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25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting

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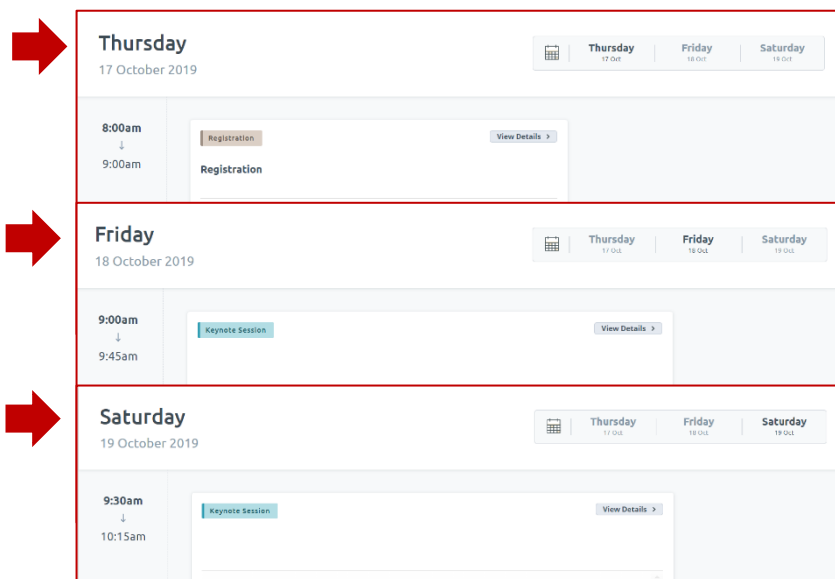


25th Annual Meeting
17 - 19 October 2019
ATHENS | GREECE

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE
DPT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



The 25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting Programme is ready! Access it [here](#)



The screenshot displays the meeting schedule for the 25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting. It is organized into three sections, each with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Each section includes a calendar icon, the day of the week, the date, and a list of sessions with their start and end times. A 'View Details' link is provided for each session.

Day	Date	Session	Start Time	End Time
Thursday	17 October 2019	Registration	8:00am	9:00am
Friday	18 October 2019	Keynote Session	9:00am	9:45am
Saturday	19 October 2019	Keynote Session	9:30am	10:15am

Other important updates and information are available at the AM [website](#)!



The screenshot shows the ENOTHE website homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. Below this is a navigation menu with links to ABOUT, NEWS, NEWSLETTER, MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL MEETING, PROJECTS, OT-EUROPE REGISTER OF EXPERTS, and RESOURCES. A secondary menu includes LINKS, MEMBERS AREA, STUDENTS, and CONTACT US. The main content area features a section for 'GREECE '19' and a countdown timer for the '25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting 2019'.

25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting 2019

3 Months 3 Weeks 1 Day 2 Hours

Market places!

Apply [here](#) until September 30th, 2019 (23:59 GMT)

Registration Form!

Register [here](#) until September 30th, 2019 (23:59 GMT).

We are pleased to share with you that the host of the 25th ENOTHE Annual Meeting has made possible an all-day tour Sunday, 20th October.

Cape Sounion Tour

Discover with a breath-taking drive along the scenic coastal road of the Athens riviera and the temple of Poseidon. During this relaxing ride you'll enjoy splendid views of the Saronic Gulf while passing through some of Athens most beautiful suburbs, including Hellinikon Olympic complex, Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, and Varkiza.

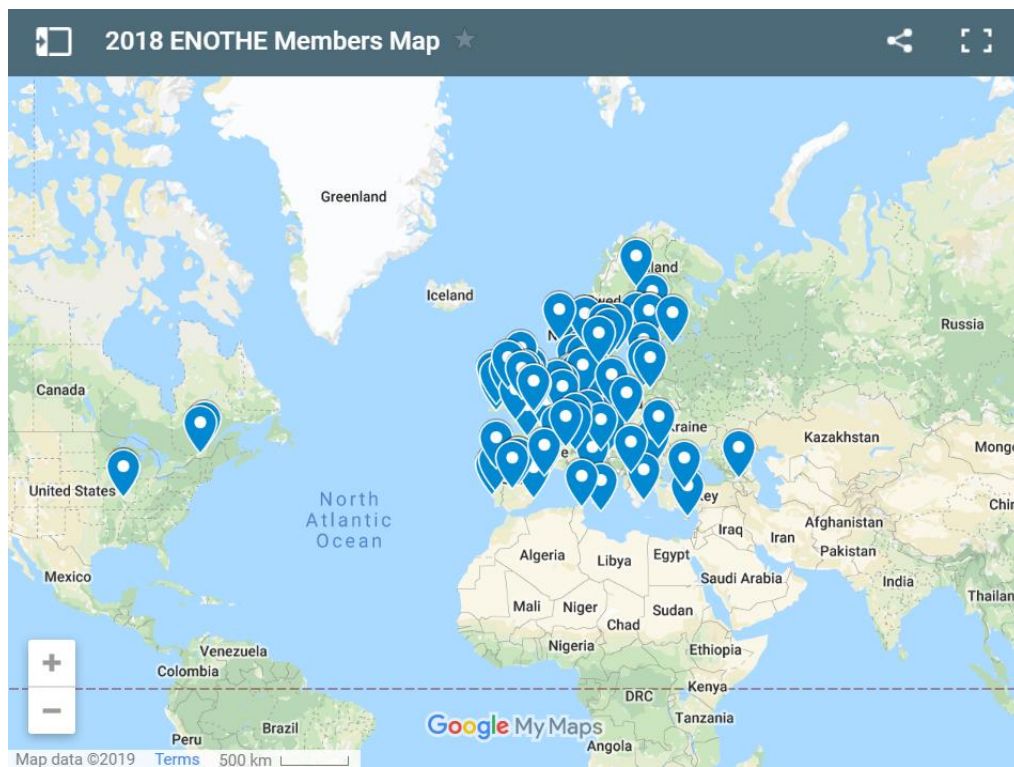


Begin your private tour with a pick up from the ROYAL OLYMPIC HOTEL (Annual Meeting venue) and travel in a luxury air conditioned coach toward the Attica Riviera. After about 90 minutes you will arrive at Cape Sounion, a historic and beautiful area of Greece. The steep cliffs offer breath-taking, panoramic views. On a clear day you can see at least seven of the Greek islands. In addition to the views, visit the famous 5th-Century BC Temple of Poseidon, dedicated to the God of the Sea. The beauty of the surviving Doric columns has inspired many poets, including Lord Byron who carved his name on one of the columns. Walk back in time and feel the beat of ancient Greece as you stare across magical views of crystal clear waters. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy your lunch in the area.

The Cape Sounion Excursion has been organised by the Athens host and people are advised to email panagiotis.siaperas@enothe.eu directly if you are interested and wish to register for this tour, by September 15th, 2019.

Price 45.00 Euros including lunch. You will pay for this on first day of the annual meeting when you register/check-in at the Annual Meeting.

News from members



The OCCUPATION Project in Greece (AMC Metropolitan College)

The total number of refugee applicants in Greece for 2018, was estimated at 67,000 people (AIDA – ECRE, 2018). Today, the estimated number of unaccompanied minors in Greece is 3.770 from which more than 2.000 children are outside of a system of protection (National Center for Social Solidarity, 28.02.2019). In two years, more than 380 unaccompanied children have been allocated and hosted in protected homes that are run by the NGO The HOME Project. The specific organization operates 11 shelters in Athens, with the goal to protect and support these children providing a holistic network of services, which includes medical and psychological support, education and social inclusion services.

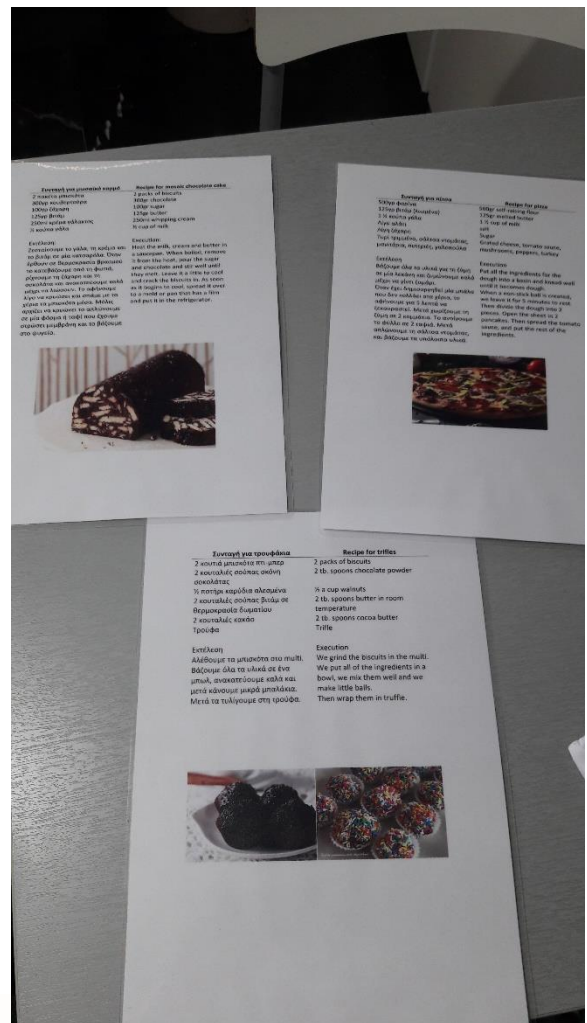
Within the context of the year 1 modules Principles of Professional Interaction in Occupational Therapy & Service learning, an OCCUPATION Project was organized in one of the shelters of The HOME Project for unaccompanied girls and minor mothers with their babies, which is operated in collaboration with Melissa Network and Kasapi Hellas.

The goal of the OCCUPATION project was to enhance participation through meaningful group activities, which were ran by year 1 occupational therapy students. The students were primarily prepared within the module Principles of Professional Interaction in Occupational Therapy, by Mrs. Sotiria Vegkou, Tutor & Module Coordinator, of the OT Department of Metropolitan College. The project ran for 3 weeks and during that time students planned and executed 6 different group activities (2 groups per week), at the shelter. The group activities included cooking, pastries, jewelry making, grooming, and discussion.

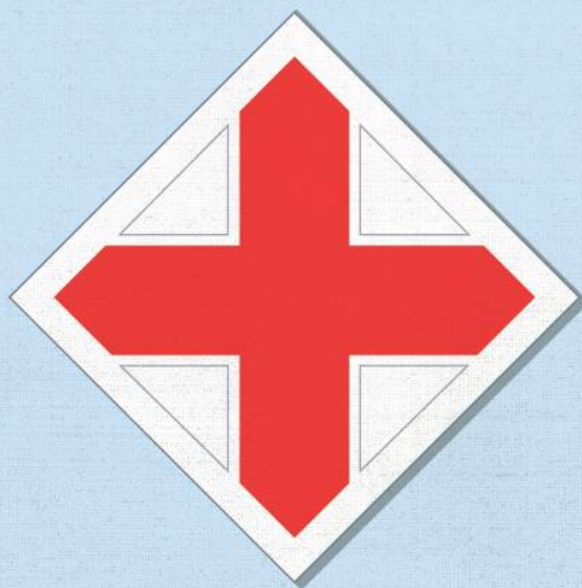


The primary planning was done in class, through a brainstorming activity of how we as occupational therapists could work with this population in order to increase participation and activity engagement, during a special preparatory session. A shopping list was made. Groups of 8 students were formed, (four students for each group with 4 participants from the shelter). The students were accompanied by Mrs. Elena Glik, Tutor & Practice Placement Coordinator of the OT Department of Metropolitan College.

Students were then guided to reflect on their experience on the interaction with the specific population, identify the factors that increase occupational deprivation and propose ways in which occupational therapy could further enhance and guide unaccompanied children to overcome their day-to-day difficulties.



University School of Nursing and Occupational Therapy of Terrassa – EUIT



The University School of Nursing and Occupational Therapy of Terrassa -EUIT-, has been awarded with the **Creu de Sant Jordi** given by the Generalitat of Catalunya for the successful teaching, humanistic and integrative work, especially with regard to the teaching of nursing and occupational therapy studies, as well as the aligned research with the needs of society, which has turned the catalan school into a pioneering and reference university center in our country, and the oldest in Catalonia in its discipline.

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Balkan Conference on Occupational Therapy (University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev")

On 31st of May and 1st of June 2019 the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" hosted the 2nd International Scientific Conference on Occupational Therapy: *From Roots to Fruits in the Balkan countries*, organized in collaboration with "Vasile Alecsandri" University of Bacau, the Association of Bulgarian Ergotherapists (ABET) and the Romanian Professional Association of Occupational Therapists (APTOR). The two universities are long-standing partners and pioneers in the development of Occupational therapy in Bulgaria and Romania.

Official guests of the event were Samantha Shann, Vice President of WFOT, and Hanneke van Bruggen, founder and long-term Executive Director of ENOTHE. The Presidents of Occupational Therapy – Europe congratulated the participants with a joint video greeting address.



THANK YOU COTEC, ENOTHE, ROTOS and SPOT for your ongoing support!

During the plenary sessions, the development of Occupational Therapy in Bulgaria and Romania was presented. The official guests delivered exciting and highly motivating key speeches. Mothers of disabled children were invited to share their true stories about the benefits of occupational therapy for their children.

The conference included a round table *Vision on Occupational Therapy in Bulgaria* for clarifying the core essence of Occupational Therapy as an academic programme and a healthcare profession. It was attended by representatives of social services, governmental and local institutions, academics and practitioners. The participants shared a common opinion on the need of a broad discussion at a higher level for the sustainable development of Occupational Therapy.



Students were engaged in a student workshop where they applied their skills in analysis of a traditional activity and teaching it to colleagues from the neighbouring country.

The enjoyable social evening, networking and catching up with friends and colleagues brought additional memorable experiences from the conference.





SPOT News



SPOTeurope is looking for new board members!

Dear valued members of ENOTHE,

First of all, SPOTeurope wants to wish you a wonderful summer holiday, may it be filled with sun, laughter and lots of fun!

Summer time also means that students are graduating, congrats! For us, this means we say goodbye to three of our board members: Jena Guimond, Alex Lukavsky and Marlies Nijenhuis. We thank them for their effort and wish them all the best as new fresh OT professionals. We are sure they will become great OT's!

This means that **SPOTeurope is looking for new students** to fill the spaces in our board. Do you know a student or are you a student who enjoys time with international people, loves to participate and interact at conferences, wants to improve their resume and who is eager to join us? Don't hesitate and apply!

Below you can find the vacancies which are open:

Social Media Lead

As SPOTeurope's Social Media Lead you will post on our social media account and interact with our followers.

Key tasks:

- Making post for: Meme Monday, Emerging Thursday, A day in the life of.. & Selfcare Sunday
- Recruit students who are willing to participate in: a day in the life of...
- Be up to date about happenings in OT world and make posts about it.

Blogger

As the blogger you have a creative mind and have or want to improve your writing skills. You'll be responsible for our monthly blog, which you'll write yourself or for which you'll find guest bloggers.

Key tasks:

- Write a blog once a month
- Recruit guest bloggers
- Work closely together with the social media coordinator.

Outreach Coordinator

The outreach coordinator is a key figure in spreading SPOTeurope's wings across Europe and scout new country representatives for SPOTeurope.

Key tasks:

- Getting in contact with students and lecturers, building sustaining relationships and acting as a spokesperson for SPOTeurope on an individual level
- Helping students and lecturers getting started and setting things up (f.e. a miniSPOT or activities as a student representative)

Student Board Member of ENOTHE

As the Student Board Member within the ENOTHE board you represent the student voice and will be actively involved in the day – to – day tasks.

Key tasks:

- Give your honest student opinion and share our experiences
- Create opportunities for student involvement
- Be the connection between SPOT & ENOTHE; feedback everything relevant to the SPOT board and visa versa.

How can you apply for these 'SPOTs' in our board?

Send an email to: info@spoteurope.eu with your name, name of university and a motivational letter.

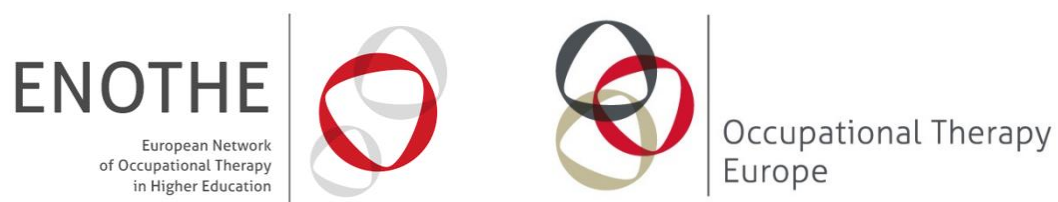
If you have any questions, please ask! For more information, see our website or social media.

We are looking forward to your response and SPOTeurope wishes you all a great summer.

Best wishes,

The SPOTeurope board.

ENOTHE and OT-Europe News



ENOTHE Archive

Dear valued Members,

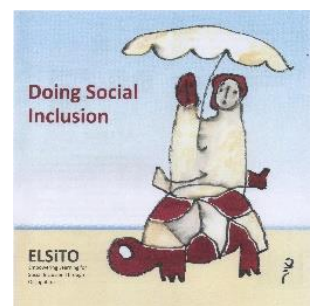
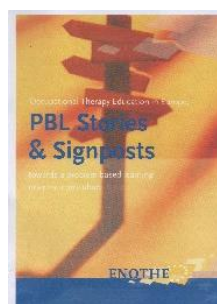
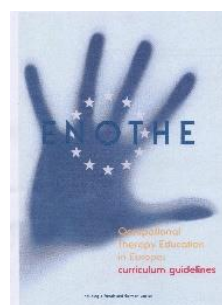
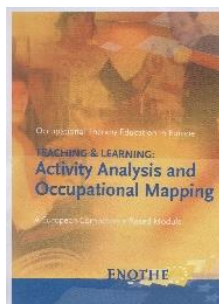
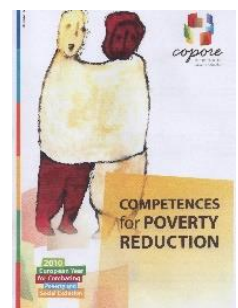
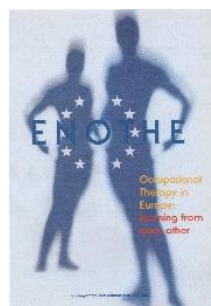
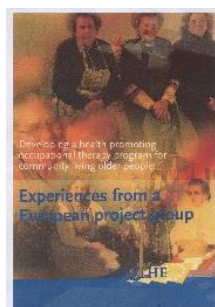
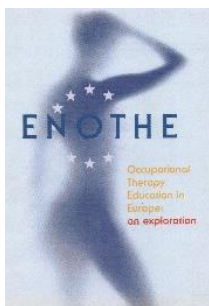
ENOTHE is pleased to inform you that, after a great deal of time, rationalisation, review and preparation the ENOTHE archive list is now ready to be released to members only.

As this is considered to be a benefit to members the list can be found under the members area and is password protected.

You will be able to access the archive on our website (<https://enothe.eu/members-pages/archive/>).

For full access of a specific listed document, you will need to contact the ENOTHE office directly with the number and title of the archive item that you wish to have.

It is pleasure and a privilege to share with members the ENOTHE history and archive.



Annual Conference and Exhibition of Royal College of Occupational Therapists 17-18 June 2019 - Birmingham, UK

COTEC President Stephanie Saenger was delighted to be invited to join the Annual Conference and exhibition of our Member Association RCOT in Birmingham on 17-18 of June.



Conference Group

Besides following the varied sessions Stephanie has been actively promoting Occupational Therapy Europe

Some highlights:

The banner of the second joined COTEC-ENOTHE congress was displayed prominently at the RCOT stand and hundreds of flyers were distributed by hand to invite our UK colleagues to Prague. Also the exhibitors were informed and invited to bring their products to the attention of the European Occupational Therapy Community.



*Nathalie Pickering Blogger SPOT-
Europe and Stephanie Saenger*



Dr Clare Taylor and Sarah Lawson

At the workshop "Writing an abstract and presenting" participants were challenged to send in their (first) abstract for the congress, and also other delegates were encouraged to send in an abstract.

She spoke to most of the Specialists Sections about the possibility of joining the OT-Europe Register of Experts as an individual, which was very enthusiastically received (see for information <https://www.coteceurope.eu/directory/register-of-experts/>)



Specialist sections: Mental Health, Work, Trauma and Musculoskeletal Health

The Elizabeth Casson Memorial Lecture was this year delivered by Dr. Sarah Kantarzis, former (vice) President of ENOTHE. The very interesting lecture titled Shifting our focus. Fostering the potential of occupation and occupational therapy in a complex world made the audience think about whether we really are addressing the challenges to health-promoting occupation facing the population..



Samantha Shann VP Fin WFOT, Stephanie Saenger, Sandra Rowan (OT-Europe Expert), Sarah Kantarzis, Hanneke van Bruggen

On behalf of ROTOS information was exchanged and collaboration for the future ensured with the research section of RCOT as was with the BJOT editor for contributing to the special issues.



Sandra Rowan, Charlotte Walker (former SPOT) Nathalie Pickering Spot blogger

On behalf of ENOTHE and SPOT-Europe Stephanie had some interesting conversations with students, former and present SPOT board members Charlotte Walker and Nathalie Pickering.

The dinner with CEO Julia Scott gave the opportunity to conversations with colleagues from Canada, the new RCOT representative to COTEC Karin Bisshop and the newly elected chair of the Irish Association Mary McGrath and WFOT VP Finance Samantha Shann

At the closing ceremony a lovely serenade was brought by the group Singing 4 Breathing (www.singing4breathing@co.uk) to Julia Scott and a lovely picture slide show to highlight her work for RCOT and wishing her well at her retirement.



Julia Scott

European Public Health Week (EUPHW)

An initiative by the European Public Health Association (EUPHA).

Co-organised by the European Commission and co-financed by the EU Health Programme.

Supported by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.



COTEC was more than pleased to have been actively involved in the first European Public Health Week. It was a great success and more than 145 events were organised. For the full list of events look here: https://eupha.org/EUPHW_Full_list_of_events

COTEC had a lot of pre scheduled tweets and Facebook posts which were actively retweeted and liked. The students of SPOT-Europe were very active in attending webinars and on social media.

We were invited to join the Kick-Off Event on Monday 13th May 2019 which included a roundtable discussion with Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA; Patricia Flynn, Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC); Thomas Dorner, Austrian Association of Public Health; Pasquale Cacciatore, EUPHANxt; and Mariam Lobjanidze, University of Georgia.



Participating in the to "kick-off" event for the first European Public Health Week (EUPHW) was a great opportunity to raise the profile of occupational therapy in public health at European level. The organisers, EUPHA, requested that each presenter speak for an initial

three minutes, allowing the remaining time for a "roundtable discussion" where, it was hoped, questions would come from an Online and In-Person audience.

As all other presenters, and much of the audience, were from traditional public health backgrounds, Patricia used the introductory presentation to define occupational therapy and emphasise its value - in terms of improved health outcomes, personalised care, and cost-effectiveness. It was also an opportunity to promote the TravAble accessibility App and event planned in Reykjavik scheduled for the following day.

Unfortunately, the In-Person audience was much smaller than expected (<20) and no questions for the panel were received from any of the online forums. General questions on the future priorities and direction of public health from the facilitator maintained the discussion.

Notwithstanding the less-than-anticipated In-Person participation in the kick-off event, it was a worthwhile contribution from COTEC, with the aim of raising awareness of the value of occupational therapy in public health and primary care services; and the kick-off event did receive 150 online views on the day of the event and just under 260 views in the following two weeks. EUPHA reported that, in all, there were [145 events and activities in 35 countries during EUPHW](#).

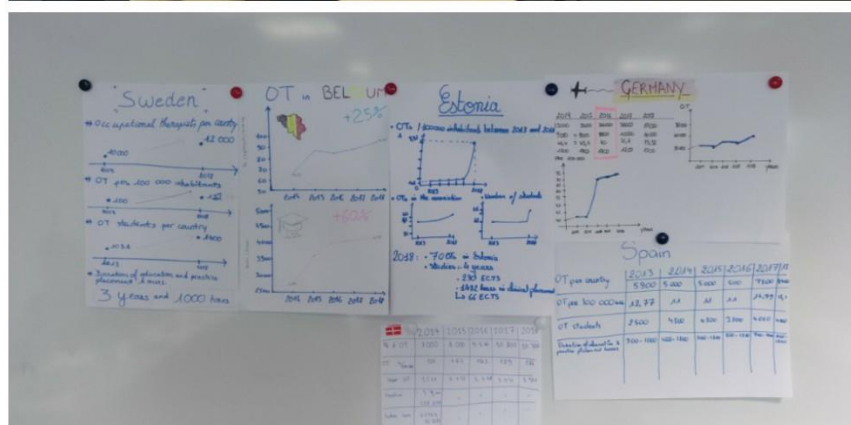
It is hoped that COTEC's significant involvement in this first EUPHW will represent the start of a meaningful participation in future years, as the initiative becomes more established and well-attended.

The full text of the press conference can be found [here](#).

COTEC at Occupational Therapy School in Paris

Cynthia Engels from the French *Institut de Formation en Ergothérapie* at the *University Paris-East Créteil (UPEC)* launched an international day for their third year students on the 4 June 2019. COTEC Executive Committee Member Patric Duletzki was invited to strengthen the international occupational therapy community through lecturing about OT-Europe, COTEC, ENOTHE and Occupational Therapy in Germany.

After Samantha Shann from the WFOT was invited to lecture on Monday, it was only logic to talk about the European context from COTEC's perspective on the following day. The lesson started with a get together. Students could present themselves and state what their favourite occupations are. Afterwards the importance of COTEC as an organisation that represents occupational therapists across Europe through national occupational therapy associations was outlined. To get an in-depth overview of the profession, students then were invited to analyse some aspects of the summary of the profession. The results can be seen in the picture below. Students discussed their findings and it became evident that in most countries, the number of practicing occupational therapists is rising.



The students together with Cynthia, then organised an international lunch break. As the participants were from multiple ethnic backgrounds there was a vast variety of different finger foods and snacks that opened the discussion about culture and approaches to food. In the afternoon students had the chance to get to know about ENOTHE and ROTOS and what role they play in advancing occupational therapy in Europe. In addition, they were invited to submit an abstract to the COTEC-ENOTHE congress 2020 in Prague. Some students seemed quite fond of the idea to visit another country and meet international occupational therapists. Finally, the situation of occupational therapy in Germany was presented and contrasted and discussed to the French context. The day closed with a reflection on professional identity and how students can put into practice what they value most. All in all, this was an excellent opportunity to inform the grassroots of our profession about the importance of international collaboration. Hopefully this event ignited some aspirations to engage in this challenging but very rewarding area.

COTEC at the European Health Management Association (EHMA) Annual Conference

COTEC was invited to participate and present at the HFE hosted workshop "Profiling the health worker of the future: digital skills, innovation & collaboration to meet the new demands of care" at the EHMA Annual conference in Espoo, Finland on June 18, 2019. Vice President Anu Söderström represented COTEC at the conference and made a presentation as part of the workshop. The other speakers represented *DG Sante*, European Commission; *Leuven Institute for Healthcare policy*, Belgium; *European Federation of Employees in Public Services (EUROFEDOP)*; *MedTech Europe*; *European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA)*; *Laurea University of Applied Science*, Finland; *Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health*, European Commission and *European Health Management Association (EHMA)*.



The workshop united health care professionals', educators', industry and policy makers', educators' and students' views on the future profile of the health workers by debating the role of digital health, access to innovative solutions, education, training and integration of social and health care to meet the new demands of care.

Health First Europe

On 21 June, COTEC President Stephanie Saenger attended the General Assembly of Health First Europe (<https://healthfirsteurope.eu>). COTEC is a member of HFE and joined, with ENOTHE and SPOT-Europe, the HFE working group on the healthcare workforce of the future, participated in writing a paper on Digital Health and joined the HFE workshop with a presentation at the EHMA conference in Helsinki (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Furthermore, the campaign by HFE called #Digital4care has been launched on Monday 24 June 2019 – you can visit our Twitter and Facebook accounts for more information.



1: COTEC President Stephanie Saenger, HFE President Roberto Bertollini, Representative of European Trombosis and Hemostasis Alliance and Melina Raso (HFE secretariat)

COTEC was invited to join the HFE Executive Board and Stephanie Saenger was elected.

HFE is a active organisation and has good relations with Members of European Parliament, many European organisations and a variety of other members (<https://healthfirsteurope.eu/member/>)

Stephanie informed HFE about the development of OT-Europe to which the membership might be transferred in the future. Besides the usual GA issues, participants were updated about the activities of the HFE members. Contacts were made e.g. with the new HFE member - the European Trombosis and Hemostasis Alliance - about possible collaboration in a planned event on Oncology and co-morbidity.

Meet the Expert

I have recently been accepted onto the Occupational Therapy Register of Experts for the areas of primary care, oncology, palliative care, neurology, rehabilitation, teaching/pedagogy, education and CPD.

This is a great honour and I am looking forward to contributing to the development and promotion of value our profession can bring to these areas. I remain a committed European



and occupational therapist and am keen to share whatever skill or knowledge I have to further the profile and involvement of the profession at all levels of designing, commissioning and implementing health and social care.

I have been an occupational therapist since 1982 and through the years have developed practice and learning in the above areas. In the early 1990s I was one of the first Occupational Therapists to work in GP surgeries and in industry – contracts all negotiated from an acute hospital base as part of the NHS. In 1999 I moved into education and had the opportunity to work alongside colleagues developing innovative practice placement models such as role emerging placements which are now a regular component of many curricula. For the last 15 years I have been using my experience to work with all professions in health and social care concentrating on the development of new roles, competence frameworks and career frameworks in all the above areas and many more. I continue to work in education as a visiting lecturer and external assessor.

My interest in international affairs began when I was elected as the UK alternate delegate to COTEC. From the first meeting I became involved in the Tuning project, later editing and contributing to the final book. This led to my involvement in other Tuning projects such as the Sectoral Framework for Social Sciences, and Competences for Poverty Reduction. Being invited to lead the Tuning project for Social Work in Russia was a highlight I sadly had to turn down. As the UK delegate to WFOT, I am involved in the WHO project developing a competence framework for Rehabilitation and a project to establish an online resource to facilitate the measurement of the cost effectiveness of occupational therapy.



Forthcoming Events

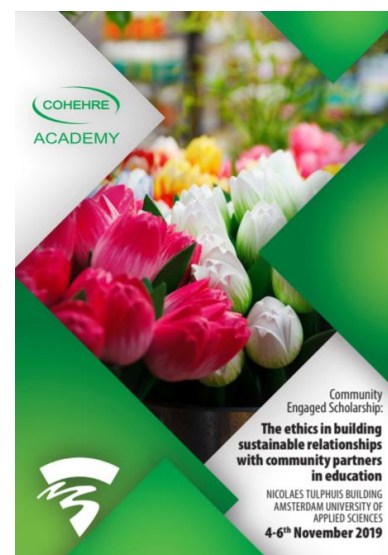
International Activities in Amsterdam: Mobility Week and COHEHRE Academy Course Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

Dear Valued Partners,

We are writing to share with you two exciting international activities that will be taking place in Amsterdam in November! We would be very happy to host your students and staff in Amsterdam for these events.

November 4-6th: COHEHRE Academy Course: The Ethics in Building Sustainable Relationships with Community Partners in Education

- This is an inter-disciplinary course for educators in health care professions who interesting in the ethics of learning activities outside the classroom. With an increase in educational activities in the community, for example service learning activities, it is important to explore the ethics of these projects, and what steps we as educators can take to build sustainable partnerships with our community partners
- The course will take you on site visits in Amsterdam and will provide you with practical tools to evaluate your current and future community-based projects
- For inspiration, we have invited Leanne Leclair, an Associate professor in Occupational Therapy at the University of Manitoba. She has years of expertise in community health projects, community-based participatory research and community development. She will share her experiences and provide guidance to the participants throughout the course: <http://umanitoba.ca/rehabsciences/leclair.html>





November 6-8th: International Mobility Week: OT on the Edge

- An international short-term exchange opportunity for students in Occupational Therapy to explore the (re)-emerging work of OT with marginalized populations
- Program includes international guest lectures, an advocacy group project and social activities
- There is also a parallel staff program so please join with staff and students!

Click on the images and [here](#) to find more information for both of these events.

International Greetings!

2nd COTEC-ENOTHE Joint Congress



CONGRESS THEME:
Occupational Therapy Europe –
building resilience in individuals,
communities and countries

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for the European Countries



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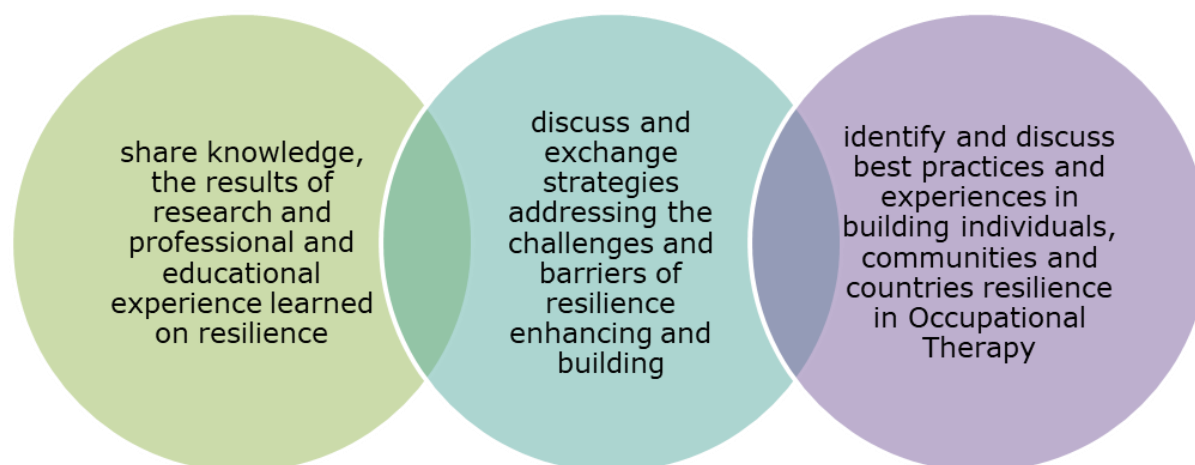
2nd COTEC-ENOTHE Joint Congress

– Abstract submission is open!

The 2nd COTEC-ENOTHE Congress will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, September 23rd - 26th, 2020. The theme of the congress is "Occupational Therapy Europe - building resilience in individuals, communities and countries".

The Joint Congress will offer an unique opportunity to share expertise from education, practice, research and policy on the same platform. The Czech Association of Occupational Therapists and Charles University are the co-hosts of the Congress. Both the Scientific Committee and the Organising Committee have been busy in a number of (online) meetings constructing the three-day scientific program, the formal and social aspects of opening and closing ceremonies and of course the social activities offered by the beautiful city of Prague.

Abstract submission has opened in April. The conference theme is to reflect the increasing prevalence of resilience in many aspects of society and aims to:



Find out more so you can frame your contribution and abstract to broader theme of resilience from an occupational therapy perspective, from resilience models or its challenges from an interdisciplinary point of view. Get some inspiration from our keynote speakers in the call for abstracts (<https://www.cotec-enothe2020.com/call-for-abstracts/>)!

Let yourself be guided by the guidelines for authors (<https://www.cotec-enothe2020.com/guideline-for-authors/>). We would like to encourage every Occupational therapist, educator and researcher of OT to consider submitting an abstract.

Registration will open in **January 2020**. Conferences fees are now published on <https://www.cotec-enothe2020.com/registration/>.

On behalf of the Scientific and Organising Committees,

Ursula Gubler-Thomann (ENOTHE Treasurer)

Soemitro Poerbodipoero (Vice President ENOTHE)

Anu Söderström (COTEC Vice President Administration)

For queries about abstract submission please contact:

cotec-enothe2020@oteurope.eu



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Bid to Host the COTEC-ENOTHE Congress 2024

(later to be called the 1st Occupational
Therapy Europe Congress 2024)

COTEC
Council of Occupational Therapists
for the European Countries



ENOTHE
European Network
of Occupational Therapy
in Higher Education



Dear COTEC Member Associations
ENOTHE Members

We are pleased to invite you to bid to host the third joint COTEC-ENOTHE Congress in 2024.

The Congress should be co-hosted by a COTEC Member Association and at least one ENOTHE Member educational institution in the same country.

Please find here the link to the [COTEC-ENOTHE Congress guidelines 2019](#) and to the [bid form](#) which should be completed and submitted by August 1st, 2019. All bids with eventual attachments and supporting documents should be addressed to COTEC-ENOTHE Congress Committee at info@coteceurope.eu

The COTEC-ENOTHE Congress Committee has four members (Eva Denysiuk and Anu Söderström from COTEC Executive Committee; Ursula Gubler Thomann and Lisette Farias Vera from ENOTHE Board)

The Committee will review the bids and make a recommendation regarding the 2024 Congress host at both COTEC and ENOTHE General Assemblies in October 2019.

In case you have any further questions, please contact Congress Committee member Anu Söderström, anu.soderstrom@coteceurope.eu

Message of the President



Dr. Marie-Antoinette Minis

Dear members of ENOTHE,

This is the last newsletter in which I may share the rewards of ENOTHE with you, in my role as President. In 2013 (York ENOTHE Annual Meeting) I was elected to the ENOTHE Board and in 2015 became the President. It is now six years ago and I can pass on the baton.

The office moved from Copenhagen to York during this period, we now have an independent office run by two inspired occupational therapists. The office ensures a smooth transition in addition to changing Board member. ENOTHE successfully applied to become an official Association under Austrian Law.

I was allowed to participate in the first Strategy plan that runs until 2020. The board members have all taken on tasks and active ENOTHE members are part of this.

I am both proud and pleased with the enormous developments that the Student Platform Occupational Therapy (SPOT) has undergone. Steered by the inspiring leadership of Marlies Nijenhuis and Charlotte Walker. They have taken the lead in the development of mini-SPOTs at various universities in Europe. Students now have a voice in the plans and governance of ENOTHE and their enthusiasm about internationalisation is very encouraging. Their modern working methods, policies and expectations of SPOT members is exemplary and a good example for the wider members of ENOTHE to learn from. They have reached out to students who became ambassadors for their own Universities. We have examples of how this engagement, has encouraged non-member Universities to become ENOTHE members.

The procedure for applying for ENOTHE projects has been updated, based on member input last year at the Annual Meeting in Portugal (2018). The intention is that members of the expert register will be called upon to advice on the content of a proposed project. From now on, the projects are mainly intended for seed funding - to grow educational projects with ENOTHE partners and to find additional subsidy strategies and partners.

After years of negotiations between the organisations of COTEC and ENOTHE, the ambition to create a voice for occupational therapy in Europe is happening and will become ratified when the statutes of the OT-Europe Foundation are presented at the forthcoming General Assemblies (GA).

In addition, the Research Occupational Therapy & Occupational Science (ROTOS) Foundation is organised as a third branch. The ROTOS Foundation will be housed under the

OT-Europe umbrella. The logo was already created and now also the partners are in official cooperation with each other.

The first joint COTEC-ENOTHE Congress in Ireland (2016) was a great success. After the second COTEC-ENOTHE Congress in 2020 in Prague, there will definitely be in the future a OT-Europe Congress with the three OT partners.

The links with the WFOT have been strengthened with regard to European matters.

OT-Europe, following the initiative of COTEC, has a register of experts that is steadily growing and are invited on behalf of OT-Europe to attend meetings and / or strategically relevant conferences and to write (position) papers respectively.

The profile of occupational therapy in Europe has been enormously improved by the COTEC initiatives. They were previously an official association (NGO) and could therefore become members of European organisations such as EUPHA, WHO-Europe. Once OT-Europe has been established, these activities will be transferred to OT-Europe.

The most important new challenge is the development of the ENOTHE Academy. It is hoped that opportunities for learning from each other across-Europe will be made easier including finding partners. The ENOTHE Academy it is mainly about what the ENOTHE partners have to offer each other. This includes organising partners who help each other with setting up occupational therapy training. Applying for grants still remains a challenge. The network needs to get used to proactively approaching each other in partnerships and teacher exchange projects. The ENOTHE board cannot be in the lead, but can facilitate with this new network structure.

In short, we have made important professional steps in recent years. We are now a more formal and professional organisation with rights and obligations.

It is with some sadness, time to hand over the baton to others to continue the good work. In October 2019, there will be a vacancy on the ENOTHE Board. The current board has nominated Soemitro Poerbodipoero as the new ENOTHE President. I am happy with this choice. I am confident that the new board that will be officially installed after the Annual Meeting in Athens will come with a good new division of roles. The new vacancy is not just a vacancy. The board wants to express the need for someone who feels at home in public relations and the use of social media.

I hope to be able to say
goodbye to you all personally
at the Annual Meeting in
Athens.
Your President, Marie-
Antoinette

Ik hoop u allen persoonlijk
vaarwel te kunnen zeggen op
de AM in Athene.
Uw President, Marie-
Antoinette

J'espère pouvoir dire au
revoir à chacun
personnellement lors de la
réunion annuelle à Athènes.
Votre Présidente, Marie-
Antoinette

Espero poder decirles adiós a
todos en persona en la
Reunión Anual en Atenas.
Vuestra Presidente, Marie-
Antoinette

Εύχομαι να τα καταφέρω να
πω αντίο σε καθένα από εσάς
προσωπικά κατά τη διάρκεια
της ετήσιας συνάντησης μας
στην Αθήνα. Marie-Antoinette

Espero poder dizer adeus a
todos pessoalmente na
Reunião Anual em Atenas.
A vossa presidente, Marie-
Antoinette

Jag hoppas att kunna säga
adjö personligen till er alla på
årsmötet i Aten. Er
ordförande Marie-Antoinette

ვიმედოვნებ საშუალება
მომეცება პირადად
დაგეშვოდლობთ ყოველწლიურ
კონფერენციის დროს ათენში.
თქვენი პრეზიდენტი. Marie-
Antoinette

Я надеюсь, что смогу
попрощаться со всеми вами
лично на ежегодной
конференции в Афинах.
Ваш президент Marie-
Antoinette

Ich hoffe, dass ich mich an
der nächsten Jahrestagung in
Athen persönlich von Ihnen
allen verabschieden kann. Ihre
Präsidentin, Marie-Antoinette

Ich hoffe, dass ich mich bei
der Jahrestagung in Athen
persönlich von Ihnen allen
verabschieden kann. Ihre
Präsidentin, Marie-Antoinette

Mam nadzieję, że będę mógł
się z wami osobiście
pożegnać na dorocznym
spotkaniu w Atenach. Wasz
Prezydent, Marie-Antoinette

Spero di potervi salutare tutti
personalmente alla riunione
annuale di Atene. La vostra
Presidente, Marie-Antoinette

Loodan, et saan teile kõigile
isiklikult hüvasti Ateenas
aastakoosolekul. Teie
president, Marie-Antoinette

Надявам се да мога да ви
кажа сбогом лично на
годишната среща в Атина.
Вашият президент, Marie-
Antoinette

Jeg håber at kunne sige
farvel til jer alle sammen
personligt på årsmødet i
Athen. Deres formand, Marie-
Antoinette

Upam, da se bom lahko vsem
osebno poslovil na letnem
srečanju v Atenah. Tvoj
predsednik, Marie-Antoinette

Toivon voivani sanoa hyvästit
kaikille henkilökohtaisesti
Ateenan vuosikokouksessa.
Presidentti, Marie-Antoinette

Doufám, že se vám budu
moci osobně rozloučit na
výročním zasedání v Aténách.
Váš prezident, Marie-
Antoinette

Nadam se da ću se moći
osobno oprostiti od vas na
Godišnjem sastanku u Ateni.
Tvoj predsjednik, Marie-
Antoinette

Jeg håper å kunne si farvel til
deg personlig på årsmøtet i
Athen. Din president, Marie-
Antoinette

Nispera li nkun nista'
nsemmikom personalment fil-
Laqgħa Annwali f'Ateni. Il-
President tagħkom, Marie-
Antoinette

Tikiuosi, kad galėsiu
atsisveikinti su jumis
asmeniškai metiniame
susitikime Atėnuose. Jūsų
pirmininkas, Marie-Antoinette

Sper să fiu capabil să vă spun
la revedere personal la
întâlnirea anuală de la Atena.
Președintele dvs, Marie-
Antoinette

Unë shpresoj të jem në
gjendje të them lamtumirë
për të gjithë ju personalisht
në Takimin Vjetor në Athinë.
Presidenti juaj, Marie-
Antoinette

رئيسك ، ماري أنطوانيت أتمنى أن أكون وداعاً
لكم جميعاً شخصياً في الاجتماع السنوي بأثينا.

Es ceru, ka varēšu atvadīties
no jums visiem personīgi
ikgadējā sanāksmē Atēnās.
Jūsu prezidents, Marie-
Antoinette

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