Dear Colleagues,

This issue of Research Resources features the first AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight which highlights how we are working with likeminded organizations to advance the AOTF mission. This inaugural spotlight focuses on The Foundation Center, the nation's leading authority on philanthropy, whose valuable resources can build understanding of grant seeking, benefit the seeding of new research, and advance research initiatives that support the Research Priorities and Parameters of Practice for Occupational Therapy. We are grateful to our colleagues at The Foundation Center for their cooperation and their guidance in designing this spotlight, and we look forward to working with them to develop more ways in which the constituency of AOTF can connect to and benefit from Foundation Center online webinars, real-time seminars, and related resources.

Sincerely,

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**AOTF Institute Cooperation Spotlight: The Foundation Center**

**Welcome New Visitors**
The Foundation Center is the most authoritative source of information on private philanthropy in the United States, helping researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public better understand the field of philanthropy. If you are new to the Foundation Center, please take a moment to click through this quick tour of the services and features available through its web site. The site is designed to guide you quickly to the information you are looking for - instruction on funding research, help with proposal writing, tools for locating prospective funders, news and research on the field, or a library/learning center or training class near you.

**Guide to Research on Funding**
If you are a first-time grant seeker, this online guide was created with you in mind. It is intended both as a basic primer on the grant seeking process and as an introduction to some of the resources available with a special emphasis on those issued by The Foundation Center. If you prefer not to read the guide online, feel free to download sections for your own personal use. The guide covers foundations in detail, but it also discusses corporate and government funders as well as individual donors.

**Online Training Courses**
The Foundation Center's interactive online training courses - both free and fee-based - are detailed guided courses that reinforce lessons with interactivity, assignments, and self-tests. When you select an e-learning course, you will be asked to log in or register at The Foundation Center web site. Courses include "Proposal Writing," "Proposal Budgeting Basics," "Grantseeking Basics for Individuals," "Finding Foundation Support for Your Education," and many more.

**Reference Guides**
Foundation Center librarians have long provided "reference guides" to guide visitors with particular interests to effectively use the resources in its library collection. These guides include a Reference Guide for Medicine and
Health and a Reference Guide for Researchers among many others for individuals and nonprofits seeking support.

Listen and Learn to Write Proposals
The Foundation Center's popular Guide to Proposal Writing is now available as an audio book, thanks to a partnership with Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic. Listen online or download the book to your preferred audio player.

Locate a Foundation Center or Cooperating Collection Near You
The Foundation Center's library/learning centers are located in New York City, Atlanta, Cleveland, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. Its network of Cooperating Collections, located across the US and in Puerto Rico and Mexico, are funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and nonprofit resource centers that offer a core collection of Foundation Center electronic and print resources and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grant seekers.

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The Wilma L. West Library
Supported by AOTF and AOTA, the mission of the Wilma L. West Library is to acquire, organize, and retain the literature specific to occupational therapy including books, journals, dissertations, and unpublished reports. To this end, the library seeks to build its collection of occupational therapy doctoral dissertations. If you or someone you know wishes to donate a dissertation to the library, please contact the librarian with the name of the author and the title of the dissertation.

All library resources are catalogued and indexed in OT SEARCH, a bibliographic database of over 36,000 items accessible by subscription. Individuals may request assistance from the library's staff or request photocopies of articles by completing a form. Non-periodical material may be borrowed from the Wilma L. West Library through interlibrary loan. Please check our site for possible fees for the above services or call 800-729-2682 (AOTA members) or 301-652-6611 (non-members), ext. 2557.

AOTF's New Blog
AOTF now has its own blog where visitors can download Research Resources, listen to the proceedings of the 2008 AOTF Institute Research Colloquium, and keep informed about initiatives of the AOTF Institute as AOTF creates its new web site.

AOTF Dissertation Research Grant Program
Upcoming application deadline: August 1.

Conference Announcements

NCHPEG Annual Meeting
National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics (NCHPEG) 11th annual meeting (September 4 - 5, 2008, Bethesda, Maryland) will feature plenary sessions on pharmacogenomics for health professionals, model educational programs, web-based instruction on genetics, a poster session and reception, meetings of working groups and committees, and exhibits by commercial and non-profit organizations.

The World Congress on Disabilities
The Pennsylvania Summer World Congress on Disabilities Expo will be held at the Greater Reading Expo Center, Friday and Saturday, July 11 - 12, 2008. This year's conference program will include seminars by
Program Soliciting Applications
The National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) is soliciting applications for its Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Two-year fellowships are available in any US laboratory that addresses the NSBRI's goals of seeking solutions to the various health concerns associated with long-duration human space exploration. Notices of intent are due June 19, 2008, and the application deadline is July 31, 2008.

Web-Based & Related Resources

Database of Federally Funded Biomedical Research Projects
CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects) is a searchable database of federally funded biomedical research projects conducted at universities, hospitals, and other research institutions. Users, including the public, can use the CRISP interface to search for scientific concepts, emerging trends and techniques, or identify specific projects and/or investigators.

Canadian National Rehabilitation Reporting System
The National Rehabilitation Reporting System (NRS) contains client data collected from participating adult inpatient rehabilitation facilities and programs across Canada.

Stroke Rehabilitation Tool
The American Heart Association Tennessee Stroke Systems Task Force Rehabilitation Subcommittee has a new tool designed to provide a guide in choosing appropriate services and the most beneficial post-acute setting to simplify and explain the rehabilitation options available and appropriate consultation of therapists.

NIH Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC) Webinar
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) presents a webinar introducing leading associations, non-profits, and government agencies discussing issues facing the disability community.

Health, Wellbeing and Happiness: From Local Action to Global Change
This conference (Teesside University, Middlesbrough, United Kingdom, June 30 - July 1, 2008) will bring together leading social scientists and humanities scholars to present and evaluate contributions to this expanding field.

Call For Papers for the SPD Foundation 7th National Symposium
Three research papers and three clinical/strategic papers on sensory processing disorder (SPD) will be selected for this conference on Boston, Massachusetts, November 7 - 8, 2008, deadline June 30, 2008.

Eighth Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy, and Livable Communities
This conference (Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 22 - 24, 2009) offers a variety of cross-disciplinary participants and speakers to share experiences, insights, tools, and strategies encouraging smart growth and implementation.

2008 IAEM Student Poster Competition
The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) requests abstracts for their Student Poster Competition. The competition, part of the Association's 56th Annual Conference, will highlight undergraduate and graduate research in emergency management and related fields. Abstracts will be accepted until October 1, 2008.

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Disease Categorization (RCDC) system. This new computer-based tool will allow you to see how the NIH categorizes its research in nearly 360 categories representing research areas, diseases, and conditions. The webinar will contain an explanation of the new system and then there will be an open discussion. If you are interested in joining the webinar, please RSVP by Friday, June 6, 2008 to www.rcdcpublicinfo@mail.nih.gov. Submit your questions in advance to rdcpublicinfo@mail.nih.gov.