Greetings to Research Resource Colleagues!

We are a few weeks away from the AOTA Annual Conference. Last year at Conference, we co-supported a pre-conference institute on "Big Data" led by Ken Ottenbacher. Since then, we have had several discussions about how OT researchers might better utilize the publicly available data sets and how to potentially grow the number of OT scientists interested in this area. Payers and policy makers are also looking for objective outcomes-based data in order to make decisions that will ultimately influence OT practice. To this end, the Foundation is currently exploring a potential grant program in health services research. Stay tuned as we develop this further.

In the meantime, we hope you join us for this year’s co-sponsored pre-conference institute on Knowledge Translation. While the Foundation dwells a bit more on the research end of the translational spectrum, it does no one any good to have the results of that research lay fallow and not be translated into better practice and better outcomes for the client/patient. One of the pillars of our new Strategic Plan is Knowledge Translation and we plan to play an active role in this arena.

Hope to see many of you in Philly in a few weeks. Be sure to stop by the AOTF booth – every donor who makes at least a $50 donation to AOTF will have the chance to win an iPad Pro thanks to the generosity of OccupationalTherapy.com. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, a new name will be pulled from the donors that day who made a $50 or more donation to AOTF.

Happy 100th!

Scott Campbell, PhD
CEO

AOTF Seeks a Scientific Programs Officer
Join the AOTF team and develop, implement, manage, and evaluate the Foundation’s scientific programs.

AOTF Events at the AOTA Annual Conference March 30-April 2, 2017 Philadelphia, PA

Preconference Institute 007
(AOTF/AOTA) Knowledge Translation and Implementation Science
Wednesday, March 29, 12:00-6:30 p.m.

Breakfast with a Scholar
Embrace the Shake: Transforming Limitations Into Opportunities with Phil Hansen
Friday, March 31, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

State of the Science Symposium
Resilience: Occupational Therapy and Its Role in Helping to Adapt to Adversity
Friday, March 31, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

(AOTF/AOTA) Demystifying Peer Review for OTJR and AJOT Readers: Editors and Reviewers Tell All
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**Post-Doctorate Fellow Opportunity - University of Florida**
The Dept. of OT invites applications for a full-time post-doctoral fellow under the mentorship of Dr. Sherrilene Classen in multidisciplinary research with a focus on driving rehabilitation science. Applicants must have a PhD in Rehabilitation Science or a closely related field and are preferably licensed/license-eligible as an occupational therapist in the state of Florida.

**Summer Research Institute on Developing Behavioral Interventions (June 5-7, 2017, Baltimore, Maryland)**
"Getting Started: Developing and Advancing Behavioral Interventions" The Summer Research Institute on Developing Behavioral Interventions, offered by the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Center for Innovative Care in Aging, is designed to help participants develop testable interventions that have the potential for implementation in practice environments and advance appropriate trial designs.

**Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis Research - Johns Hopkins University**
The overall goals of this two-year postdoctoral research Fellowship funded by the National MS Society and Johns Hopkins Dept of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation are to:
1. Train clinician-scientists who will go on to be leaders in the advancement of rehabilitative strategies for people with MS.
2. Equip trainees with the skills needed to become independent, grant-funded investigators.

This program will provide clinical and research training in MS-related rehabilitation science,
For more information, contact Meghan Beier.

**Post-Doctoral Fellow Position Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis**
One position is available for a highly motivated PhD interested in translational occupational therapy research in aging. The primary task of the postdoctoral research fellow will be to conduct research in the area of function and the environment for cognitively normal older adults aging in place. The focus of the research will be on identifying functional changes over time for older adults with and without prediagnostic Alzheimer disease and preventing falls among community dwelling older adults. The role involves working in a team-based environment and collaborating with different researchers on a range of projects. The research includes analysis and preparation of manuscripts for publication based on data from clinical studies, as well as the preparation and submission of grant proposals.

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Outcomes Measurement Research at Boston University**
This Fellowship Program is designed to provide unique opportunities for advanced training and experience in rehabilitation outcome measurement. The dynamic program focuses on recent innovations in outcome measurement such as computer adaptive testing for patient reported outcomes, advances in performance-based outcome measures, and technological developments that have allowed the creation of sophisticated instrumented outcome measures.

**PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University**
The Child & Adolescent Health, Rehabilitation, & Evaluation (CAHRE) Lab at The Ohio State University is seeking exceptional, experienced pediatric
occupational therapists that are interested in completing a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They are currently conducting two NIH-funded RCTs of Pediatric Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (PCIMT; R01-HD0683 & R01-HD074574) and are looking for pediatric practitioners. Students are fully funded and receive: 1) tuition, 2) stipend, and 3) health insurance. Interested therapists should submit a CV and letter of interest to Drs. Andrew Persch or Amy Darragh.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

SSO:USA Student Research Grant in Occupational Science – Request for Proposals
The fund will grant one or more modest annual financial award(s) directly to students who are engaged in (or propose being engaged in) research that will enhance and enlarge the body of knowledge in occupational science. Application deadline: April 30, 2017.

Defense Health Program Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program (PH/TBIRP)
The PH/TBIRP seeks to establish, fund, and integrate both individual and multi-agency research efforts that will lead to improved prevention, detection, and treatment of PH issues and TBI. It seeks to implement long-term strategies to develop knowledge and materiel products to reconstruct, rehabilitate, and provide definitive care for injured Service members. The intent of the PH/TBIRP CTRR is to focus on understanding the etiology, epidemiology, and natural history of TBI with the goal of improving clinical understanding of rehabilitation-relevant physiologic mechanisms; developing and validating rehabilitation outcomes or treatment strategies for management of TBI; and managing TBI-related sequelae, including pain and sensory, sensorimotor, and cognitive dysfunctions.

Pipeline to Proposal (P2P) Awards Tier A Pre-Engagement/Community Projects
The P2P program now has two tiers. The first (Tier A) is designed to support the development of research partnerships as they identify a comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) question (or series of questions) that is important to patients, researchers, and other members of the healthcare community. The second tier (Tier B) is designed to help research partnerships refine their Comparative CER questions and prepare an application for research funding. Funds available up to $50,000. Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline: April 20, 2017. Application Deadline: June 30, 2017.

US Department of Health and Human Services Grants
Search the grants.gov website for up to date information on grants that are available. Learn about how to apply for NIH grants.

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Conferences and Calls for Papers

The Center for Human Animal Interventions presents a two-day workshop with Melissa Winkle, OTR/L, FAOTA, president of Animal Assisted Intervention International. Participants will learn a variety of methodologies for incorporating AAI in their therapy sessions. To learn more, please email Jennifer Cepnick.

AOTA's 97th Annual Conference & Centennial Celebration (March 30-April 2, 2017, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
For more information.

The 41st Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference (May 4-5, 2017, Williamsburg, Virginia)
Known informally as the "Williamsburg" Brain Injury Conference, this conference will provide a unique focus on practical solutions and interventions to improve brain injury rehabilitation practice.

Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability (June 1-3, 2017, British Columbia)
Safe, Healthy, and Productive Workplaces: Learning from Research and Practice.
This multidisciplinary conference brings together business and labor leadership, human resource managers, occupational health and safety professionals, frontline workers, public and private insurers, disability / wellness coordinators, health professionals, policy-makers, and academic researchers (business, health sciences) who play a role in creating and sustaining safe, healthy, and productive workplaces to learn from current research and practice.

American Diabetes Association Conference (June 9-13, 2017, San Diego, California)
Late-breaking abstract submission deadline: March 13, 2017.

Canadian Occupational Therapy Conference (June 21-24, 2017, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island)

PHC 2017 - 4th Annual Public Health Conference (July 5-7, 2017, Bangkok, Thailand)
Tomorrow People Organization is presenting this international conference targeting government officials and policy makers, NGOs, graduate students, company reps, and scholars. Oral, post, and virtual presentations are welcome.
and will be published in a dedicated ISBN publication of PHC 2017 Conference Proceedings. **Deadline: June 1, 2017.**


Industry leaders from across the country will come together and discuss standards of practice and ethical considerations in the field of Human Animal Bond and Animal Assisted Therapy. This event will cover ethics in the industry, legitimizing the field, animal welfare, and establishing best practices, which will serve as the catalyst for future practice, research and publication opportunities.

Submissions of oral and poster presentations are sought; deadline February 20, 2017. Contact [Jennifer Cepnick](mailto:Jennifer.Cepnick@hri.org) for details.

**Southwest Conference on Disability 2017 (October 5-8, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico)**

**Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (October 9-11, 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii)**

The Pacific Rim International Conference, considered one of the most ‘diverse gatherings’ in the world, encourages and respects voices from "diverse" perspective across numerous areas, including: voices from persons representing all disability areas; experiences of family members and supporters across all disability and diversity areas; responsiveness to diverse cultural and language differences; evidence of researchers and academics studying diversity and disability; stories of persons providing powerful lessons; examples of program providers, and; action plans to meet human and social needs in a globalized world.

Call for Papers Deadline: June 16, 2017.

**5th International Institute on Kielhofner’s Model of Human Occupation (MOHO) (October 14-15, 2017, Houston, Texas)**

MOHO theme: **Perspectives on Client-Centered Practice**

Call for Papers: February 1-April 30, 2017.


**SSO:USA theme for 2017:** Participation: People, Places & Performances

**CAG2017 (October 19-21, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba)**

Canadian Association on Gerontology **46th Annual Scientific & Educational Meeting** theme: Evidence for Action in an Aging World

Abstracts are due April 14, 2017.

**ACRM 94th Anniversary Conference (October 23-28, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)**

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine conference theme: Progress in Rehabilitation Research: Translation to Clinical Practice

**ENO THE 2017 Meeting (October 26-28, 2017 Zagreb, Croatia)**

European Network of OT in Higher Education 2017 conference themes:

1. Global Health Trends: Sustainable development goals, (WFOT) health 2020, 2030, human rights, European theme: fight violence against women, health for all, opportunities and challenges for OT, strategic and political reasoning in OT.
2. Education and Training: Teaching 21st century skills for today and the future, teach the teacher, internationalization of the curriculum, inter-professional teaching, bridging the gap between practice and education.
3. Innovation and future Occupational Therapy Practice: Developing competences and learning outcomes, roles of OT to expand in current and emerging areas, working with communities and populations (i.e. refuges, ageing populations, young caregivers and urbanized populations), using technology (i.e. tele-health and digital recordings).

Abstract deadline: May 1, 2017.

**2017 AOTA Education Summit: (October 27-28, 2017, Ft. Worth, Texas)**

Watch the [AOTA website](http://www.aota.org) for more information.

**Society for Neuroscience (SfN) 2017 (November 11-15, 2017, Washington, DC)**

The SfN 47th annual meeting, Neuroscience 2017, is the world's largest neuroscience conference for scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system.

**American Public Health Association (APHA) 145th Annual Meeting (November 4-8, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia)**

Meeting theme: **Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health.**
News and Other Resources

Disability Stigma and Your Patients
The University of Washington Healthy Aging Rehabilitation Research Training Center (RRTC) has released a fact sheet as a guide for health care providers on how to have respectful, stigma-free interactions with their patients.

Canadian Institute for the Relief of Pain and Disability (CIRPD) Webinar Series
CIRPD is currently running two research-based, webinar series; chronic pain and return to work. Each series has upcoming, live webinars as well as a library of webinar recordings.

New or soon to be implemented NIH Grant Policies
from the NIH Grant website.

Advice from NIH on resubmitting grant applications
When applicants receive their summary statement resulting from the review of an application that was assigned a score outside of the ICs funding range, there are important decisions to be made. What is the likelihood that an application like this one will be funded? If you resubmit the application, what changes might improve the chances for a successful resubmission?
Here’s some advice from NIH.

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