

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (SUMMER 2018)



Marie-Antoinette Minis
(ENOTHE President)

Annual Meeting 2018

An inspiring 4 days are already behind us. The board visited the host of the **2018 Annual Meeting**, Silvia Martins and her team at the Escola Superior de Saúde do Alcoitão – ESSA in Estoril/Cascais. They were happy to share the locations and events. We have five confirmed excellent keynote speakers and are waiting for final confirmation of the sixth. We have also had the highest number of abstract submissions and all those who have been accepted have been contacted.

Detailed information will continue to be shared through the website and social media.

ENOTHE organisation

The new constitution and being able to manage our own bank account speeds up processing activities. ExOrdo, a software programme, was used to process the abstracts thus making the whole experience more professional and less time consuming as in the past.

ENOTHE Strategic actions

The strategy plan is still leading the direction of ENOTHE. This can be seen in SPOT Europe where they refer to the ENOTHE strategic plan to underpin their vision, mission and policy. The first steps in the development of the ENOTHE Academy have been made. Based on requests of several countries the plan is to create guidelines of how to begin an Occupational Therapy Programme. In time this will be made accessible through the website. The ENOTHE board is looking for experienced colleagues that can help building these guidelines. Please approach the board if you are willing and able to share this knowledge.

OT-Europe visible and valued

The Presidents of COTEC and ENOTHE are preparing a lean constitution for OT-EU in collaboration with both boards. Board members and representatives of the ENOTHE network have been present at several meetings and conferences as demonstrated in this in this newsletter.

24TH ENOTHE ANNUAL MEETING 2018 – UPDATE



We are approaching our 24th ENOTHE Annual Meeting that will take place on 4th – 6th October 2018 at the Escola Superior de Saúde do Alcoitão (ESSA), Portugal.

As already stated, we received a substantial amount of European and international abstracts. We are about to release the final programme which includes information about the keynote speakers, innovative workshops, oral presentations and posters from academics and students.

For more information and updates, please consult the 24th Annual Meeting website link [here](#), where you can find the registration information (deadline Friday 21 September 2018, 17.00 CET).

ENOTHE MEMORIES

Dear colleague,

As it is the European Year of Cultural Heritage, we would love to share with everyone a collection of short videos about the memories that the members have from ENOTHE, during the **24th ENOTHE Annual Meeting in ESSA – Portugal**.

Please, send us a short mp4 video (max. 60 seconds) sharing your ENOTHE memories to inesitaviana@gmail.com and silviacoelhomartins@gmail.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Ines Viana-Moldes & Sílvia Martins

ENOTHE AT WFOT CONGRESS 2018



ENOTHE participated at the **WFOT Congress** with Vice-President Johanna Stadler-Grillmaier and two board members – Soemitro Poerbodipoero and Ursula Gubler Thomann together with ROTOS President, Esther Steultjens.

Their presence gave the opportunity for a common informal meeting with WFOT President Marilyn Pattinson and Vice-President Finance Samantha Shann. Developments in the context of **OT Europe**, such as the Register of Experts and the “OT with displaced people” project were discussed; this gave viable input for future steps and communications.

1ST BALTIC CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The 1st Baltic Congress of Scientific Researchers in Occupational Therapy took place on June 15th 2018, organized by [Klaipėda University](#) and the Lithuanian Occupational Therapy Association. The full day programme consisted of teachers, students and practitioners' presentations from Vilnius University, Klaipėda University, Lithuania University of Health Sciences, Rygas Stradinš University and Tallinn University of applied sciences.

The tasks of European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE), Council of Occupational Therapists for European Countries (COTEC) and World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) is to strengthen research in occupational therapy and to bring together scientists from different countries, ENOTHE board member Alma Cirtautas presented the benefits of being an inclusive network. K. Lilienberg and I. Jekabsone talked about competences and opportunities for professional development in Estonia and Latvia.

The delegate for WFOT, G. Kavaliauskiene made a report about the 2018 Congress in Cape Town.

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21ST EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE



Approximately 1200 people were in Vilnius in the first week of May for the **21st Congress of the European Association for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine**. The conference was well organised and medically oriented. The organisers had chosen to make separate sessions for the allied health professionals.



The President of ENOTHE Dr Marie-Antoinette Minis has been invited to chair a workshop on the development of occupational therapy in Europe. The workshop consisted of four speakers who talked about the history of OT in their country: respectively the Netherlands and the three Baltic states. There were mainly OTs in the audience. Marie-Antoinette explained that in order to make occupational therapy valued and visible, the organisers should have also have planned a more integrated workshop with other disciplines.

The first presentation explained the development and strategy of ENOTHE and the development of OT-Europe. In the second presentation Marie-Antoinette emphasized the future development of occupational therapy in the Netherlands in line with new Dutch national policy. The welfare state has been transformed into a participatory society in which citizens have their responsibilities, use their social network and steering their own process.



Moreover, she has shaped her lecture on the recently published new Dutch handbook for Occupational Therapy by Le Granse, Hartingsveldt & Kinébanian, (2017) (also available in German). The handbook shows the six pillars of occupational therapy: 1. customer-oriented; 2. profession based, 3. evidence-based; 4. context-oriented; 5. technology-based and 6. population-based.

The following three speakers addressed the development of occupational therapy in the three Baltic states. Respectively Dr. Signa Tomsone from Latvia, Dr. Karin Lillienberg from Estonia and Dr. Aušra Adomavičienė from Lithuania.

After the workshop we organised a meet and greet lunchtime with Dr Volodymyr Golyk, neurologist and his colleague dr Oksana Syvak of the Ukraine, who would like to build OT programmes in their country.

On behalf of COTEC, ENOTHE and ROTOS, Dr Marie-Antoinette Minis, ENOTHE President also held a poster presentation at the [18st European Conference on Integrated Health Care](#).

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (ICIC18) MAY, 24TH 2018



On behalf of COTEC, ENOTHE and ROTOS, ENOTHE President Dr. Marie-Antoinette Minis, held a poster presentation at the **18th European Conference on Integrated Health Care**.

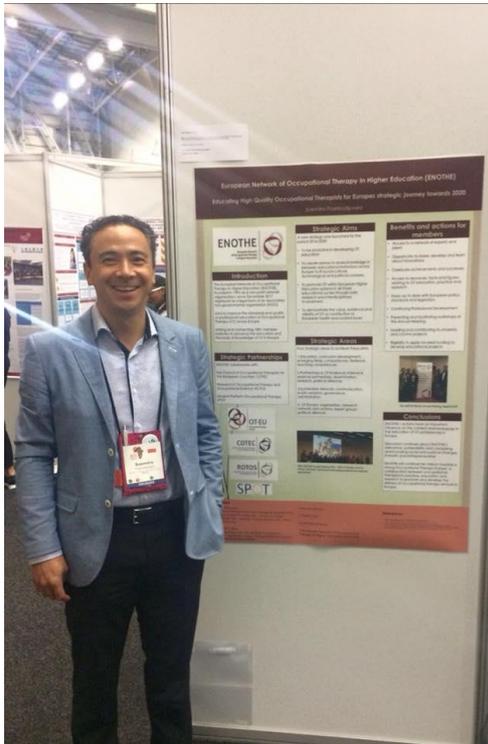
The whole conference was focused on the beliefs and values we express as occupational therapists. Emphasizing the importance of collaboration between health care and social care, client centre practice and the new views on the meaning of health by Machteld Huber. The audience were impressed with the occupational therapy perspective on Integrated Health Care and a lively discussion resulted. It was clear that presenting for this type of audience it was very important to raise the visibility of Occupational Therapy.

Unfortunately it is expensive for OT-Europe to attend these types of conferences, which was the only reason why Marie Antoinette could attend.

The Poster will be published in the ICIC journal.

As result of this event Dutch occupational therapists are invited to publish a case study about collaboration between OTs and GPs in the Dutch Journal of General Practitioners & Science.

ENOTHE POSTER AT THE WFOT CONGRESS



On behalf of the ENOTHE board, Soemitro Poerbodipoero presented a poster at the **WFOT 2018 Congress**. The aim was to present an update on the developments, share experiences and elaborate on how a network organisation learns from engaging in discussion about its continued relevance and sustainability. It does this by ensuring that professional competences comprise and include social and political changes, E-health and entrepreneurship.

This is approached by collaborating with other organisations, networks and stakeholders to promote and develop the profession and to communicate and exchange occupational therapy views and contribute to the wider debate on education, health and social policy.

Considering practice implications, as an educational network, actions undertaken by ENOTHE should have an influence on the content and pedagogy in the education of occupational therapy professionals

By constantly evaluating the new strategic agenda and reflecting on the long term aims and combining this with strategic collaboration with partners practice and research networks, ENOTHE can continue its mission.

OT-EUROPE INITIATIVE AT THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF HEALTH WORKFORCE EDUCATION



ENOTHE board member Panagiotis Siaperas represented the OT-Europe initiative at the **European Conference of the International Network of Health Workforce Education**.

This was held in Athens, Greece on the 24 -25 May at the National School of Public Health. Panagiotis presented the close collaboration of academics, practitioners and researchers in European Occupational Therapy.

ENOTHE, COTEC AND ROTOS ON THE DUTCH JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



ENOTHE President Marie-Antoinette Minis, COTEC President Stephanie Saenger and ROTOS President Esther Steultjens came together to be interviewed by the Dutch Journal of Occupational Therapy EM.

During the interview the history, present and future of the three organisations was explained and what was the influence of the European policies on national level.

The article referred to the Dutch nationality of the three presidents, which all stressed that discussions take place within the Executive Committees and Boards and decisions regarding the organisations are never taken with only the three of them.

Student Platform Occupational Therapy (SPOT) President Marlies Nijenhuis, who is also Dutch, also presented their aims.



UPDATES FROM THE ENOTHE OFFICE

ENOTHE is now a registered Association. ENOTHE does not employ personnel but has created Service Level Agreements with Mandy Boaz and Marta Figueiredo. From the 1 June 2018 they will provide the administration services for the ENOTHE Office.

SPOT – STUDENT OPINIONS ABOUT THE NEXT ENOTHE ANNUAL MEETING



Summer is coming and another college year came to an end. ENOTHE is flourishing and moving forward, getting ready for great things after summer vacations and so is SPOTEurope!

As you maybe already know, ENOTHE and SPOTEurope are working closely to enable and stimulate the engagement of students. At the moment we already have a lot of students involved, but to increase the connection between OT students and improve student engagement, your student opinions must be heard and represented as well!

One of the things we're busy with is creating, together with ENOTHE, a fun and interesting student sessions within the ENOTHE Annual Meeting this October. To get this right, it's important that we hear from your students about what they want and value! We ask that you prompt your students to get in touch if they have experienced great conference student programmes and to keep watching our social media (@SPOTEurope) where we will be posting ideas and collecting votes. Every student can have their voice heard!

In the near future you can expect an email from us with more information on how your students can participate and with the question to nominate two students who want to represent your university. Together we develop the OT field and promote the benefits of internationalisation throughout Europe.

If you already have students who want to participate or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us! We are looking forward connecting with you and your students!

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RESEARCH IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY & OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE (ROTOS) DEVELOPMENTS



The last few months has been a period of 'evolution' for ROTOS (the evolving third part of OT-Europe). The members of the standing committee have undertaken the following activity in close collaboration with COTEC and ENOTHE:

- Esther Steultjens attended the research meeting of the "To Reach Consortium" in Brussels and The Hague. ROTOS is involved in setting the European research agenda for the future. In addition, there were consultations by surveys for the Horizon Europe Agenda (the next programme for EU research when Horizon 2020 is finished). Occupation-based knowledge is advocated and expected as an important asset for future health care in Europe.
- The **WFOT Congress** in Cape Town in May provided us with more researchers in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science that joined the ROTOS evolving network. Collaborations on topics to be addressed in the Cost-Grant application that have been organised there as well. We are also joined by Professors in other fields of health care research.
- The Department of Occupational therapy of the Radboud University Medical Hospital, which is part of the Rehabilitation Department, will be the hosting organisation for the COST-Grant application. The application will be part of the OT-research group that will be strengthened with a professorship in the nearby future.
- Niall Turner represented ROTOS at the conference of the Royal College of Occupational Therapy in the UK. His presentation focused on the development of ROTOS and strong networking with COTEC and ENOTHE. This will assist in developing strong foundations for Occupational Therapy in Europe.
- The ROTOS standing committee is in the process of investigating the best form for legal status for ROTOS to take. For this purpose, a survey is taking place with both ENOTHE and COTEC members.

More information about the activity of ROTOS: there will be a workshop planned to take place at the 24th Annual meeting ENOTHE held on October 2018 in Portugal and at the ROTOS webpage (<http://www.oteurope.eu/research/>).

MSC IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (POST REG.) AT QUEEN MARGARET UNIVERSITY, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Qualified occupational therapists or students wishing to continue their studies are invited to come and study for an MSc (Post Reg.) Occupational Therapy, with an experienced teaching team, in Scotland, at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/> . We welcome home, European and international applicants.

Duration: Full time (1 year) or Part Time (3-7 years).

Entry: Normally a Bachelor's (Honours) degree or equivalent. ILTS 6.5 and normally studied at WFOT recognised university/school.

Start date: September.

In addition: Flexible module choice, individual pathways suited to your career path and flexible learning and teaching delivery.

Further information and our application process can be found at <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2018-postgraduate-courses/pgdip-msc-occupational-therapy-post-registration/>

If you would like to speak to our team, contact:

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1ST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY GRADUATES FROM THE METROPOLITAN COLLEGE IN GREECE



June 2018 will always remain in the memory of students and teachers in the department of Occupational Therapy at the Metropolitan College in Greece. For first time during the graduation ceremony of the Metropolitan College in Athens the very first Occupational Therapy graduates passed the stage of the Athens Concert Hall (Megaron) and received their BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy from academics of Queen Margaret University and Metropolitan College.



This is mainly the achievement of students that registered at the programme on 2013 and after working very hard graduated. This gave great pleasure to academics of the two collaborative institutions from Greece and UK to continue their efforts for OT education in Greece.

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 who are members of the Organising Committee and ENOTHE Board member Soemitro Poerbodipoero who 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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[2nd COTEC-ENOTHE Joint Congress 2020](#)

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