 2014 – PLETHORA OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

More than 60 international and cross cultural sessions addressed topics like: service learning, fieldwork, occupational justice, human rights, refugees, cultural fluidity, disaster response, assistive technologies, OT Education in under resourced areas, and special populations such as women with obstetric fistulas.

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

“**SHARING TRADITIONS, CREATING FUTURES**”


**STUDENTS:** WOW - registration is only $100 for the four day conference!

**FELLOW TRAVELERS:**
[http://otconnections.aota.org/more_groups/wfot_congress_2014_japan_preparations_and_reflections/default.aspx](http://otconnections.aota.org/more_groups/wfot_congress_2014_japan_preparations_and_reflections/default.aspx)


**PROMOTING:** WFOT resources & media pack: [http://www.wfot.org/ResourceCentre.aspx](http://www.wfot.org/ResourceCentre.aspx)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) INVITES OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS TO JOIN THE GLOBAL CLINICAL PRACTICE NETWORK FOR ICD-11 MENTAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DISORDERS

Dear Colleague:

The World Health Organization’s Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse is forming a global network of mental health professionals to help inform the development of the classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders for the next version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), currently planned for publication in 2017.
The World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) is encouraging **occupational therapists, working in the mental health field**, to lend their professional experience to help develop the ICD-11 by registering for WHO’s **Global Clinical Practice Network (GCPN)**. As a part of this international group of health professionals, you will be asked to provide information and feedback, to WHO, based on your clinical expertise, experience, and knowledge as they develop the new classification of mental and behavioural disorders. This is of vital importance to ensuring that the new classification is clinically useful, easy to use and accurate.

As of April 2014, the GCPN has **over 10,000 members from 127 countries**, representing all global regions. WHO is committed to engaging mental health and primary care professionals from a wide range of disciplines, including **occupational therapy**. Your participation in the GCPN and global field studies of the ICD-11 chapter on mental and behavioural disorders is essential to evaluating the new diagnostic system’s clinical utility, applicability and acceptability in varied clinical contexts and by diverse mental health professionals.

If you choose to participate, you may be asked to review materials, offer feedback about ideas or concepts that we are developing, or participate in specific types of field studies. The information you provide will inform our decisions about the content and structure of the new classification system, as well as how that information will be presented to different users. The surveys that we send to you will be based on your own professional interests and areas of expertise.

Once registered in the GCPN, you will receive survey requests **no more than once a month**, and each survey will take **approximately 20 – 30 minutes** to complete. You participation will be completely voluntary, and your responses will be kept confidential, secure, and will not be released to anyone else. We will never ask you to provide information that could be used to identify any of your patients. Data are to be analyzed in aggregate form and used exclusively for the purpose of ICD revision. The first studies have already begun.

To register for **WHO Global Clinical Practice Network**, please click on this link or paste it into your Internet browser:

http://www.globalclinicalpractice.net

If you have any questions about the Global Clinical Practice Network or about your participation, please contact Dr. Tahilia Rebello, GCPN Project Coordinator, at gcnp@who.int.

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**WFOT CONNECTIONS ARE GROWING!**

Our Facebook page has over 10,000 likes:  [http://www.facebook.com/wfot.org](http://www.facebook.com/wfot.org)

Twitter has over 1000 followers: @thewfot

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?**

Many WFOT members have not accessed the [www.wfot.org](http://www.wfot.org) website:

- Click on tab “Membership > Already a Member? > set up your account online” or click on [http://www.wfot.org/Membership/MemberRegistration.aspx](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 Number is the same as AOTA (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)

If you are having trouble, contact: WFOT admin@wfot.org.au

VOLUNTEERS

- A group is working to collaborate in the development of OT Education Programs in Caribbean countries, particularly Haiti and Guyana. If you have interest in volunteering, contact Elizabeth Kohler at zangkohler@gmail.com


PLANNING AHEAD?

- 17th World Congress of OT – 2018 - Capetown, South Africa

Thank you for your interest in Global OT.

Please forward this update to colleagues and students.

Sincerely yours,

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