

HOW CAN I BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE WORLD FEDERATION?

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As you can see from the website there are lots of exciting things happening within the Federation and there are many different ways of being involved and contributing to the ongoing development of the profession at an international level. How much and in what way you contribute is entirely up to you. If you don't like any of the options outlined here we would be happy to talk to you further and see what other ideas we can come up with together.

BECOME AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

The Federation has an individual membership of in excess of 6,000 therapists and a country membership that represents 120,000 Occupational Therapists internationally. If your country is a member of WFOT then your National Association already pays fees to WFOT. However some therapists choose to make a financial contribution in the form of individual membership to further assist with the work of WFOT.

An individual member of WFOT receives the Bulletin (professional journal) twice yearly, through which they can really see what is happening in the "International World of OT". The scope of professional practices, from country to country, is extensive and WFOT actively supports relationships between countries, individual practitioners, educators and students, and these relationships continually expand dramatically.

Members are eligible to apply for research awards, to register with OTION (Occupational Therapy International Outreach Network) through the website and seek or provide support from or to colleagues. This site also allows members to access information about non-government organisations which employ therapists in developing countries.

WFOT has strong and influential relationships with a large number of international organisations. It works closely with WHO (World Health Organisation) at both a central and regional level. Regional networks are also available to members, with each region conducting conferences and working groups that challenge issues on a more local level.

Contact you **National Association** or the **WFOT Secretariat** for details

BE PART OF A PROJECT TEAM

You can join one of our exciting project teams. You don't have to take on a huge project – you may only undertake one task but if every OT in the world undertook one small task that would be a lot of work achieved. **Current projects are listed below** or you may have an idea for a project. If that is the case either contact the Secretariat, the Honorary Secretary or one of the Programme Coordinators (PCo's). Just click on **WFOT Information** or **Management Team** for their details

Education and Research - 2002 – 2004 Programme Plan

Programme Co-ordinator: Anne Carswell
Deputy PCo: Alfred Ramikumba

Programme Tasks for 2002 – 2004

| Project Leaders | Existing Projects and Ongoing Functions |
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| Anne Carswell | Maintain the Schools List |
| All Members | Undertake review of curricula that are submitted |
| Anne Carswell | Answer education and research queries |
| Hua-Beng Lim | Continue the WFOT survey |

| Project Leaders | New Projects |
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| Julius Kemwesiga, Sophie Ulbrich- Ford, | Publish three samples of curricula on the website |

| Project Leaders | New Projects |
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| All Members, Executive, Clare Hocking, Nils Erik Ness | Publish Minimum Standards in paper and web forms, translate into three languages (French, German, Spanish) |
| Clare Hocking, Nils Erik Ness | Develop guidelines for approval |
| Clare Hocking, Nils Erik Ness | Develop guidelines for monitoring |
| Anne Carswell, Terry Crowe | Document the process for the review of the School curricula for approval |
| Silvia Goncalves, Hua Beng Lim | Develop a data base of research resources |
| Hua-Beng Lim, Sophie Ulbrich- Ford | Develop a website portal for research information |
| Labrador, Hahn | Develop accessible student exchange information (WFOT member countries) |
| Tsuyoshi Sato | Develop and publicize target research ideas for WFOT Thelma Cardwell Education and Research Award. |

International Cooperation 2002 – 2004 Programme Plan

Programme Co-ordinator: **Christiane Mentrup**

Deputy PCo: **Ana Lima - Portugal**
Orna Sarfaty - Israel

Programme Tasks for 2002 – 2004

| Project Leader | Existing Projects and Ongoing Functions |
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| Christiane Mentrup | Updating of resource data (people and materials) (OF) |
| Christiane Mentrup | Responding to individual requests for support in regards to staff exchange and development of the profession in certain countries (OF) |
| Beth Fuller | Occupational Therapy International Outreach Network (OF) |
| Ana Lima | Investigate options for expanding the use of the website so it can be beneficial as an information exchange (P) |
| Ann Nott | Information on potential sources of funding |
| Bea van Bodegom | Guidelines presentation international meetings |

| Project Leaders | New Projects |
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| Madeleine Corstens-Mignot | Assist developing OT in Egypt |
| Hwei-Lan Tan | Mentorship project new membership countries / delegates |
| Adele Diday | Memory resource WFOT – WHO collaboration |
| Mohammad Anwar Sadat | Develop a standardised letter |
| Helga Burger | WFOT involvement in Africa |

Promotion and Development 2002 – 2004 Programme Plan

Programme Co-ordinator: Lena Haglund (Sweden)

Deputy PCo: Herta Dangl (Germany)
- for the Bulletin Chin-Yu Wu (Rep. Of China/Taiwan)

Programme Tasks for 2002 – 2004

| Project Leaders | Existing Projects and Ongoing Functions |
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| Chin-yu Wu | Bulletin |
| Claire Valentin | Definition of OT in Ordinary Dictionaries in French |
| Claire Valentin | Computer card |
| Adèle P. Diday | Logo card |

| Project Leaders | New Projects |
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| Hope Knutsson | Transfer news from Bulletin to website? |
| Jenny Chung | Redesigning Bulletin's cover? |
| Anu Söderström | Develop a Policy for Congress Funding |
| Paul Devlin | Develop Strategy for Income Generating |
| Paul Devlin | Produce information leaflets describing role of OT for specific clients |
| I-Britt Lindström | Web-experience |

Standards and Quality 2002 – 2004 Programme Plan

Programme Co-ordinator: Julie Piergrossi

Deputy: Samantha Shann (UK)

Programme Tasks for 2002 – 2004

| Work Group Leaders | New Projects and Ongoing Functions |
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| Edda Siebenhandl | To edit the generic job description and add a visual model. The profile relates to the ideas of the Minimum Standards of Education and possibly to ICF. |
| Nighat Lodhi | To continue the review of WHO documents on disability and rehabilitation (Communications). |
| Nicolas Kuhne | To establish the international Advisory Group for occupational therapy mental health services to the elderly. |
| Samantha Shann | To review the current Code of Ethics |
| Samantha Shann | To maintain links with the International Occupational Therapy Regulators Network. |
| Nimal Liyanage | To establish guidelines for encouraging the collaboration of NGOs with national organizations. |
| Julie Piergrossi | To review the constitutions of associations seeking WFOT membership. |
| Karenlynn Williams | To scope individuals' interest in WFOT credentials at an international level. |

Executive Programmes 2002 – 2004 Programme Plan

Programme Co-ordinator: Kit Sinclair
Deputy: Remaining Executive

Programme Tasks for 2002 – 2004

| Project Leaders | Programme tasks and Ongoing Functions |
|--------------------------|---|
| President | |
| | Liaison with international organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Liaison and initiatives |
| | Review of regional policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship of regions and members in WFOT – constitution/restructuring |
| | Relationship of regions and members in WFOT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution/Restructuring |
| | Policy of WFOT on human rights |
| | Reconfiguration of Council facilities |
| Helvia Coscajares | Interim Management Meeting |
| Siti Arbi Kamso | 2006 Congress |
| | International Cooperation Programme |

| Project Leaders | Programme tasks and Ongoing Functions |
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| 1st Vice President | |
| | Review nominations procedure |
| | Regional responsibility for Americas and European regions |
| | Explore International Monetary Fund and World Bank relationships |
| Anne Spencer | Produce Americas' Newsletter |
| | Education and Research Programme |

| Project Leaders | Programme tasks and Ongoing Functions |
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| 2nd Vice President | |
| | Awards policy |
| | Regional responsibility for Africa including the Eastern Mediterranean, Asia Pacific |
| | Explore relationships with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation International • World Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR) • World Federation of Mental Health |
| | Standards and Quality Programme |

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| Project Leaders | Programme tasks and Ongoing Functions |
| Hon Secretary | |
| | Organisational restructuring |
| | WFOT presentation packages |
| | Support system for new members |
| | Tracking of development of the profession |
| | Certificates for WFOT membership |
| | Memoranda to members |
| Ana Lima | Website development |
| Secretariat | Printing and distribution of Minimum Standards |
| Clephane Hume | History of WFOT 1992-2002 |
| Claire Valentin | Coordination of translation services |

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| Project Leaders | Programme tasks and Ongoing Functions |
| Hon Treasurer | |
| | Financial review and policy |
| | WFOT constitutional review |
| | Positioning of capital funds |
| | Review of membership categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing member guidelines • Organisational membership • Individual membership |
| | Incorporation of WFOT |
| | Revise nomination and election process |
| | Evaluation of WFOT Congress |
| | Financial Management Review (Policy and Procedures) |
| | International funds for attendance to WFOT |
| Standards and Quality Prog | Constitutional Review of countries applying for membership |
| | Promotion and development programme |

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| WFOT Ambassadors 2002-2004 | |
| Carolyn Webster Rosemary Crouch | Africa and Eastern Mediterranean |
| Anne Spencer | Americas |
| Clephane Hume | Europe |

DONATIONS

You may wish to assist WFOT financially without being involved at all. Should you wish to make a financial donation to assist the work of the Federation please contact the **Secretariat**.

Donations need not always be financial. Many countries appreciate donations of books and equipment and WFOT can assist with putting you in touch with contacts in these countries. For further information please contact the **Secretariat**.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is available both on the website and in the Bulletin.

| Website | Bulletin |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Between 1500-2000 hits per month.<input type="checkbox"/> The information is emailed to the Delegates of every member country and the member associations (57 countries).<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible to all Occupational Therapists internationally.<input type="checkbox"/> Used as a resource by Educators and OT students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Distributed to every WFOT individual member and member associations.<input type="checkbox"/> Longevity – stays on the bookshelf.<input type="checkbox"/> Distributed internationally to Occupational Therapists, Educational Institutions and Libraries<input type="checkbox"/> Used as a reference text for Educators and OT students |

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