

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (SPRING 2018)

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**Marie-Antoinette Minis**  
(ENOTHE President)

We really appreciate the members' involvement in the sharing of important events and projects in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, the Board has been busy with officially registering the association. Moreover, despite several applications, we were able to find a more permanent solution for the office. A new address has been offered by the Austrian Association of Occupational Therapy. The bank account has been opened in Vienna.

After the job interviews, Mandy Boaz has offered her expertise to gradually step down. This means when the service contract with John St John University ends in May, she will stay as a self-employed office employee.

Ben Atkin has to step down and we thank him for his valuable contribution over the past couple of years. Also, thanks to York St John University for hosting the ENOTHE office for four years. In the period of transition, Marta Figueiredo from Portugal will take over the office as a self-employed person. She introduces herself in the post **Incoming ENOTHE Office Collaborator**.



Right to left: Mandy, Ben, Marta.

Elsewhere, the archive is cleaned and the remaining valuable documents will be put on the website. Some physical material will be brought to Portugal in October for you to take home.

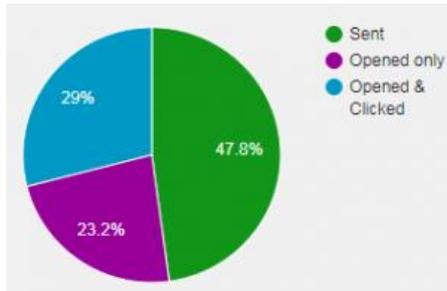
The office has now deployed an abstract management system to collect abstracts for the **24th ENOTHE Annual Meeting 2018** and beyond, as well as developing ENOTHE's own financial system. Exciting times with good results.

Meanwhile the preparations for the Annual Meeting in **Portugal 2018** are in full speed: selecting themes, keynote speakers, locations etc.

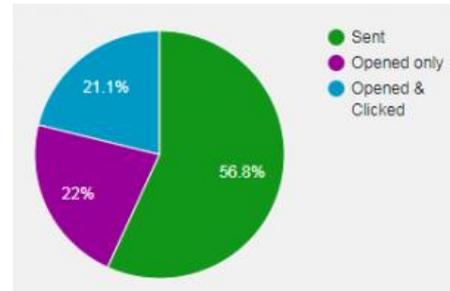
The collaboration with COTEC is focused on developing an OT-EU association and the preparations of the OT-EU congress in Prague. Furthermore, several letters of recommendation have been sent by COTEC, ENOTHE and WFOT to stakeholders in order to support colleagues in waiving external threats, like closing the programme or to support developments of a new programme. Governance often has to do with politics.

I now conclude my message with an analysis of the previous two newsletters. Since moving to the new format of linking newsletter articles by email to the website (instead of sending all news in a PDF), only a small number of subscribers have actually opened and engaged with the emails (see figures below).

### Newsletter 8 – May 2017



### Newsletter 9 – December 2017



In order for our news and developments to reach you, we urge you as our subscriber to inform us if you have not received the email or you having difficulty opening it. Your feedback is always welcome.

I thank you for your support and I look forward to addressing you again over the summer with more developments.

Your president,  
Marie-Antoinette Minis

# ENOTHE, NOW A REGISTERED ASSOCIATION!

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In January 2018 the Austrian authorities sent in the final note that ENOTHE is now registered as a non-profit association under Austrian law.

Marie-Antoinette Minis, President, Ursula Gubler, Treasurer and Mandy Boaz representing the office came to Vienna to receive this final note and to open a new bank account for the association.

Vienna welcomed ENOTHE's board group on a sunny winter-day to finalise and to celebrate this important step in the development of ENOTHE.

After the bank business, we were invited back to the Austrian OT association by Marion Hackl, President of the association, who is now hosting ENOTHE and has provided us with the new official [address in Vienna](#).

We spent a lovely afternoon with colleagues from the association to start the new collaboration.



Johanna Stadler-Grillmaier  
(ENOTHE Vice-President)

# INCOMING ENOTHE OFFICE COLLABORATOR

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**Marta Figueiredo**  
ENOTHE office

It is with great joy and commitment to Occupational Therapy that I am now a part of the ENOTHE office.

The fact of engaging with OT colleagues around the world, through my education and professional path, has settled the ground to adjust/adapt to the context/culture of the several present and future members of ENOTHE.

Having in mind the importance and benefits that networking, collaboration, organization, responsibility, time management and advocating bring to our profession, in a world that, still, sometimes does not know what Occupational Therapy is or does, led me to want to be a liaison and a home base for the ENOTHE office and all its challenges to come.

I end this text as I started the one of my ENOTHE office application: Hoping to be successful and having in mind that great things happen if we are available for them.

Thank you for accepting me and I hope to meet you soon!

# SPOTEUROPE NEWS

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Over the last few months SPOTeurope has grown massively and gathered lots of new student interest. We're excited to continue this rate of growth over the coming months in order to maintain momentum in achieving our goal of connecting OT students across Europe, as well as increasing student involvement in internationalisation opportunities such as the [ENOTHE annual meeting](#). We want to give you an update of our latest activities and hope you'll be just as enthusiastic as we are!

## Board of SPOTeurope

We've increased our Board from 2 to 7 members. We now have a student in the following roles: Social Media Lead, Outreach Lead, Blogger and Mini SPOT coordinators. At the moment everyone is getting comfortable and the first steps are taken, which you can see on our website, forum & social media. You can 'meet' our new board members on our website: [www.spoteurope.eu](http://www.spoteurope.eu).

## SPOT Team

Besides our board, we've also increased the number of student representatives. We now have 21 reps in 16 schools across 11 countries and still counting on! Is one of your students already part of our student representatives team? You can have a look at our [website](#) to see if your school is represented. If not, don't hesitate to contact us by sending an email to: [info@spoteurope.eu](mailto:info@spoteurope.eu).

At the moment we are developing a panel of students, who will offer the board advice and feedback on all our projects. We already have a group of students who are part of this and helping SPOT developing further. Of course we are open for more enthusiastic and critical students, so again, [email us](#) if you know someone suitable!

In the future we want to develop a MiniSPOT in every OT school in Europe. To get there, we are now creating a pilot in 1 school and developing a 'how-to guide', so we can roll out this project across Europe. Stay tuned!

## Activities

We've promoted individual student activities across Europe through blogs and social media. Besides this, we've run workshops promoting student internationalisation, SPOT and ENOTHE at different 'international weeks/days' within Europe. We've asked our student representatives to do the same and give a presentation to their peers to increase awareness for internationalisation, SPOT & ENOTHE!

In the upcoming future we hope to see you at the [COHEHRE congress](#) in Belgium where we will be increasing our understanding of methods of student engagement in order to promote even more positive experiences within ENOTHE. We'll also be promoting SPOT and getting to know more of our European paramedical students. One of our team will be at the [WFOT Congress in South Africa](#), to increase the SPOT network and share this experience via the [SPOT website](#) and social media. We plan to host an OTalk at Twitter. Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) to keep up to date about all our activities!

If you (or your students) are not yet participating, don't hesitate to contact us via mail ([info@spoteurope.eu](mailto:info@spoteurope.eu)) or social media. As well you can stimulate your students to have a look at the [website](#), join the (free!) [online forum](#), like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)!

Looking forward to connecting with you!



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EUROPE

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The Coordinating Group of Occupational Therapy Europe, consisting of presidents and vice presidents of the three branches COTEC, ENOTHE and ROTOS had their face-to-face meeting in Abcoude on January 25, 2018.

The highlights of the meeting were:

- ENOTHE has become a legal entity under the Austrian law.
- The ENOTHE office contract with York St John University will end in May 2018 and the ENOTHE office will be run by home based employee(s). The Occupational Therapy Europe office is still in development. OT-EU Coordinating Group is in favour for having a **representative in Brussels**.
- ROTOS will provide *information papers* about stroke and mental health to promote and explain the profession as was requested. In future more of these papers will be produced.

The possible change of the Occupational Therapy Europe abbreviation "OT-EU" to "OT-Eu" was discussed to better suit those COTEC Member associations from non-EU countries. Followed by the discussion in the COTEC Executive meeting, it was decided there is no need to change the abbreviation or logo. It was, however, pointed out that the full name "Occupational Therapy Europe" should be used in documents and correspondence along with the logo with full name. Promotional material will be ordered to be used by all branches.

The development of Occupational Therapy Europe will be continued.

The Occupational Therapy Europe Coordinating group will meet face-to-face twice a year, alongside other meetings. The next meeting will be held in Portugal, October 8, 2018.



# OT-EU COORDINATING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS

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As you are probably aware most of the high level meetings regarding the European policies are held in Brussels. To make Occupational Therapy more visible in the European arena as it is important, COTEC has developed the contacts and now OT-Europe (COTEC ENOTHE & ROTOS) is represented in these meetings.

In the last few years COTEC has been successful in broadening the network and is invited to participate in events in Brussels. However, travelling to Belgium for a two hour meeting requires full day commitment, even for those members of the Executive Committee of COTEC or the board of ENOTHE living in Germany or The Netherlands. For specific meetings e.g of the European Brain Council we have found Belgium experts from the Register of Experts as representatives. Some meetings have a more general subject or for some issues we do not have a special group of experts.

As the human and financial resources are limited the COTEC Executive Committee and the OT-Europe Coordinating group are very pleased to have met Patricia Flynn, an Irish occupational therapist who is living in Brussels and is capable and willing to represent OT-Europe at such meetings and will ensure continuity in the representation.

As with other representatives, an Executive Committee member will clarify the goals of the meeting, the tasks of the representative and the representative will write a report of the event.

Members of the Executive Committee / OT-Europe Coordinating Group and experts of the register will continue to represent the organisation when needed or when appropriate.

Patricia has introduced herself in the [COTEC March 2018 Newsletter](#).

# ROTOS NEWS

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During the last week of January, a meeting with the Occupational Therapy-Europe group took place. The meeting consisted of presidents and vice-presidents of ENOTHE & COTEC and the president and vice-president of the standing committee of ROTOS (Research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science). It provided the opportunity to exchange views and plan the next steps. Also during that week, a meeting including the standing committee of ROTOS took place. The steps that ROTOS will take during 2018 are as follows:

- Continue to evolve ROTOS using a bottom up approach.
- Develop and update ROTOS area of OT-EU website.
- Identify and apply for approach EU grants.
- Establishment of Pilot Projects.
- Co-ordinate the development for OT/OS information papers on topics and health conditions, for example which have been identified by the EU as a priority or commissioned by OT-EU.

More updates soon will come at the OT-Europe Website: <http://www.oteurope.eu/research/>



From left to right the ROTOS standing committee: Naomi Hankinson (Link to COTEC Board), Panagiotis Siaperas (Link to ENOTHE Board), Esther Steultjens (ROTOS Chair), Alison Laver-Fawcett (ROTOS Vice Chair) and Niall Turner (not in the picture).

# **ENOTHE OCCUPATION-BASED SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT GROUP – UPDATE**

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Exploring the theory and practice of working towards occupation-based social inclusion is a 2-years joint project of ENOTHE carried out by a group of occupational therapy researchers and practitioners from Europe and Canada (see below by the photo for our full details). This project is aiming to provide a sample of good practices (cases) showing contribution to a social change and short 'state of the art' overview from literature. As project group, we consider that the many challenges and transformations facing the world today, have major influence on daily occupations of people, require projects or services (initiatives) developed with the people affected, that aim not only for personal development but for wider social change.

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In the first year, we organised several workshops (prior OS conference in Hildesheim – Germany; during 23rd ENOTHE Annual Meeting in Zagreb – Croatia) to network and connect people interested to this topic.



Sandra Schiller, Claire Craig, Sarah Kantarzis,  
Barbara Piskur, Hanneke van Bruggen



Claire Craig

We also have been accepted with a poster presentation at [WFOT Conference 2018 – Cape Town, South Africa](#). Currently, we are interested in the contribution of occupation and occupational therapy to these processes and started with the first round of interviews with people that alter for the benefit of people's everyday lives and contribute to occupational social transformation.

The project group aims to interview about 12 people who have a significant role in the project in which they are involved till June 2018. Furthermore, we have developed our [Facebook page](#) and welcome anybody interested in this area to contribute to the discussion and join the network of occupation-based social transformation.

Contact us for more information: Sarah Kantarzis ([skanta58@gmail.com](mailto:skanta58@gmail.com)).

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# OT-EUROPE DISPLACED PERSONS PROJECT GROUP – UPDATE

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The OT-Europe project on displaced persons has been busy with the continued growth of the group. Following the 23rd ENOTHE Annual Meeting – Zagreb there was increased interest in the group and a growth of the network. Each month new examples come in from OT's around Europe who are working with this population. A wide range of examples have already been seen, from clinical practice settings to community-based projects and a large presence in educational projects with displaced persons. Beyond Europe, our project group has connected to similar groups based in Canada and Australia, where we have begun to share resources and experiences.

We as a group have reached out to professional organizations across Europe with the request for information on the current practices within their specific country, and what position they have as a professional organization towards the role that occupational therapists could or should play to respond to the presence of displaced persons. Responses have started to be sent in to the group and these will be used to inform the report and future work of the group.

The group will meet face-to-face again in March to compile all the practices examples into our final report. The final report will review the current state of affairs for occupational therapy with displaced persons, the practice examples that have been found so far and what the future recommendations or role could be. From this document will come a more concise position paper which can be used as a communication piece to professions outside of occupational therapy. The main results of these two documents will be presented at the [WFOT Congress in Cape Town, South Africa](#) and will be presented for voting at the [24th ENOTHE Annual Meeting – Portugal](#).

This link below shows a map with the project examples that have been collected so far and this map will be continuously updated as new examples come in: [www.bit.ly/oteudisplacedpersons](http://www.bit.ly/oteudisplacedpersons).

Please join us or forward examples to the group so we can continue to grow our network!

Nadine Blankvoort

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# ENOTHE CITIZENSHIP II PROJECT GROUP – UPDATE

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Hello ENOTHE members,

It's nice to be in contact during the year!!! The ENOTHE Citizenship II Project Group (we) would like to share with you our group news – processes and products – since our meeting in Zagreb!!!

– In the “back group garden” we are working hard on the citizenship literature and the development of educational materials... challenging occupational therapy education towards a collective movement to understanding of occupations transforming participatory citizenship ....

– We are very happy to announce the recently published article:

Nick Pollard, Sarah Kantartzis, Mubarak Musa Ismail, Hetty Fransen-Jaïbi & Ines Viana- Moldes (2018): *The occupation of accessing healthcare and processes of (dis)citizenship in UK Somali migrants: Sheffield case study*, [World Federation of Occupational Therapists Bulletin](#), DOI: 10.1080/14473828.2018.1434989.

– We also had two abstracts accepted for the [WFOT 2018 Congress in South Africa](#): an oral presentation "*Models of citizenship across socio-cultural spaces. Inspiring educational approaches*" and a poster "*Meaningful occupation as a fundamental principle of health and citizenship*". Hopefully, we can meet some of you there to enjoy and reflect together!

See you at the [24th ENOTHE Annual Meeting 2018 – Portugal](#)! There we will be able to share these new adventures.... it's always a challenge and a pleasure living together.

Thanks for your trust.

Inés Viana, Hetty Fransen, Sarah Kantartzis and Nick Pollard.

# POLAND – INNOVATIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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The history of occupational therapy as an academic discipline is very short in Poland – teaching at university level started as late as 2012. On the 27th of February 2018, the Laboratory of Occupational Therapy of the Poznan University of Medical Sciences organised the first countrywide scientific conference devoted entirely to OT, with well over 200 participants (the registration was closed prematurely due to overbooking).



The title and topic of the conference was “Innovations in Occupational Therapy.” Among the participants, there were academic teachers and students from all universities offering curricula in OT (besides Poznan, also Cracow, Wroclaw, Gdansk and Warsaw). The presentations covered subjects ranging from general views on the discipline and occupational science, through examples of educational innovations and applications, to the therapeutic processes. A special session was devoted to the possibilities of robotic assistance in care and therapy. OT came out as a truly innovative field, open for cooperation with neighbouring disciplines.



In the evening we met again at the 1st PoSTer: Polish Summit on Occupational Therapy, consisting of three tables: the students, the professionals, and the deans (of all faculties with courses in OT). Several topics were intensely discussed, including the legal situation, the position of occupational therapists in the care system as well as questions of research and interprofessional dialogue. The

summit decided to create three Working Groups to develop necessary documents and start dialogues with decision makers at the national level.

The students intensely discussed the curricula, professional opportunities and career development. They also created a purpose-built website to share opinions, advice and information among them, which is very lively now.

The demand from OT practitioners, academic staff and students, the atmosphere of the event as well as the overwhelming feedback we received make us consider organising the 2nd conference in 2019.



Sławomir Tobis, PhD

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## NEWS FROM ITALY

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Italy became a contributing member of ENOTHE last year through the support of the [Italian Scientific Association of Occupational Therapy \(SITO\)](#) associated with the [Italian Association of Occupational Therapists \(AITO\)](#). The decision to join ENOTHE was made by the fact that Italian occupational therapists working to educate future colleagues are eager to exchange experiences with other occupational therapists throughout Europe and to be able to offer an international perspective of the profession to our students. Most of the students once licensed remain in the country, but there are some though working abroad (for example in the UK, Belgium, Germany, Austria and Switzerland) to enrich their professional experiences.

Italy has nine university programmes in Occupational Therapy for a population of 60 million inhabitants. Most of the programmes are concentrated in the northern part of the country (Bolzano, Padua, Reggio Emilia-Modena, Milano, Pavia and Moncrivello); some are in the central part of the country (Rome, L'Aquila and Chieti); while there is none for the moment in the southern part, though recent news tells us that a new course will start next year in Catania (Sicily). The recognition of the profession took place only in 1997 and the first OT university programmes started in 2001; before that there had been only one regional school in the autonomous region of Alto Adige (Bolzano) legally educating occupational therapists.

There are on the whole 22 registered health professions in the country, each of them trained at the university level. These programmes are networking through the "Permanent Conference of the University courses of Health Professions". Once a year meetings are organized for the teaching staff on topics that are of interprofessional interest. This year the main topic regarded "difficult students" and "students with difficulties in learning". Also the students in Occupational Therapy are networking between the universities through the [Coordinamento Studenti di Terapia occupazionale \(CSTO-AITO\)](#) an inter-university student organizational body. Their [newsletter](#) is very interesting because it reports on activities of almost all the Italian programmes.

On the 17th of March there was a seminar at the State University of Milan, organized by SITO. The main speaker was Marie-Chantal Morel-Bracq, who is well known to ENOTHE, having been an active member for many years and the past director of the university programme in Bordeaux (France). Marie-Chantal will talk about Occupational Science in Occupational Therapy and the importance of "flow" (Csikszentmyhalyi). 120 occupational therapists and students in Occupational Therapy joined this important seminar.

Next year, between the 22nd and the 24th of March, 2019, SITO is organizing an international congress in Occupational Therapy in the city of Turin (Torino). The title of the congress is "*Agire sull'ambiente per facilitare la partecipazione*" (Acting on the environment to facilitate participation). One of the main speakers will be Helen Polatajko who has generously accepted the invitation. We will be able to give you more information in the Autumn Newsletter of ENOTHE.

Ingela Johnson

Italian ENOTHE delegate Council member of SITO

Coordinator of the Programme at the Milano State University

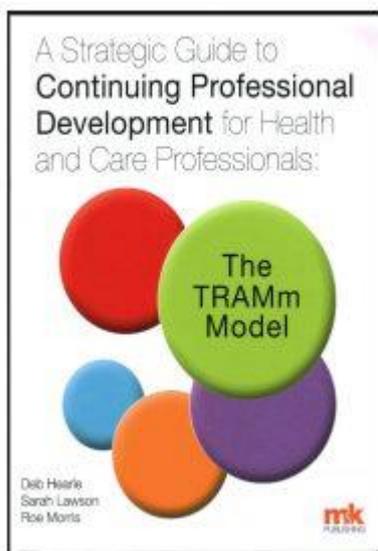
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# FACILITATING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD): INTEGRATING TRAMMCPD INTO THE PRE-REGISTRATION CURRICULA IN WALES, UK

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In the United Kingdom (UK), evidence of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a mandatory requirement of being a Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered Occupational Therapist.

As part of their education Occupational Therapy students in Wales are required to develop academic, personal and professional skills, understand the principles of CPD and to record evidence of their development on their journey towards professional qualification. Achievement of this is measured in a variety of ways including learning contracts, summative/formative assignments, placement assessment, reflections, portfolio entries and annual personal/professional development reviews (PDR).



Despite this focus in University, anecdotal evidence suggests many newly qualified occupational therapists find it difficult to understand the principles/importance of recognising their engagement in, applying their learning from and measuring the impact of their CPD. Students have also struggled to differentiate what does and does not contribute to CPD during their intensive studies. We have spent a number of years developing the TRAMm (Tell, Record, Activities, Monitor and measure) Model (Hearle et al. 2016) for CPD and are in the process of integrating the model to inform and guide personal and professional development within the occupational therapy curricula across both Cardiff and Glyndwr Universities in Wales, UK.

The aim of this is to clarify the nature and process of CPD and to enable the development of a Continuous Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) Portfolio as an integrated formative element of the curriculum. This will incorporate the annual PDR and encourage students to identify their own learning needs, monitor and measure the progress of their personal and professional development alongside developing their awareness and understanding of the requirements and standards for CPD.

The CPPD Portfolio will be structured using the principles of the TRAMm Model. This suggests that for personal and professional development to be most effective it is necessary to Tell others, Record and apply the learning from Activities, Monitor progress and measure the impact of learning. Students will also be encouraged to use the TRAMmCPD tools (TRAMm Tracker and TRAMm Trail) alongside the Royal College of Occupational Therapists' (RCOT, 2017) Career Development Framework (CDF).

The TRAMm Model Team have also developed a set of five expectations against which CPD achievement can be measured, based on the HCPC Standards for CPD (HCPC 2012). This is a pilot project which has only just begun, but it is hoped that after following a curriculum which integrates the TRAMm Model, new graduates will have a clear understanding of CPD and feel well prepared for a career which requires full engagement in CPD (Hearle and Lawson 2016). The success of this will be evaluated following a four year implementation.

For further information and freely downloadable material please see our web-site at [www.TRAMmCPD.com](http://www.TRAMmCPD.com)



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# EXCHANGE STUDIES AT KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET IN STOCKHOLM SWEDEN, NEWS 2018

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The Occupational Therapy programme at Karolinska Institutet (KI) has an option of courses taught in English as well as clinical rotation possibilities

(<https://ki.se/en/education/occupational-therapy-2017-2018>).

In addition, in line with KI's Action Plan for Internationalisation to increase the international perspective within education (<https://ki.se/en/collaboration/internationalisation-strategy>), the Occupational Therapy programme is also proud to inform you that we have a new and interesting course given in English called *Participation and Environment* (7,5 ECTS). This course is a part of the regular undergraduate Swedish Occupational Therapy programme completed in both the spring and autumn semester. In the *Participation and environment* course the students learn about important and highly interesting concepts in today's society like accessibility, usability and universal design, social constructivist views on disability, independence, autonomy, participation and empowerment.

In the spring semesters we offer the internationally popular course *Community and homebased rehabilitation (CHBR)* of 7, 5 ECTS

which gives the students invaluable intercultural and inter-professional insights from around the world. This course is taught by an international group of lecturers and attended by students from all over the globe creating a diverse and dynamic group of students and an excellent international learning environment. Complementing this we have every spring the opportunity to participate in a short-mobility organised as an inter-professional *International Mobility Week* 3 ECTS, one-week education programme followed by one week at the home university. This week is a collaboration between three universities in Europe (Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Hogeschool van Amsterdam, and KI) and provides opportunities for students to enhance their professional identity and to increase their understanding of the various roles in relation to a global context.

Apart from these courses there are some courses of clinical rotation to apply to as well. Most noteworthy here is perhaps the quite unique possibility to join an inter-professional student run ward for 2 weeks of clinical rotation- learn to grow in to your future role as an Occupational Therapist whilst at the same time learning together with, about and from

students from other professions under close supervision of highly competent supervisors. The inter-professional *Clinical education course* of 3 ECTS only is given in the autumn semester.

We find it important to offer all our students the possibility to further increase their international- and intercultural competence, so if you have thoughts of spending some study time in Stockholm make sure to check out our options of courses and take them into serious

consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.



# NEW OT PROGRAM IN BREMEN-GERMANY IS LOOKING FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

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The college for **Occupational Therapy in Bremen** started its program 3 years ago and just graduated the first course in January 2018.

In the new program we try to implement innovative ideas of teaching and learning and are very focused on the theory-practice-theory transfer and on international aspects of OT. We created several learning projects in collaboration with institutions throughout Bremen to realise hands on inform a learning experiences in combination with formal learning. So far we have:

- A project with a day care for severely handicapped adults:two students work once a week with a client for about 5 months and make a small research project.
- A project with clients suffering from chronic mental diseases to promote health and occupational participation.
- An interdisciplinary project:students from Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy colleges work together for one week. During this time they work on possibilities of interdisciplinary collaboration in different clinical settings and therapeutic fields.
- A project with elderly people in a day care to implement meaningful occupations.
- A project with an elementary school to promote learning skills and social interaction.
- A project to increase professional identity and to introduce political and international aspects of OT.

The ENOTHE meeting in Zagreb was very inspiring to me and I am very interested in expanding the international aspects of the program. I start this year with student exchanges for internships and I would like to find more partners, who are interested to send some of their students to Bremen for practical experiences and to supervise some of our students in return.

I am also very much interested in developing international learning projects. I could imagine to integrate international students in some of our existing projects as well as sending our students abroad to be part of a project at your institution.

Please contact me if you are interested in cooperation: [susanne.tellers@bremer-heimstiftung.de](mailto:susanne.tellers@bremer-heimstiftung.de)

Thank you!

# OFFICIAL GREEK VERSION OF THE CANADIAN OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE (COMP-5)



It is a great pleasure to announce that the official Greek version of the latest edition of the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure (COPM- 5) will be available from the beginning of April. It is the first Occupational Therapy assessment tool focusing on client centered practice officially translated into Greek. Originating from Canada, it is internationally renowned and widely used, grounded on Occupational Therapy theory, appropriate for most areas of clinical practice. It will be a valuable resource for Greek speaking Occupational Therapists and their clients, with the potential of contributing to education and research.

The official translation into the Greek language and the scientific editing was done by Dr. Panagiotis Siaperas (OT and Research Associate of the University of Cambridge) and Ms. Polyxeni Skaltsi, MSc (Senior OT, Eginition Hospital, National and Kapodestrian University of Athens). Both editors are teaching staff of the Occupational Therapy department of the Metropolitan College in Greece (ENOTHE member).



Dr. P. Siaperas



Ms P. Skaltsi

# 2ND COTEC-ENOTHE JOINT CONGRESS 2020

## Save the date!

The 2nd COTEC-ENOTHE Congress will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, September 23rd – 27th, 2020. The theme of the congress is "*Occupational Therapy Europe – building resilience in individuals, communities and countries*".

The Joint Congress will offer an opportunity for expertise from education, practice, research and policy to join on the same platform. This will provide an opportunity for delegates to benefit from the integration of recent developments in all four aspects of practice. The Czech Association of Occupational Therapists and the Faculty of Arts at Charles University are the co-hosts of the Congress.

The planning of the Congress is in progress. COTEC Vice President Anu Söderström and ENOTHE Treasurer Ursula Gubler Thomann are members of the Organising Committee and ENOTHE Board member Soemitro Poerbodipoero is a member of the Scientific Committee.

Abstract submission and registration will open early 2019. Please follow the [congress webpage](#) for details about the abstract submission, program and registration.



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