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5th Annual International Conference of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco المؤتمر السنوي الدولي الخامس للمجعية المغربية للعلاج الوظيفي

*"Intraprofessional and Interprofessional
Collaboration and Communication: Embracing our Challenges
and Celebrating our Success"*



The Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco is a full member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. WFOT has been in official relations with the World Health Organization since 1959, undertaking a collaborative work programme with the aim of improving world health.

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Saturday January 7th, 2023

8 AM - 4 PM

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Message from Conference Chair

رسالة من رئيس المؤتمر



Dr. Said Nafai, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, CAPS, Morocco/USA

Dear members and friends of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco,
Welcome to the 5th International Annual Conference of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco (OTAM). I would like to offer our immeasurable thanks and gratitude to the University of New England (UNE) for hosting our conference for five years in the row.

UNE and especially Dr. Majid, Mourad Benkirane, and the occupational therapy team at UNE believed in us when we introduced this idea for our 1st conference.

I would also offer my thanks and gratitude to OTAM's Board Members, Scientific Committee, Conference Committee, presenters, and attendees.

There is a saying in Morocco "Do not get surprised if you are in Morocco", the gathering of presenters from 5 continents with no financial support or sponsors to our organization is a testimony to that saying. A testimony that some of the most compassionate people in the world are people who work in the healthcare field and education. We are grateful to these presenters and their institutions for this.

To put this in perspective, our Keynote Speaker Dr. Whiteford trip from Australia to Morocco is about 18000 Km seconded by Dr. Matsuo from Japan about 12000 Km. It is great that occupational therapy in Morocco is growing and the yearly conference that is now considered one of the most successful occupational therapy conferences in the globe will lead to more success.

This year, all presentations are in person and the conference will be streamed live on YouTube so other healthcare professionals and others around the world will be able to watch it. Attending the conference is for free, as we have done for the past 5 years.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tangier for the 5th OTAM conference and many others in the future. We hope for more success in the field of occupational therapy and rehabilitation in Morocco and around the globe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Said Nafai, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, CAPS
Chair of the Conference
Founder and President of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco

اعزائي أعضاء و أصدقاء الجمعية المغربية للعلاج الوظيفي،
مرحباً بكم في المؤتمر السنوي الدولي الخامس للجمعية المغربية للعلاج الوظيفي.

أود أن أتقدم بجزيل الشكر والامتنان لجامعة نيو إنجلاند (UNE) لاستضافة مؤتمرها لمدة خمس سنوات متتالية.

هذه الجامعة وخاصة الدكتور ماجد ومراد بنكيران وفريق العلاج الوظيفي فيها آمنوا بنا عندما قدمنا هذه الفكرة منذ مؤتمرها الأول. كما أود أن أقدم شكري وامتناني لأعضاء مجلس إدارة الجمعية، واللجنة العلمية، ولجنة المؤتمر، والمحاضرين والمحاضرات والحضور. هناك قول مأثور في المغرب «إذا كنت في المغرب فلا تستغرب»، تجتمع محاضرين و محاضرات من 5 قارات بدون دعم مالي لهذا المؤتمر هو شهادة على هذا القول. شهادة على أن بعض أكثر الناس تعاطفاً في العالم هم الأشخاص الذين يعملون في مجال الرعاية الصحية والتعليم.

نحن ممتنون لهؤلاء الناس ومؤسساتهم على هذا العمل النبيل. لوضع هذا الأمر في نصابه، رحلة المتحدث الرئيسي في المؤتمر الدكتور وايتفورد من أستراليا إلى المغرب مسافتها حوالي 18000 كلم و رحلة الدكتور ماتسو من اليابان حوالي 12000 كلم. إنه لأمر رائع أن العلاج الوظيفي في المغرب أخذ في الازدياد وأن المؤتمر السنوي الذي يعتبر الآن أحد أنجح المؤتمرات للعلاج الوظيفي في العالم سوف يؤدي إلى مزيد من النجاح.

خلال هذا المؤتمر، ستكون جميع العروض شخصياً وسيتم بث المؤتمر مباشرة على قناة يوتيوب حتى يتمكن متخصصو الرعاية الصحية وغيرهم من جميع أنحاء العالم من مشاهدة المؤتمر. و كما فعلنا على مدار السنوات الخمس الماضية، فإن حضور المؤتمر هو بالمجان. نتطلع إلى الترحيب بكم في طنجة لحضور المؤتمر الخامس والعديد من المؤتمرات الأخرى في المستقبل. نأمل بمزيد من النجاح في مجال العلاج الوظيفي والتأهيل الطبي في المغرب وحول العالم.

الدكتور سعيد نافع

رئيس المؤتمر

مؤسس ورئيس الجمعية المغربية للعلاج الوظيفي

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Time Outline 8AM - 4PM

07:30-08:15 Registration

- 08:15-08:30 Introduction & Logistics :**
Dr. Said Nafai, OTAM President
Dr. Anouar Majid, Vice President of Global Affairs, University of New England

08:30-09:00 Keynote Presentation

Dr. Gail Whiteford, PhD, OT, Australia

- 09:00-09:15** Distinguished Guest Speaker Samantha Shann, MS, OT, WFOT President, UK
09:15-09:30 Dr. Patrick V. Marasco, Jr. MD, FACS, USA
09:30-09:45 Dr. Khalid El Bairi, MD, Morocco
09:45-10:00 Dr. Elisabete Roldão, PhD, OT, Portugal
10:00-10:15 Arnaud Schabaille, MS, OT, France
10:15-10:30 Salma Shqair, BS, OT, Jordan
10:30-10:45 Dr. Soufiane Abdouh, MD, Morocco
10:45-11:00 Diae El Gharbi, PT, Morocco

11:00-11:30 Awards, Tea/Coffee Break & Posters Session

(See posters section for more details)

- 11:30-11:45** Tara Paradie, PT, MSPT, USA
11:45-12:00 Dr. Michelle Johnson PhD & Dr. Rochelle Mendonca, PhD, OTR/L, USA
12:00-12:15 Dr. Rachid Fares, PhD, Morocco
12:15-12:30 Dr. Patricia Meyers, OTD,OTR/L & Dr. Jennifer Nordstrom, OTD,OTR/L, USA
12:30-12:45 Dr. Cathy Felmlee Shanholtz, OTD,OTR/L & Dr. Michelle Gamber, DrPH, USA
12:45-01:00 Dr. Susan Higgins, OTD, OTR/L, USA
01:00-01:15 Dr. Tyra M. Banks, EdD, OTR/L, USA
01:15-01:30 Cecile Leroy, MS, OT, Belgium

01:30-02:00 Lunch Break

- 2:00-2:15** Dr. Christina Athanasopoulou, PhD, OT, Greece
2:15-2:30 Dr. Mohamed Al-Tajer, OTD, OT, Bahrain
2:30-2:45 Dr. Moemi Matsuo, PhD, OT, Japan
2:45-3:00 Ahmed Al Marhoon, BS, OT, Saudi Arabia
3:00-3:15 Eqab Albaderneh, OT, Jordan
3:15-3:30 Hassan Beddaa, MS, PT & Youness Azemmour, MS, PT, Candidate, Morocco
3:30-3:40 Samira Laghrib and Bouchra Oubihi, Morocco
3:40-3:50 Siham Bennis, MS, OTR/L, Morocco/USA
3:50-3:55 Mohamed Rouane, RN and Siham Elkasmi, RN, Morocco
3:55-4:00 Hiba Benyahia, BS, OT, Morocco

4:00 Conclusion of Conference & Moroccan Traditional Music Show

Conference Chair

Dr. Said Nafai



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Morocco Delegate to World Federation of Occupational Therapists

President of the Arab Occupational Therapy Regional Group to the World Federation of Occupational Therapists

Dr. Said Nafai was born and raised in Morocco. He received his doctorate from Boston University. He is considered "The Father of OT in Morocco". Dr. Nafai is known for his advocacy and promoting OT worldwide. He provides OT services in rehab hospital and rehab facilities. He is a member of the GATE Community a group of the World Health Organization that aims to improve access to assistive technology worldwide. He has presented worldwide about the distinct value of OT. He is a certified aging in place specialist, a certified lymphedema therapist, and a board member of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group that aims to improve insurance coverage for compressions for lymphedema in the United State of America. <https://lymphedematreatmentact.org/>



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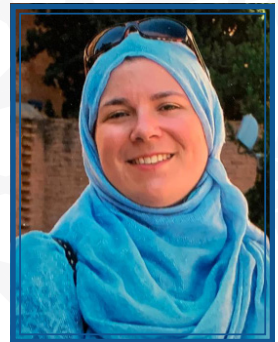
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Introduction

Dr. Said Nafai and Dr. Anouar Majid, PhD

Dr. Anouar Majid, PhD



Professor Anouar Majid is the Vice President for Global Affairs and director of the Center for Global Humanities at the University of New England. He conceived and established UNE's campus in Tangier and oversees UNE's operations in Morocco. Dr. Majid has published widely on relations between Islam and the West. He was the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the print magazine *Tingis*, a Moroccan-American magazine of ideas and culture, which he now edits online at Tingismagazine.com.

Conference Keynote Speaker

Dr. Gail Whiteford, PhD, OT, Australia



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5th Annual Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco Conference Awards Ceremony



Leadership Excellence Award



جائزة التميز القيادي



Dr. James D. Herbert, PhD
President of the University of New
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Dr. Mohammed Rhachi, PhD
President of Mohammed 5th
University, Rabat, Morocco



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Dr. James D. Herbert, PhD, Morocco/USA

President of the University of New England, Morocco/USA



Dr. James D. Herbert is the sixth president of the University of New England. Upon joining UNE in 2017, he shared his distinct vision for the evolving mission of institutions of higher education in the 21st century. He is a champion of the university as the ultimate marketplace of ideas and an advocate for the transformation of students through a marriage of active learning in the classroom with experiential learning outside the classroom with the goal of preparing students with deep discipline-based knowledge, essential life skills, and critical habits of mind.

During his first year at UNE, Dr. Herbert led a university-wide effort to develop a new strategic plan, culminating in Our World, Our Future: Strategic Plan 2018–2023. The plan centers on an expanded definition of health, focusing UNE's mission on enhancing the health of individuals, communities, and the natural world. It offers a blueprint to prepare students to address the world's greatest existing and emerging challenges.

Leadership Excellence Award

جائزة التميز القيادي

Dr. Mohammed Rhachi, PhD, Morocco

President of Mohammed 5th University, Rabat, Morocco



Dr. Mohammed Rhachi is the President of Mohammed 5th University. Professor of thermal and thermodynamic sciences (PhD), he was the academic director of the Higher School of technology-EST (1994-2001) and then, the Director of the institution-EST between 2001 and 2014. He obtained several certificates on governance and management systems in higher education (ENA-Rabat, State Department-USA, Dale Carnegie,...). Over than 30 scientific papers (international journals).

Dr. Mohammed Rhachi was also the winner of the price of "Jean Demal" on International association of university Pedagogy (Montpellier-2008).



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Hanny Brün Award

جائزة هاني برون

Hanny Brün Award is given to individuals who did an exceptional work and effort to advance and move forward the occupational therapy practice and education in Morocco.

جائزة هاني برون تُقدّم لأشخاص تميزوا في تفانيهم وعملهم من أجل الرفع الو الأمام لممارسة أو تدريس العلاج الوظيفي بالمغرب.



In 1959, thousands of Moroccans became sick after consuming oil that was poisoned. Several medical teams came to Morocco to help with the recovery. 3 occupational therapists from Switzerland and 2 from Canada were parts of the team. Hanny Brün was one of them. She is the first occupational therapist in Switzerland and the only one who is still alive from her team. Dr. Nafai visited Hanny in 2018 and she shared with him what she did in Morocco from January until April in 1960. To honor Hanni, OTAM created this award in Hanni Brün name.

في عام 1959 ، مرض آلاف المغاربة بعد تناولهم زيتا مسموما . جاءت عدة فرق طبية إلى المغرب للمساعدة في مواجهة هذه الأزمة . من بينهم ، كان هناك 3 أخصائيات العلاج الوظيفي من سويسرا و 2 من كندا . كانت هاني برون واحدة منهن ، وهي في الصور أعلاه . وهي أول أخصائية علاج وظيفي في سويسرا والوحيدة التي لا تزال على قيد الحياة من بين الخمسة الذين حضروا . زار الدكتور سعيد نافع هاني في ديسمبر 2018 وشاركته ما فعلته في المغرب من يناير حتى أبريل 1960 . ولتكريمها على تضحياتها وما فعلته بالمغرب أنشأت الجمعية المغربية للعلاج الوظيفي جائزة باسم هاني برون .

Here is a link to watch Dr. Said Nafai interview with Hanny Brün in her house in Switzerland.

هذا رابط لمشاهدة لقاء وحوار الدكتور سعيد نافع مع هاني برون في سويسرا سنة 2018 .

<https://youtu.be/SVjWKfZlrek>

<https://youtu.be/Ad11svCZdds>

March 2017, meeting in ISPITS Rabat to discuss some of the aspects to begin the occupational therapy program at ISPITS Rabat, Morocco

مارس 2017، لقاء لمناقشة البرنامج البديك للعلاج الوظيفي بالمعهد العالي للمهن التمريضية وتقنيات الصحة.



Said Abouzaj
Youness Azemmour
Dr. Mohamed Khalil Diori
Dr. Abderrazak Hajjioui
Mohammed khanchaf
Valérie Lechain
Cecile Leroy
Dr. Said Nafai
Khalid N'dami

July 2017, Cecile visited Dr. Said Nafai at his house in Kenitra to discuss occupational therapy curriculum of the new program in ISPITS Rabat.

يوليموز 2017، السيدة سيسيل تزور الدكتور سعيد نافع بالكنيطرة للحديث عن البرنامج البديك للعلاج الوظيفي بالمعهد العالي للمهن التمريضية وتقنيات الصحة بالرباط.



Keynote Speaker

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Title: Realizing Occupational Therapy's Social Contract Through Transformative Practice

Learning Objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the 4 Pillars of occupational therapy
2. Learn about occupational therapy's social contract
3. Learn about the processes and tools that can assist the realization of this social contract and examine future priorities for the profession into the future

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Title: WFOT: Building a globally connected profession

Learning Objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Increase awareness of WFOT's work
2. Gain an understanding of current trends in WFOT member countries
3. Discuss international developments within the profession and how you can become involved

Dr. Patrick V. Marasco, Jr. MD, FACS, USA



Dr. Patrick V. Marasco, MD is Board Certified in General Surgery and Plastic Surgery and has been Plastic Surgeon for over 25 years in North Andover, Massachusetts. Dr. Marasco is a graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and Boston University School of Medicine. He completed residencies in General Surgery at Michigan State University and Plastic Surgery at Wake Forest University.

During his Plastic Surgery residency, Dr. Marasco worked on early negative pressure research with Louis C. Argenta, M.D. and Michael Morykwas, PhD., inventors of the Wound V.A.C.®.

Dr. Marasco is the inventor of Closed Pulse Irrigation® (CPI®) Wound Therapy and founder of PulseCare® Medical, a Medical Device company located in the Boston, Massachusetts area, focusing on accessible, cost-effective Biofilm Wound Management to improve Wound Care outcomes worldwide

Title: Innovation of Daily Closed Pulse Irrigation (CPI®) to Improve the Treatment of Chronic Open Wounds

Learning Objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the impact of chronic wound on health and wellness
2. Gain an understanding of how Closed Pulse Irrigation can expedite wound healing with minimal cost
3. Understand how medical doctors, nursing, occupational therapists, and physical therapists can work together to treat chronic wounds

Dr. Khalid El Bairi, MD, Morocco



Dr. Khalid El Bairi is the primary investigator of OVANORDEST studies and an active member of ASCO Trainee & Early Career Advisory Group. His current research focuses on ovarian cancer and he has published many peer-reviewed articles on cancer biomarkers to improve survival outcomes. He is an editor and reviewer for more than 40 academic journals. He is also highly interested in teaching EBM, clinical research methods, and publishing ethics to medical and PhD students. He was selected for the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting as a young scientist. He joined the ASCO Trainee & Early Career Advisory Group as a member for the 2022-2023 term.

Title: Critical Appraisal of Meta-analyses in Occupational Therapy: A Step by Step Guide

Learning Objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Familiarize with evidence-based medicine in OT
2. Critically appraise systematic reviews and meta-analyses in OT for better patient care
3. Initiate OT specialists in conducting evidence synthesis

Dr. Elisabete Roldão, PhD, OT, Portugal



Dr. Elisabete Roldão is Portuguese. She is the President of the Portuguese Association of Occupational Therapists, Delegate for WFOT and COTEC. She graduated in occupational therapy and received her PhD from Lisbon University in Rehabilitation. She worked in the Military Hospital in Lisbon for 25 years. She is an Assistant Professor in the Sciences Health School of Polytechnic of Leiria, Portugal. She is the coordinator of the Post-graduation in Specialization on Hand Therapy and member of several Scientific Committees.

Title: Our Hands: The Way through Which We Do, Be, and Become

Learning Objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Define Grasp and their characteristics
2. Identify different types of grasps used in daily activities
3. Understand the link between grasps, strength, tasks, objects, and activities

Arnaud Schabaille, MS, OT, France



Arnaud Schabaille is the President of the French National Association of Occupational Therapy. He has been a lecturer and pedagogical coordinator for 25 years at the Occupational Therapy School of « La Musse » in France, Normandy. His favorite research topics include pedagogy and occupational therapy with older adults.

Title: Development of occupational therapy students' professional identity throughout interprofessional working sessions during field practice

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the levers that allow the student to become a professional
2. Provide students with courses of action to assert themselves as occupational therapists
3. Propose alternatives for internship locations without occupational therapists

Salma Shqair, BS, OT, Jordan



Salma Shqair is an occupational therapist in the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences at Jordan University of Science and Technology since 2006. She graduated from the Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2006. She is the President of The Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy (2013 – 2017 / 2019-2023). She is the 1st alternate Jordanian delegate to WFOT. She is interested in Adults' physical dysfunction, splint fabrication, and wheelchair users.

Title: Occupational Therapy in Jordan: An Exemplary Lesson for the Arab Region

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the establishment of occupational therapy in Jordan and its history
2. Learn about current status of occupational therapy and settings that provide it in Jordan
3. Learn about the success and barriers of occupational therapy in Jordan

Dr. Soufiane Abdouh, MD, Morocco



Dr. Abdouh is a General Health Practitioner and graduate from the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of Marrakesh, and former intern from the University Hospital Center of Souss Massa. He is the former president of scientific committee of Association of Interns-University Hospital Center of Souss Massa, having organized several scientific events for the benefit of his colleagues and the general population, he is also very active on social networks and more specifically as a content creator on YouTube.

Title: What a Family Physician Needs to Know About Occupational Therapy?

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Define occupational therapy
2. Describe the role of occupational therapy and opportunities for it in Family Medicine
3. Learn how to integrate occupational therapy into Family Medicine

Diae El Gharbi, PT, Morocco



Diae El Gharbit is a physiotherapist who obtained a Diploma in Physiotherapy. She Studied Biology at the Faculty of Sciences, Mohammed V University – Rabat. She has a Degree in Arabic Public Law at the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences Souissi at the University Mohammed V – Rabat. She is currently in the 1st year of a master's degree in Administrative and Financial Sciences, at the Faculty of Legal, Economic and Social Sciences Mohammed V University – Rabat. She is the President of the National Federation of Physiotherapists of Morocco, 2020-2024 Term and the Vice President of the National Association of Liberal Physiotherapists of Morocco.

Title: The Professional Association of Physiotherapy in Morocco: Achievements and Perspectives

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the history of physical therapy in Morocco
2. Learn about the National Federation of Physiotherapists of Morocco
3. Learn about challenges, opportunities, and new horizons for the profession of physical therapy in Morocco

Tea/Coffee Break & Posters Session

Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine Programs in Occupational Therapy Columbia University, New York, USA

Poster Title: A New Inter-Professional Trauma Informed Care Program for Underrepresented Communities: Creation, Design, and Outcomes

Dr. Pat Precin, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA
Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine
Programs in Occupational Therapy
Columbia University



Dr. Pat Precin is an Assistant Professor in Occupational Therapy at Columbia University and a licensed practicing psychoanalyst in New York, USA. She has two doctorates, one in Research Psychology and the other in Psychoanalysis with additional degrees in Biophysics, Pre-Medicine, Psychology, and Occupational Therapy. She has practiced psychosocial OT for over 35 years with extensive publications and presentations. Dr. Pat, along with two of her colleagues, were awarded a 1.9 million dollar 4-year inter-professional grant to provide people with and educate people on trauma informed care in underserved areas of the USA.

University of Malaga, Spain Occupational Therapy Program

Poster Title: **Occupational Therapy and International Collaboration**



Cristina Aguilar Arribas, OT, Spain

Dr. Francisco Jesús Márquez Lanza , PhD, OT
OT Professor at University of Malaga



Dr. Francisco Jesús Márquez Lanza is an occupational therapist with a degree in Psychology. Dr. Márquez has 27 years of clinical OT experience in dementia and mental health services. He is an OT Professor at the University of Malaga since the beginning of the OT program in 2006. He was the President of the Andalucía OT Association for five years. He is the Director of the International Cooperation Project between Malaga University and Morocco. Dr. Márquez is a big supporter of OT in Morocco and has been collaborating with the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco to promote OT in the Kingdom of Morocco.

Poster Title: The Establishment of Occupational Therapy Services in Psychiatry in Morocco: The Case of University Hospital Center Hassan II Fes (Ibn Al Hassan Hospital)



Chadya Boumejhoule, OT, Morocco



Mona Akhanchouf, OT, Morocco

Poster Title: Factors influencing the Therapeutic Relationship in Occupational Therapy with People with Physical Disabilities



Safia Abajad, OT, Morocco



Salma Ajjouj, OT, Morocco



Omaima Qemhi, OT, Morocco

**Higher Institute of Nursing and Technical Health Professions (ISPITS) of
Rabat Morocco
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Students Posters**

Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Parkinson's Disease



Douja Kadiri, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Sami Oussama, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



El-Maslouhy Salma, OT/s, Morocco



Sara Oujdat, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco

Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Autism



Siham Guermah, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Amina Chegraoui, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Fatima Soufiani, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Salma El Gueddari, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco

Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Cerebral Palsy



Jamila Bichani, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Saida Nabil, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Hajar El Hmami, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Fatima El Haouari, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco

Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Stroke



Hasnae Echarradi, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Hanane Sidki, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Yassmine Saoud, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Halima Chadly, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco

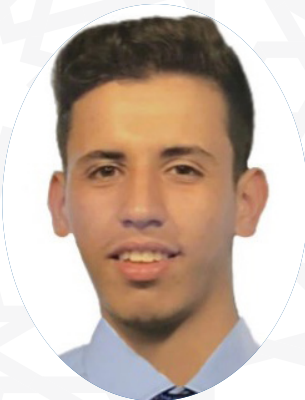
Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Alzheimer's Disease



Lamiae Lekhlifi, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Hind Jabri, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Ayoub Ounjar, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco



Chaimaa Samoud, OT/s, ISPITS of Rabat, Morocco

**University of New England (UNE)
Doctorate of Physical Therapy Students Posters**

Poster Title: Using the Borg Rating of Perceived Exertion to inform Exercise Prescription for Older Adults



Carley Eldridge, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Abby LeBlanc, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Dana Megin, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Timothy Whitney, DPT/s, UNE, USA

Poster Title: Current Evidence for Pain Neuroscience Education in Clinical Practice



Chelsea Keister, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Molly O'Callaghan, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Holly Spencer, DPT/s, UNE, USA



Sarah Stengle, DPT/s, UNE, USA

**Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine
Masters of Occupational Therapy
Columbia University, New York, USA
Students Posters**

Poster Title: Falls Prevention and Navigating the Architecture of Morocco



Sara Malisa Asprilla, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



Monique Allen, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



Devon Aparicio, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



Gloriana Wilson, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



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Poster Title: The Role of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health: Evidence Based Interventions



Andrea Manfredonia, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



Nicole Pennella, OT/s, Columbia University, USA



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Poster Title: Oxygen Concentrator: Optimal and Reliable Oxygen Therapy for Patients with Respiratory Problems in Developing Countries



Lina Benkirane, Chemical Engineering Student, Morocco

Student at the University of Abdelmalek Essaadi, Faculty of Sciences and Technologies, Laboratory of Chemical Engineering and Valorization of Resources, Tangier. Under the supervision of Professor Tarik Chafik

Tara Paradie, PT, MSPT, DHSc Candidate, USA



Tara Paradie is the Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of New England. She has 28 years of clinical experience with 20 years working with children with disabilities in rural school districts. Professor Paradie enjoys learning alongside her students as she leads short-term, multidisciplinary teams to work with children with disabilities in rural settings around the world.

Title: Interdisciplinary Aquatic Program for Children with Disabilities: The Lived Experience of Related Service Providers, Special Educators, and Paraprofessional Staff

Learning objectives: At the end of the session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn about the introduced concept of public-school aquatic programming as a comprehensive intervention for children with disabilities
2. Learn about the utilization of public law to support the crafting of an innovative interdisciplinary health and wellness program for children with disabilities
3. Learn about the experience of one team of interdisciplinary professionals working together to support the individual educational goals of children with disabilities

Dr. Michelle J. Johnson, PhD, USA



Michelle J. Johnson is an Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Pennsylvania with appointments in Bioengineering and in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics. She has a PhD in Mechanical Engineering, with an emphasis in mechatronics, robotics, and design, from Stanford University. She applies robot/mechatronic technology to aid in the understanding of disability and impairment after brain injury. She is a Fulbright Scholar and an IEEE Engineering in Biology and Medicine Society Distinguished Lecturer.

Dr. Rochelle Mendonca, PhD, OTR/L, USA



Dr. Rochelle Mendonca is an Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy program at Columbia University. Her research revolves around developing and testing assistive technology and accessibility interventions, and their impact on participation for individuals with disabilities. She has worked for numerous years on evaluating medical device access for people with disabilities and has served on the United States Access Board Committee to develop standards for medical device accessibility. Her research also focuses on the impact of activity-based interventions on the quality of life and participation of women with cancer

Titles: Affordable robots in low- and middle-income countries: Feasible or not for assessing or treating upper arm motor impairment?

Learning Objectives: At the end of the session, attendees will be able to:

1. Learn about the current trends in rehabilitation robotics
2. Discuss why affordable robots are needed to improve rehab accessibility
3. Discuss case studies of how affordable robots can be used to assess and treat arm impairment after Stroke

Dr. Rachid Fares, PhD, Morocco



Dr. Rachid Fares is the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Technologies at Mohamed 6 University of Health Sciences. Prior to this, he was the Pedagogical Director at Rabat's Higher Institute of Nursing and Health Professions in Rabat where the Moroccan occupational therapy program is located. He has a doctorate in political science and contributes to research in the management of health systems at the center for studies and research in the social sciences.

Title: Education and Training of the Multidisciplinary Health Workforce in Morocco

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about multidisciplinary training in health sciences professions in Morocco
2. Identify some of the training challenges
3. Discuss perspectives and solutions

Dr. Patricia Meyers, OTD, OTR/L, USA



Dr. Patricia Meyers is the Director and Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy (OT) at American International College, USA. She received a BS in OT from Boston University and a Post-Professional Doctorate in OT from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. Program development and curriculum design intersect with her belief in providing quality and meaningful education. Her clinical experience incorporated interprofessional collaboration, which contributed to her interest and research in interprofessional education leading to local, national, and international presentations related to this subject matter and a United States Patent.

Dr. Jennifer Nordstrom, OTD, OTR/L, USA



Dr. Jennifer Nordstrom, OTD, OTR/L is an Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy (OT) at American International College, USA. She received a BS in OT from Quinnipiac University and a Post-Professional OT Doctorate from American International College. Dr. Nordstrom's extensive clinical experience in acute and intensive care, cardiology and orthopedics has contributed to her belief in the value of incorporating interprofessional education (IPE) experiences in the classroom. She strives to provide an inclusive academic classroom that values diversity allowing students to learn while being their authentic self.

Title: Occupational Therapy and Assistive Technology: Concept to Construction-The Value of Collaboration to Design and Fabricate a Low Technology Prototype

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of the process involved in the design and fabrication of a low technology prototype as part of a classroom assignment
2. Learn about occupational therapy student opportunities for international and interprofessional collaboration in assistive technology
3. Understand the value of a kinesthetic learning approach when designing and fabricating a low technology prototype that encourages transformational learning

Dr. Cathy Felmlee Shanholtz, OTD, M.Ed, OTR/L, CLA, USA



Dr. Felmlee Shanholtz began her journey in the field of occupational therapy over twenty years ago as a school-based OTR/L. While working, she also completed her Master's Degree in Education at Pennsylvania State University, which then provided her with the opportunity to pursue her passion for teaching in higher education. Dr. Felmlee Shanholtz has a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy from George Washington University. She joined Shenandoah University in 2012 where she serves as the Occupational Therapy Programs Division Director.

Dr. Michelle Gamber, DrPH, MA, USA



Dr. Michelle Gamber is the Founding Director of the Graduate Programs in Public Health at Shenandoah University in Virginia, USA. She has an expansive experience mentoring and teaching undergraduate and graduate students in public health, as well as working on health programs domestically and internationally. She has played an active role in interprofessional education and has planned and implemented several international experiential learning trips for students in the Schools of Health Professions, Pharmacy and Nursing at Shenandoah University.

Title: Ways to Include Interprofessional Education and Experiential Learning in a Hybrid OT Educational Model

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the overview of the OT Hybrid Education Model at Shenandoah University
2. Discuss how Interprofessional Education is incorporated into student learning and program requirements
3. Describe the ways in which Experiential Learning is provided and delivered throughout the OT curriculum

Dr. Susan Higgins, OTD, OT, USA



Dr. Susan Higgins is the Program Director for the Entry-Level Doctoral Program and Clinical Associate Professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, USA. Dr. Susan Higgins has expertise in mental health occupational therapy and fieldwork education. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on innovative fieldwork and the future of fieldwork education. She is also a founding Board member of Oknooshoon, a non-profit organization bringing animal assisted interventions to the people of Armenia.

Title: Fieldwork Innovation (A Fieldwork Opportunity at Mystic Aquarium)

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Define the current status of fieldwork placements
2. Explain the definition of nontraditional/role-emerging fieldwork
3. Identify the benefits and challenges of nontraditional/role-emerging fieldwork placements
4. Demonstrate the application of nontraditional/role-emerging fieldwork placement in an aquarium setting

Dr. Tyra M. Banks, EdD, OTR/L, USA



Dr. Tyra M. Banks earned her MS in Occupational Therapy from Columbia University and her Education Doctorate from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Banks has been a practicing clinician in pediatric settings for 20 years. During that time, she has had a private practice in Early Intervention and has extensive experience in School-based settings. Her current research interest focuses on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in the OT profession and in Higher Education.

Title: Doing, Being, Becoming, and Belonging in Pediatric Care

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn the interconnection of doing, being, becoming, and belonging in childhood occupations
2. Understand the importance of belonging to facilitate health and well-being in children
3. Identify strategies to support children's engagement in the therapeutic process

Cecile Leroy, MS, OT, PhD Candidate, Belgium



Cecile Leroy has been an occupational therapist since 2004. She first worked in the field of mental health before moving towards higher education through a master's degree in public health. In 2016, she was able, thanks to many partnerships, to work on the construction of the occupational therapy training curriculum in Morocco. She has been engaged as coordinator of the cooperation cell of development within the HELHa where she carries out research project on the development of psychosocial rehabilitation in Burundi for 2 years.

Title: Application of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Development of Occupational Therapy in Africa: Sharing Morocco and Burundi Experiences

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand what is the CRPD
2. Learn about the first steps of introducing occupational therapy in Morocco
3. Learn about the status of the rights of persons with disabilities in Burundi and presentation of the draft research on the development of psychosocial rehabilitation as a springboard for the introduction of occupational therapy

Lunch Break



Dr. Christina Athanasopoulou, PhD OT, Greece



Dr. Christina Athanasopoulou is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of West Attica, Greece. She is a graduate of the Department of Occupational Therapy (TEI of Athens, Greece), with postgraduate studies in Education (University of Turku, Finland) and a PhD in Health Sciences specializing in eHealth (University of Turku, Finland). Dr. Athanasopoulou had been a fellow of the US State Department with the "Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative" program.

Title: Intraprofessional and Interprofessional Collaboration and Communication in Digital Health: Implications for Occupational Therapists

Learning objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Define the Intraprofessional and Interprofessional Collaboration in Digital Health
2. Define the Intraprofessional and Interprofessional Communication in Digital Health
3. Highlight the link between the above and Occupational Therapy

Dr. Mohamed Al Tajer, OTD, OT, Bahrain



Dr. Al Tajer is an occupational therapist in the Kingdom of Bahrain, working in Salmaniya Medical complex at governmental hospitals since 2015. He received his clinical doctorate OTD degree from the University of Medical Sciences Arizona in 2022 and graduated from Jordan University of science and technology with bachelor's degree in 2012. He has 10 years of experience in different areas such as a board member in cerebral palsy friendship society, head of occupational therapy committee, research co-author, and Paralympic medical classification. Recently, he presented at the WFOT Congress 2022 in Paris.

Title: Enhancing Ergonomics through Occupational Therapy Services

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Identify ergonomic principles and guidelines
2. Recognize the importance of addressing ergonomics to reduce risk of pain
3. List strategies for addressing ergonomics with clients

Dr. Moemi Matsuo, PhD, OT, Japan



Dr. Moemi Matsuo is an occupational therapist, PhD (Medical) working at Nishi Kyushu University as a junior associate professor. She has six years of clinical experiences at the hospital for physical disfunctions. Her main research theme is about «neurosciences and occupational therapy,» interested in verifying effects of occupational therapy and establishing new rehabilitation methods focusing on brain functions using neuroimaging system. Her current project is “Development of attentional function evaluation method using EEG and machine learning”.

Title: The Identity of Occupational Therapists

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Rethink the important roles of occupational therapists
2. Learn about occupational therapists identity
3. Share ideas how to elevate occupational therapists status

Ahmed Almarhoon, BS, OT, Saudi Arabia



Ahmed Almarhoon, senior occupational therapist and the quality improvement and patient safety officer at Dammam Medical Network and an occupational therapist at Dammam Medical Complex, Saudi Arabia. Has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Salford, United Kingdom. He has more than 15 years' experience working in the Rehabilitation Services at Easter Health Cluster. Also, Founder of Premium OT and has provided different lectures in economics and pain in national and international conferences. He has many contributions in advocating the profession to society and for multiple sclerosis population.

Title: Animal Assistive Therapy

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Participants will be able to recognize relevant AAT terminology
2. Participants will be able to identify approach to AAT.
3. Participants will be able to identify applications of AAT skills

Eqab Al-Badarneh, OT, Jordan



Mr. Eqab Al-Badarneh has been working in the field of occupational therapy since 2008. His 15-years of experience are full of achievements and awards. In addition to his current role at

Sanad Village Mr. Eqab is a visiting consultant of occupational therapy for many hospitals in UAE. He was the director of the rehabilitation department in the Ministry of Community development, where he initiated the creation of Mo'een Center for Assistive Technology.

Title: Sensory Gym

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about sensory Integration theory definition
2. Understand the importance of proprioception, vestibular, and tactile input
3. Learn about some of the equipment used in sensory gym linked to activities of daily living

Hassan Bedda, MS, PhD Candidate, PT, Morocco



Hassan Bedda is a physical therapist, manual therapist, and instructor at RABAT

ISPITS. He is also a PhD student nearing completion of his studies. From 2005 to 2011, he worked as a clinician. He started giving fundamental and continuous physiotherapy and rehabilitation training classes two years later. After getting his Ph.D., Hassan aspires to become a university professor, for which he has published several scientific articles in indexed journals.

Title: The effectiveness of the median nerve neurodynamic mobilization techniques in women with mild or moderate bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome. A single blind clinical randomized trial.

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the value of neurodynamic mobilization techniques of the median nerve in the conservative treatment of CTS
2. Learn about the effect of neurodynamic mobilization versus placebo joint mobilization of the elbow on pain, functional status, and grip strength in women with bilateral CTS
3. Learn about reducing the cost of treating CTS by expanding the choice of therapies used in its conventional management

Youness Azemmour, MSc, PhD Candidate, PT, Morocco



Youness Azemmour is a physiotherapist and a lecturer at the Higher Institute of Nursing and Health Professions in Rabat. Within the same institute, he held the position of coordinator of the occupational therapy department. He practices manual therapy and has been training in this discipline for six years. Currently, he is preparing for a PhD on the subject of oncological rehabilitation at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy-Mohamed V University in Rabat.

Title: Apologia of Physical Activity in Oncology Care

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the importance and the harmlessness of physical activity in all cancer care pathway
2. Learn about the lack of awareness of cancer patients and caregivers about the benefits of physical activity
3. Suggest to scientific societies and decision-makers to strengthen training actions in the physical activity advice in order to meet the needs healthcare professionals in oncology

***Samira Laghrib*, Morocco, president of the Moroccan Association of Dyslexia**



Samira Laghrib is the president of the Moroccan Association of Dyslexia. She has been a science teacher for last 30 years. She has a daughter with dyslexia, which has contributed to her to establish the association. She is a big advocate for people with dyslexia throughout Morocco and uses her association as a mean to support people with dyslexia.

***Bouchra Oubihi*, Morocco, president of the Moroccan Association of Dyslexia**



Bouchra Oubihi is the president of the Dyslexia Association in Kenitra City, Morocco. She has a 14 year old son with dyslexia. She promotes inclusion for people with disability and is a big advocate for children with dyslexia. She is currently employee at the Moroccan National Railways.

Title: The Challenges of Children with Learning Disorders and their Families and the Constraints They Face While Studying

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about compulsions in the classroom for students with dyslexia and difficulty of forming friendships and relationships with classmates inside and outside the classroom
2. Learn about the assistance provided by the Moroccan Dyslexia Association to these children through sensitization, diagnosis, and treatment
3. Learn about the exemplary work of the Dyslexia Association in Kenitra

Siham Bennis, MS, OTR/L, USA



Siham Bennis is a clinical supervisor at the Special Research and Treatment Clinic at SUNY Downstate University in New York City. Siham is establishing a new standard of care to reduce fall risk with a focus on the immunosuppressed geriatric population. She is conducting a study that focuses on adapting Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Menopause-Associated Insomnia (CBTMI) for women with HIV. Siham is OTAM's US Ambassador and is passionate about integrating western best practices of occupational therapy into eastern cultures. Siham has also worked with the pediatric population focusing on children with ASD.

Title: Reducing Falls and Remaining Independent

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn how to apply the 4Ms in geriatric care.
2. Identify modifiable and non-modifiable factors that enhance fall risk
3. Identify and apply interventions to reduce falls

Mohamed Rouane , R.N, Morocco



Mohamed Rouane works in a major hospital in Meknes city as an intensive care nurse. He is a passionate nurse and a health care professional. He has volunteered throughout Morocco to provide first aid training especially in rural areas. This has inspired him to create the Life Support Association and he is currently serving as its president.

Siham ElKasmi, R.N, Morocco



Siham El Kasmi is passionate and resilient nurse with over 3 years of experience in collaboration with other staff members in variety of medical fields including SOS services, pediatric emergency department, intensive care unit, neonatal unit, and training partnership.

Title: First aid and Life Saving Skills

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the Importance of first aid and lifesaving skill
2. Understand how to make difference in emergencies situations
3. Learn about the Moroccan Life Support Association

Hiba Benyahia, BS, OT, Morocco



Hiba Benyahia graduated as an occupational therapist from the 3rd OT cohort in Rabat, Morocco. She is the second Alternate Delegate of Morocco to the World Federation of Occupational Therapists and WFOT member. She is a member of the Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco and Member of the Euro-Moroccan Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology. She is working as an occupational therapist in the neurological rehabilitation field at the Center Hospital of Salmia in Casablanca.

Title: Occupational Therapy Assistive Technology Benefiting Hemiplegic Patients Post-Stroke

Learning objectives: At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Learn about the importance and need of OT assistive technology
2. Learn about the usefulness of assistive technology
3. Learn about examples of major assistive technology items that need to be provided for hemiplegic patients



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Dr. Anouar Majid, PhD

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Clinical Professor and Director of Post Professional Doctorate
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Dr. Azeddine Ibrahimi, PhD

Head of Biotechnology Lab at the Rabat Medical School in
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Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco.



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