Dear Colleagues,

This month marks the first anniversary of Research Resources. We hope you have appreciated this publication during the past year as much as we have appreciated your interest.

Today, I am excited to share with you several new online collaborations in support of AOTF’s research, education, and leadership programs.

What if AOTF earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? And what if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support Research Resources? Well, now you can do both.

**GoodSearch.com** is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half of its advertising revenue - about a penny per search - to the charities its users designate. Use it as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations to AOTF add up. Visit [GoodSearch](http://www.gooSearch.com) today and enter AOTF as the charity you want to support.

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Additionally, you can support AOTF through [iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) by shopping at any one (or more) of its 700+ associated brand-names stores, including Chico's, JCPenny, Nordstrom, and Lands' End.

Thank you for spreading the word about these new online collaborations, for subscribing to Research Resources, and for encouraging your colleagues to connect to AOTF through this monthly publication.

Remember that you can always find previous issues of Research Resources, as well as this current issue and news about the AOTF Institute, on our [blog](http://www.aotf.org).

Sincerely,

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**AOTF Institute Program Spotlight:**

**OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health**

**OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health,** the leading research journal in occupational therapy, reflects the Foundation's commitment to advancing the profession through scientific inquiry. **OTJR** fosters interdisciplinary dialogue with contributions from disciplines such as psychology, neuroscience, economics, anthropology, sociology, geography, rehabilitation science, nursing, and social work.

**OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health** is seeking interested candidates for openings on its Editorial Review Board. Members of the review board are responsible for reviewing three to five
articles each year and providing expert advice and counsel to the Editor on matters related to journal policy, publication decisions, or other issues related to the intellectual trajectory of the journal. Interested individuals should send their name, credentials, contact information, and a description of their clinical/research areas to Jane Case-Smith, Editor.

OTJR is published quarterly in print, but material will be now published on the web once manuscripts are accepted and edited. OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health, originally titled The Occupational Therapy Journal of Research (OTJR) from 1980 to 2001, is published by SLACK, Inc. for the AOTF and offers original research articles of professional interest to the occupational therapist. OTJR also features briefs, book reviews, letters to the editor, and commentaries. The Foundation has an online index to articles published in OTJR.

OTJR accepts original research articles and systematic review papers that advance the science of occupational therapy or the understanding of occupation, and will lead to improving the lives of people at risk of being restricted from participating in meaningful activities and roles.

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Web-Based & Related Resources

Largest Children’s Health Study in U.S. Gets Under Way

In January 2009, the National Children’s Study (NCS) will start recruiting 100,000 mothers-to-be for the largest study of U.S. children ever with the goal of examining how the environment and other factors affect children's health. Specifically, the study focuses on how certain conditions such as autism, asthma, learning disabilities, and obesity develop. The study plans to examine everything from the mother's diet during pregnancy to the effects of chemicals used in plastics, and will follow each child until he or she reaches 21 years of age. In May, 2008, the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine released a report titled The National Children's Study Research Plan: A Review, which evaluated the study's research plan and assessed its scientific rigor.

CIRRIE: Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange

This collection includes links to abstracts or full text of proceedings from disability/rehabilitation conferences that had an international component. If your conference proceedings are on the web and you would like CIRRIE to include a link, or if your conference does not have a web presence and you would like more information, contact CIRRIE. CIRRIE will also host select proceedings of conferences with an international component on our website.

DiversityPreparedness.Org E-Newsletter

DiversityPreparedness.org, - America's first online resource center devoted to advancing the emergency preparedness needs of culturally diverse communities, now has an e-newsletter. Produced by the Center for Health Equality at the Drexel University School of Public Health with support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, the e-newsletter will provide current information on resources, research, training opportunities, and events which serve to advance the preparedness and build the resilience of diverse communities.

New Report Ranks States by Size of Gaps in Key Child Health Measures

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America has released new data that shows how income and education
Grant Announcements & Resources

The Natural Hazards Center is Accepting Quick Response Grant Proposals
The Natural Hazards Center will accept proposals for the 2009 Quick Response Grant Program until November 16, 2008. The program provides funds for researchers to quickly travel to disaster-affected areas to capture perishable data. In addition to contributing to academic knowledge, the research results in reports that make rapid analyses of recent events available to the Hazards Center’s multidisciplinary network of researchers, practitioners, and educators. The program promotes innovation in disaster research by favoring students, new researchers, and novel areas of study.

Institute of Medicine (IOM) Annual Meeting President’s Report - Now Online
President Harvey V. Fineberg, MD, PhD, delivered a speech at the IOM annual meeting October 12-13, 2008 asserting that the Institute should ask and answer big questions and focus on those challenges that will really make a difference for the health of people in this country and around the world. Audio of Fineberg's presentation is available online.

International Brain Injury Association Maintains List of Conferences
The listing for the 2008-2010 conferences is currently available.

Conference Announcements

1st Asia-Pacific Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Congress
The World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Royal Thai Government are presenting the 1st Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, December 9-11, 2008, at the United Nations Conference Center in Bangkok. This will be the first opportunity for CBR implementers, policy-makers and representatives of disabled people's organizations (DPOs) from all over the Asia-Pacific region to share the experiences, to form a network and to be updated with the new trends in CBR within the context of the Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The major theme of the Congress will be "Community-based Inclusive Development: people with disabilities and their families" with several sub-themes such as "CBR as grass-root strategy to promote Inclusive development" and "Stakeholders' roles for promotion of CBR and inclusive development".

World Congress on Disabilities
The World Congress on Disabilities (WCD) Expo (November 21-22, 2008, Jacksonville, Florida, is dedicated to improving the lives of those with developmental and physical disabilities, their families and professionals who work with them.

The 2nd Annual SoTL Commons Conference
An International Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning in higher education will be held on March 11-13, 2009 at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia. Early registration is open and...

matter for children's health. The report, America's Health Starts With Healthy Children: How Do States Compare?, is the first to rank states on infant mortality and children's health status based on key social factors, and it shows that as parent's income and levels of education rise, children's health improves. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America is a national, independent, non-partisan group of leaders tasked with seeking ways to improve the health of all Americans. Launched in February 2008, the Commission is investigating how factors outside the health care system - such as income, education, and environment - shape and affect opportunities to live healthy lives. The Commission's website provides an extensive array of resources, including issue briefs, new charts and data, a Commissioner blog, personal perspectives from across America, and the latest news coverage of issues related to the Commission's work. To stay informed about the latest Commission activities, events and resources, sign up for Commission email alerts.
program that supports junior faculty members building careers in the area of hazards and disasters through mentoring and training. Applications are due by February 15, 2009. Questions can be directed to Tom Birkland.

The Fulbright Scholar Program Offers Grants
US faculty, administrators, and professionals are invited to apply for grants to lecture or do research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields, or to participate in seminars.

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program Seeks Applicants
The deadline for this two-year post-doctoral program for 2009-2011 is December 3, 2008. Through this program, scholars develop as leaders with research expertise to add to our knowledge about the nature of social disparities in health and interventions to reduce those disparities, the capacity to partner with communities in carrying out research and building policy advocacy and the skills to inform and support policy makers who seek to reduce and eliminate health disparities. The program consists of two tracks and offers fellowships at eight training sites.

the new deadline for online submission of proposals is November 15, 2008. Keynote speakers will be Randy Bass, PhD, (Georgetown University), Kathy Takayama, PhD, (Brown University), and Laurie Richlin, PhD, (Charles Drew University of Medicine and Health Science).

2008 National Training Conference on Rehabilitation Education - Research to Practice: Promising Practices in Vocational Rehabilitation
This conference, November 5-7, 2008, Arlington, Virginia will facilitate communication among professionals involved in training, recruiting, hiring and enhancing the development of qualified rehabilitation counselors. Its basic focus has been to ensure that rehabilitation counseling continues to be a recognized profession and to prepare counselors who are empowered through education, authority, and trust. The theme of the conference reflects the need to develop and use evidence-based practices to improve vocational rehabilitation services and outcomes.

The First International Conference on Culture, Ethnicity, and Brain Injury Rehabilitation
To be held in Washington, D.C. area, March 12-13, 2009, this conference will bring together brain injury rehabilitation experts from different countries and cultures to discuss and share ideas regarding effective assessment, intervention, and research practices. A full spectrum of topics relating to neurobehavioral, cognitive, functional, vocational, psychosocial, family, and medical aspects of rehabilitation will be addressed via lectures, workshops, panel presentations, and posters. Sessions will also focus on health care disparities, successfully conducting research with multiethnic populations, and meeting the clinical care needs of diverse patient populations.

Include 2009, Inclusive design into innovation: transforming practice in design, research and business
Held at the Royal College of Art, London April 5-8, 2009, Include 2009 will draw together the key areas of design, research and business and their role within innovation through inclusive design. Include 2009 will be the fifth International Conference on Inclusive Design and aims to engage those involved in all aspects of user-centered design practice, research, and advocacy.

Vocational Outcomes in Traumatic Brain Injury Conference 2009
The third international conference on Vocational Outcomes in Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), (May 7-9, 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia) will be enhancing its scope to capture all functional outcomes of traumatic brain injury. Economic, government and social changes are demanding that this area for survivors of traumatic brain injury be continually addressed and new programs/initiatives be developed. This event tackles these issues and provides viable methods and tactics, with the realization that vocational outcomes occur not in isolation, but as a consequence of many other factors. The deadline is December 1, 2008 for one-hour presentations, poster sessions, and two-hour workshops on topics related to the vocational rehabilitation of TBI, including economic, psychosocial, legal and medical aspects of work re-entry. Presentations should focus on strategies that have proven to be effective for improving vocational outcomes for people with traumatic brain injuries.
Well-being and Place: an International Conference April 7-9, 2009, Durham University, United Kingdom

The Centre for the Study of Cities & Regions and the Social Wellbeing and Spatial Justice research cluster of the Department of Geography at Durham University in collaboration with the University’s Wolfson Research Institute presents this conference which will draw together research that explicitly links well-being and place. The organisers would like to include research from a range of different scales of analysis, across different substantive domains and from both policy-linked and more explorative approaches. The concept of place can be interpreted broadly from geographical locations (urban, rural, city, nation), everyday settings (home, work, school, street, leisure centers) and different scales (individual to international). Abstracts for paper presentations and proposals for panel discussions can be submitted up to November 30, 2008.

Publication Announcements

National Academies Press Offers November Discount on Cancer Care Literature

To commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month the National Academies Press is giving 25% on all cancer care literature they publish. Use discount code BCAE8.

From Molecules to Minds: Challenges for the 21st Century: Workshop Summary

On June 25, 2008, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders hosted more than 70 of the leading neuroscientists in the world, for a workshop to explore a set of common goals or “Grand Challenges” posed by participants that could inspire and rally both the scientific community and the public to consider the possibilities for neuroscience in the 21st century. This workshop summary highlights the important issues and challenges facing the field of neuroscience as presented to those in attendance at the workshop, as well as the subsequent discussion that resulted. It can be read online for free. Hogan, H. Altebogt, B. (Eds). (2008) From Molecules to Minds: Challenges for the 21st Century: Workshop Summary. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

The Story Is True: The Art and Meaning of Telling Stories

In The Story Is True, author, filmmaker, and photographer Bruce Jackson explores the ways we use the stories that become a central part of our public and private lives. He examines how stories narrate and bring meaning to our lives, by describing and explaining how stories are made and used. The perspectives shared in this engaging book come from the tellers, writers, filmmakers, listeners, and watchers who create and consume stories. Jackson, B. (2008) The Story is True: The Art and Meaning of Telling Stories. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Information Science 101

This book helps high school students and college freshman identify and understand careers in information science. Author Anthony Debons, PhD, one of the early founders of the discipline of Information Science, gives attention to the role of various disciplines in the field: library/documentation, tele-transmission, computer science and practice, decision making/problem solving, knowledge organization, and management. This text gives a complete overview of information

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