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## AMERICAS REGION

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Dear WFOT colleagues in the Americas and across the world!

Best wishes to all in 2005 for another progressive year in the development of our wonderful international organization.

WFOT Delegates in the Americas countries:

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Brasil: Michelle Hahn

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United States of America: Mary M. Evert

Venezuela: Antonieta Rivas de Puche

It is my pleasure to welcome and present submitted articles from Argentina, Caribbean Region, Canada, Venezuela, CLATO, USA, and Brasil for this issue.

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### ARGENTINA

#### **Important prize to an Occupational Therapist in Argentina**

On August 31, 2004 in the frame of the contest "Ten outstanding civil servants 2004" ten public servants of all the country were rewarded for their distinguished and exemplary action.

This is an initiative of NGO's and some important newspapers. The goal is the recognition of public servants and employees of the public sector, whose exemplary work and behavior is worthwhile and distinguishable as an example for the society.

100 postulations turned out, most of them in health, education, solidarity, science and technology, culture and environmental categories. The jury, which was an integrated group of recognized personalities of the NGO's, representing academic and journalistic fields, evaluated specific and accurate actions of the candidates and their activities in public duties.

In the health area Sara Daneri was the selected person. She is the boss of the Occupational Therapy Department and vice-boss of the Rehabilitation Department of the interdisciplinary Dr. José T. Borda Hospital. It was emphasized that she, together with her patients, developed a plan of micro-entrepreneurs, such as an organic market garden that not only helps in the

recuperation of these persons but also teaches them to create resources. We want to share with the international community of occupational therapy the pride we feel.

Sara Daneri, treasurer of the Argentine Occupational Therapy Association and untiring collaborator has received this important recognition.

**CONGRATULATIONS SARA!!!**

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### **CARIBBEAN REGION**

Planning is underway for the Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists (ACOT) to be held in Barbados July 7 thru 9, 2005. The theme for the Conference is "Expanding Horizons in Occupational Therapy". Information: Conference Planning Committee Occupational Therapy Department Psychiatric Hospital Black Rock, St. Michael Barbados, W.I. FAX: (246) 425-7347 e-mail: [ckumchy@hotmail.com](mailto:ckumchy@hotmail.com)

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### **CANADA**

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists is very active in supporting their members in a number of ways. It lobbied politicians about the need for occupational therapy services during the recent federal election, it provides a generous package of benefits to its members, and it advocates on behalf of occupational therapists for increased third part coverage.

As a national professional body it also provides leadership in the development of the profession. To this end by 2008, all of the entry-level occupational therapy educational programs in Canada will be at the Masters level. However, it is clear that for now, the CAOT will accept graduation from the WFOT approved educational program as one of the eligibility criteria for individuals educated in occupational therapy outside Canada.

This year the annual conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia with the theme of "Celebrating Diversity in Occupation". The program is set and looks to be very full and interesting. The conference will

be held from May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup> with pre-conference workshops on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and the keynote speaker will be Sam Sullivan who is a quadriplegic and an active member of the Vancouver City Council. Dr. Johanne Desrosiers who is an occupational therapy researcher in post-stroke rehabilitation will give the Muriel Drive Lecture. This lecture is given annually by an occupational therapist who has contributed outstandingly to occupational therapy in Canada.

More information about the conference and the work that is being done through the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists can be found by going to the web page [www.caot.ca](http://www.caot.ca).

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### **VENEZUELA**

Reunión con las Escuelas de  
T.O.

La Federación Venezolana de  
Terapeutas Ocupacionales y sus  
Delegadas ante la Federación Mundial  
de Terapeutas Ocupacionales,  
organizaron una reunión con las tres

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instituciones formadoras de Terapeutas Ocupacionales en Venezuela y los Jefes y Coordinadores de Servicios de T.O. de Caracas y del Estado Vargas en el Litoral Central.

La misma se celebró el 19 de Enero de 2005 en la Biblioteca del Centro Nacional de Rehabilitación “Dr. Alejandro J. Rhode”, IVSS.

La Agenda de la reunión incluyó, entre otros puntos:

- a) Informe de las Delegadas ante la Federación Mundial, sobre su gestión 2003-2004.
- b) Información sobre libros y videos donados a Venezuela por la Embajadora de la Federación Mundial de T.O. Ante el continente americano, Anne Spencer.
- c) Solicitud de colaboraciones escritas para el Boletín Regional de las Américas.
- d) Información sobre la traducción oficial al español de las “Normas Mínimas Revisadas para la formación de T.O., 2002 (FMTO), realizada en Colaboración por Terapeutas Ocupacionales de Argentina, Venezuela, Chile, Colombia y España.
- e) Información acerca del envío de un artículo sobre Rehabilitación de Base Comunitaria, al Boletín de la Federación Mundial de T.O. (Mayo 2005). Las autoras son las T.O. Yentis Avila y Nancy Roa, egresadas de la Escuela de Salud Pública de la Universidad Central de Venezuela.
- f) Información sobre el proyecto de publicación denominado “Terapia

Ocupacional y Rehabilitación Psiquiátrica”, con autoría de Carmen Forn de Zita.

- g) Información sobre el proyecto del Gobierno Nacional, a través del Ministerio de Salud y Desarrollo Social, de la creación de 120 Clínicas Populares en el país, donde está previsto incorporar a Terapeutas Ocupacionales.
- h) Información sobre el VI Congreso Latinoamericano de T.O. y el XIV Congreso Colombiano de T.O. a celebrarse en Cali, Colombia, del 31-08-05 al 03-09-05.
- i) Exposición de invitados especiales: T.O. Manuela Agilda y T.O. Zoraida Ramirez, sobre su trabajo en escuelas regulares y en la comunidad, respectivamente.
- j) Se invitó a las Escuelas a que algunos de sus docentes se incorporen a la FMTO como miembros individuales.

Esta reunión fue instalada por la Presidenta de la Federación Venezolana de Terapeutas Ocupacionales (FVTO) Elizabeth Rodríguez Uzcategui.

La información fue muy bien recibida y produjo un estimulante intercambio de ideas entre los participantes.

La representante de la Escuela de Salud Pública, UCV, solicitó el derecho de palabra para pedir el apoyo de la Federación Venezolana de T.O. y de las demás Escuelas, a su Proyecto de Licenciatura.

### **Jornadas de Terapia Ocupacional**

La Federación Venezolana de Terapeutas Ocupacionales está organizando las próximas Jornadas

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Científica-Gremiales que tendrán lugar en Caracas los días 11 y 12 de Marzo, con sede en el Auditorium del Hospital Universitario de Caracas y en la Fundación José Felix Ribas.

El Temario incluye: Mesas Redondas sobre Rehabilitación Cardíaca, Rehabilitación Infantil

Trabajos sobre: Actualización de Protocolo de Neurografía Terapia Ocupacional y los medios de comunicación Terapia Ocupacional ante desastres naturales

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### **NEWS from CLATO**

**La Confederación Latinoamericana de Terapeutas Ocupacionales y la Asociación Colombiana de Terapia Ocupacional (CLATO)** informan que en Cali, Colombia, Agosto 31 a Septiembre 3 de 2005, se celebrará el VI Congreso Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional y el XIV Congreso Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional. “Terapia Ocupacional Crea en Torno al Entorno”

Ejes temáticos: Dominio de estudio del terapeuta ocupacional, Trabajo en redes y capital social, Equidad y derecho. La metodología nos llevará desde la conceptualización hasta acciones concretas en las áreas de salud, educación y trabajo.

Concurso de investigación, de trabajos libres, posters, experiencias exitosas para profesionales y estudiantes.

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### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The following information is summarized from information sent to the WFOT Bulletin by WFOT Delegate, Mary Evert and Newsletter Editor, Anne Spencer.

Fred Somers is the new Executive Director of AOTA. AOTA leaders along with representatives from the international occupational therapy community, US consumer and disability organizations, US federal agencies and other stakeholders met in Maryland October 2004 to develop global and national scenarios for the year 2017, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the profession in the USA. Scenarios will be used to define the profession's Centennial Vision and

guide AOTA strategic planning to enhance the vision.

Evaluation and performance tools to manage driver performance for older Americans can be found at [www.aota.org/olderdriver](http://www.aota.org/olderdriver).

The AOTA Specialties Board (AOTASB) will explore areas to be developed for Board Certification or Specialty Certification. (9 areas)

AOTA members will be able to vote online in the 2005 AOTA elections of officials.

AOTA 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo to be held in Long Beach, California May 12-15, 2005. WFOT President Kit Sinclair will be a Keynoter. Complimentary attendance and housing is offered to Enrique Henny, Sharon Brintnell, and Anne Carswell.

AOTA to develop a plan with WFOT to provide help needs of countries affected by the 2004 Tsunami disaster.

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## **BRASIL**

IX Brazilian Congress of Occupational Therapy to be held in Recife-Pernambuco from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Papers can be submitted in Portuguese until 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005. More information at the following e-mail: [ixcbto@uptodateeventos.com.br](mailto:ixcbto@uptodateeventos.com.br).

IX Congresso Brasileiro de Terapia Ocupacional Recife-Pernambuco Data: 27-30 Setembro 2005. Inscrição de trabalhos até 31 de Março 2005. Secretaria Executiva: Up to Date Eventos. Recife-PE Pabx: (81) 3227-2085  
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**A hearty thank you to all who have contributed to this issue of the WFOT Americas Region Newsletter.**

**If there is sufficient interest, I would be happy to put out a second issue in September 2005 and encourage all Americas WFOT Delegates to participate.**

**I look forward to your feedback.**

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