

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – WINTER 2017

13th December 2017



Marie-Antoinette Minis

(ENOTHE President)

Dear members of ENOTHE,

We still look back at a successful Annual Meeting in Zagreb organised by Saša Radić, president of the Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists and her team together, with the ENOTHE office and members of the ENOTHE board. This was in collaboration with the staff and students of the local University. A great deal of effort was put in to making Occupational Therapy visible and valued in Croatia and other European Countries.

Saša was able to attract many sponsors making this event and social dinner available for all attendees. Apart from the excellent content of the keynote speakers and workshops, we were impressed by the choir and dancers.



This year the organisation of the General Assembly was challenging because of the amount of items that had to be addressed e.g. the proposal to create an official association with a registered constitution. On behalf of the board, Johanna Stadler-Grillmaier continues to be

making progress and it is expected that the association will be established in January 2018. The ENOTHE bank account can then be opened in Austria.

One vacancy in the board was fulfilled by the re-election of Marie-Antoinette Minis.

A challenge is to fulfil the vacancy of the office. York St John University has decided to end the service level agreement with ENOTHE. Meanwhile a solution is in sight.

Use the network as a platform

We would like to encourage all members to publish their plans and achievements in their own countries through ENOTHE newsletter and social media so that international activities like national congresses are shared across members during the year.

During the Pre-General Assembly and GA the board promised a more detailed overview of the achievements of board and members in an Annual Report 2016-2017 year and the proposed action plan 2018 related to the Strategic Plan.

[Annual Report ENOTHE board and members 2016-2017 \(PDF 77.5 kB\)](#)

[Proposed Action plan ENOTHE board and members 2018 \(PDF 65 kB\)](#)

#OTPOWER: BREAKING THE BARRIERS

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This is a collaborative project carried out by students of Occupational Therapy from Portugal, Spain, Armenia and Georgia and aims to promote occupational therapy among the population of the participating countries, raise awareness of the role that an occupational therapist can have in social inclusion – through realising which are the specific needs and realities of each country – and share values and knowledge among OT Power students.

We focus on the idea that the person is the expert in his health process and the role of the Occupational Therapist is centred in accompanying, advising and making an active listening.

Based on a common activity made with the participation of people from each country, we had the opportunity to develop a workshop at the ENOTHE – Zagreb for the students, and then present our project to everyone at the conference.

We considered this a high point of our participation in the congress given the richness of the debate that arose not only for us, but for all those present – this was a great moment of sharing opinions and experiences. Some relevant questions arose: Are there limits in our practice? Which are the different job opportunities in each country? What are the main areas of intervention? Which are the different perspectives about different working fields?

At the end of the three days, the feeling was not only of realisation and satisfaction due to the effort and work done, but also due to the feedback from the participants, who conveyed a great interest, concern and willingness to do more about this topic.

We recommend all students to get involved in this type of projects because the dissemination and development of occupational therapy depends on each one of us and it is very important to be aware of it in our daily lives.

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MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE EDUCATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS REVISED 2016

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During the Annual Meeting Yara Peterko kindly stepped in to share her knowledge about the WFOT Minimum Standards of Occupational Therapy Education.



During the ENOTHE Annual Meeting I had the opportunity to answer some of your questions regarding the WFOT and the minimum standards. As the ENOTHE Board thought this could be interesting to all of you, this short summary includes the main topics, that have been discussed in Zagreb after the WFOT Power Point Presentation.

Occupational Therapy is a rather young profession that has gone through paradigm shifts during the last decades and has developed over the years. More and more countries are offering educational programmes. By this year the WFOT has 67 full members, that means 67 different countries offer programmes to train future Occupational Therapists in WFOT approved programmes.

To ensure that the students graduate with the same competences and have the same understanding about Occupational Therapy, the WFOT developed Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists. These standards were revised in 2016 and a digital copy has been shared with the member countries in September 2016.

The member organisation has permission to circulate the document to WFOT approved education institutions/universities and the WFOT requested them to do so.

A digital copy can be purchased through the online [WFOT Store](#).

ROTOS REPORT – DECEMBER 2017

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In the last 12 months the third 'leg' of OT-Europe, with the support of ENOTHE and COTEC has made big progress. During the year a standing ROTOS committee was established:

Standing Committee Members

Chair: Esther Steultjens, The Netherlands

Vice-Chair: Allison Laver-Fawcett, UK

Members: Niall Turner, Ireland – to lead on funding

Panagiotis Siaperas, Greece (ENOTHE representative)

Anne Lawson-Porter, UK (COTEC representative – until September 2017)

Naomi Hankinson, UK (COTEC representative – from October 2017).

The ROTOS Standing Committee had the first face to face meeting in London on June 2017 and the second will be on January 2018.



The aim is to meet twice a year once when OT-EU meets at either the ENOTHE Annual Meeting or COTEC General Assembly. Regular Skype meetings took place during 2017 and will take place in between the face to face meetings in 2018.

The initial funding of ROTOS is shared equally between COTEC and ENOTHE with the approval of the two AGMs with the aim that ROTOS will become self-sufficient over time.

The main aim of ROTOS is to establish a strong European Network of OT and OS researchers that both support access to occupation-based knowledge for all EU citizens, and strengthens the occupation-based knowledge generation. With this perspective the standing committee took the following actions in order to build partnerships to populate ROTOS and develop a common understanding with key stakeholders:

- A presentation of a workshop at the Occupational Science conference 8-9th September in Germany.
- A launch workshop at COTEC governance day in Vienna for the national members of COTEC 30th of September in Vienna.
- A launch workshop at ENOTHE conference in Zagreb, Croatia 26th-28th October.

During 2018 the standing committee will inform both ENOTHE and COTEC members for any developments and the [ROTOS website](#) will updated with news and information.

LOOKING BACK ON THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING 2017

13th December 2017

Looking back on the 23rd Annual Meeting in Zagreb, by Soemitro Poerbodipoero.

“The welcoming of the team in Croatia as well as the engagement of the entire ENOTHE board and office were great. The keynotes and the workshop were very interesting as well. Thanks for such an event with very high quality”.

“I really enjoyed the wide perspective of the presentations”.

“Structure and balance of the content of the days were good”.

“Fantastic annual meeting, I enrich my work as a lecturer”.

“Students got their podium with SPOTEurope”.

“Really nice meeting, first time as a student but it was great”.

“The Food was sooooo good!”.

To good to be true?

Maybe... participants of ENOTHE's 23rd Annual Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia were also critical towards the use of social media, suggesting a programme strictly for posters and also suggesting better Professional Mentor-ship for the professionals who attended the for the first time. But overall literally a very good evaluation of the meeting as ENOTHE's Annual Meeting is supposed to be.

After a warm welcome address by our host, Saša Radić, President of the Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists, participants were also welcomed by the deputy of the Mayor of Zagreb.

The first keynote from a client perspective by Dr Ivan Sosa started with narrating the meaningfulness of OT in the daily life of a stroke survivor. After that a global tone was set by the keynote of Susanne Guidetti pushing us to integrating global and intercultural dimensions into the delivery of higher education in OT. The progress of the different ENOTHE working groups ICC@home, Social transformation and Citizenship were also very much appreciated by the audience. We look forward to their results in next annual meeting. The OT-EU group

‘OT working with displaced persons’, ROTOS and SPOT-Europe also presented impressive progress at the end of the meeting.

Inspired by the core business in OT: Doing we were taught a powerful way of learning by the Keynote of Marleen van Doesburg-Kaijen. Claire Craig very nicely touched upon the opportunities and threats of digital technologies to promote health and wellbeing. And after emerging ourselves in the General Assembly, workshops, poster sessions, the receptions, dancing, music and social dinner, the Hanneke van Bruggen Lecture by Mieke le Granse contributed to what we hopefully can continue in a sustainable ENOTHE future: Change and a “Can Do” attitude!

See you all next year in Portugal!

On behalf of the ENOTHE board,
Soemitro Poerbodipoero



24TH ENOTHE ANNUAL MEETING 2018

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At the end of 2017 Annual Meeting we introduced the hosts of the 2018 Annual Meeting, Escola Superior de Saúde do Alcoitão, Portugal.



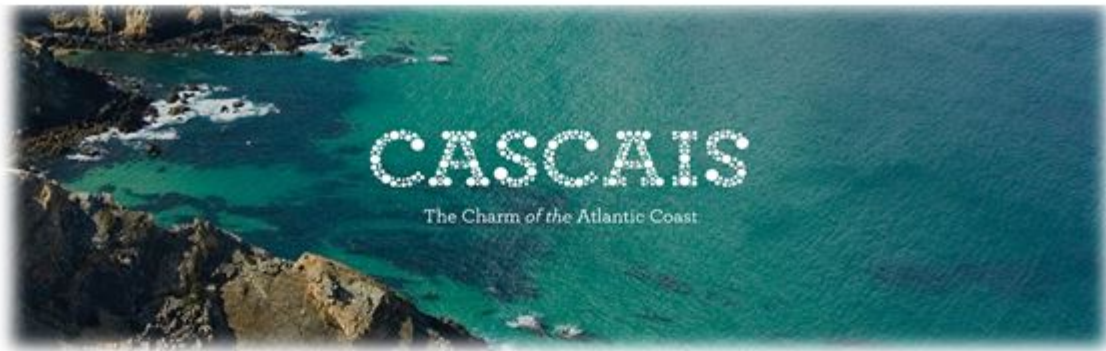
The host lead for the 2018 Annual Meeting is Silvia Martins (pictured above) and the meeting will take place in Estoril, Portugal on 4-6 October 2018.

The title of the meeting is “Learning from the past and shaping future education for OT“.

The themes for the abstracts concentrate on:

1. The European Year 2018 on Cultural Heritage
2. Internationalisation of curriculum
3. Health 2030

Detailed information will be sent out in the call for abstracts in 2018.



It has also been confirmed that the the **25th Annual Meeting 2019** will take place on 18-20 October 2019, in Athens, Greece, hosted by AMC Metropolitan College.

NEW FARG REPRESENTATIVE

13th December 2017

The Financial Advisory Reference Group (FARG) role involves being responsible to the ENOTHE Board to provide scrutiny and overview of how ENOTHE financial business is conducted on behalf of the members of ENOTHE.

The group is made up of 2 nominated individuals who are from ENOTHE member Institutions. Roles for this reference group are for a period of four years.

At the 2017 Annual Meeting Luc Vercruysse stepped down from his role with FARG. We thank Luc for his contribution at the General Assemblies and work behind the scenes in relation to the ENOTHE finances over the last few years.

We now welcome Brigitte Loder-Fink from FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria, who is the new FARG representative and will join Ton Satink.



Ton Satink is joined by new FARG representative, Brigitte Loder-Fink.

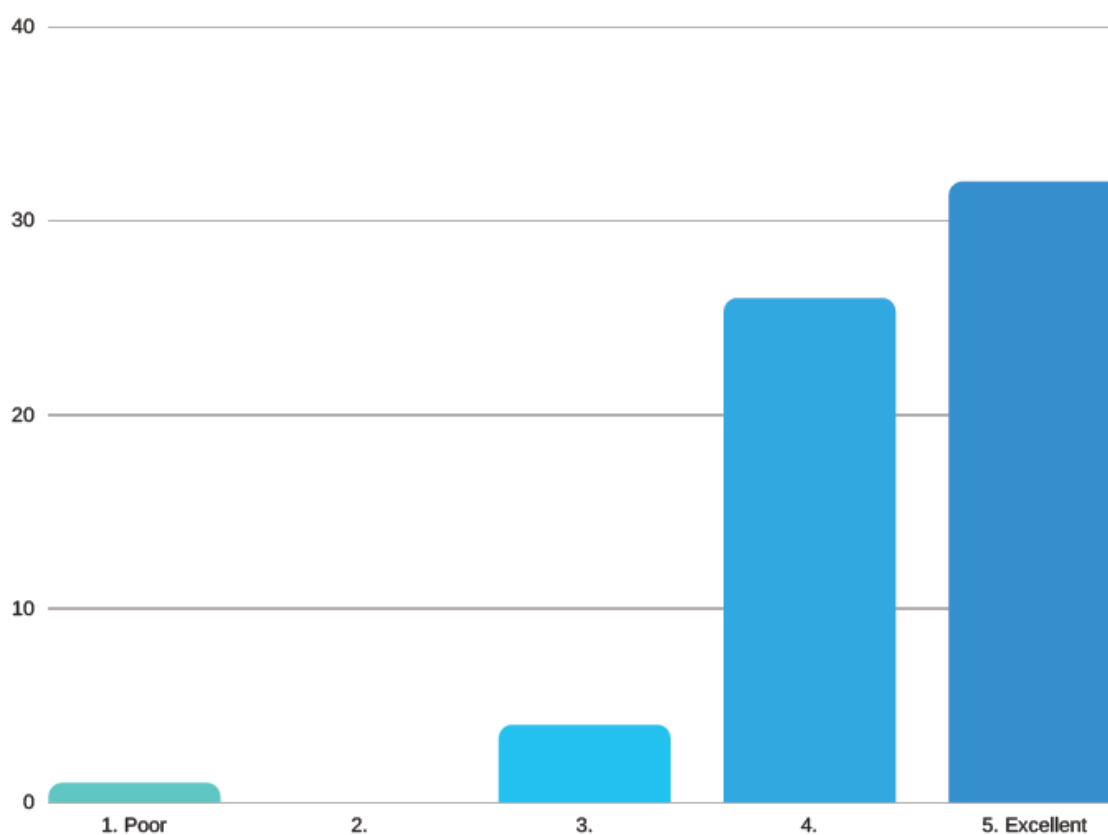
EVALUATION OF THE 23RD ANNUAL MEETING 2017

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The ENOTHE office conducted an Evaluation following the 23rd Annual Meeting 2017. The online Evaluation form was open for one month post the event. Altogether 66 individuals from 300 plus participants responded and submitted feedback, which is the average number for ENOTHE Annual Meetings.

The outcome of the survey shows satisfaction by the attendees:

1). Your overall satisfaction of the 23rd ENOTHE Annual Meeting 2017, hosted by the Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists (H.U.R.T.), Zagreb, Croatia:



To the Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists — we hope that by hosting the 2017 Annual Meeting you continue to grow and stay motivated to do what you do best.

