

62nd Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association

OTICON 2025 GOA

Theme: Translating Research into Policy & Clinical Practice in Occupational Therapy

21-23 FEBRUARY
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Welcome

Message from Conference Patron: OTICON 2025

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 62nd Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association-OTICON 2025 to be held in Goa on 21st – 23rd February 2025. It's an exciting time for Occupational Therapists in India as you continue to grow and adapt, remaining responsive to wide range of health conditions afflicting across the lifespan.



Prof. (Dr) S.M. Bandekar

The core organizing committee is working tirelessly to put together this academic extravaganza. I would like to extend my warm welcome to all the presenters, delegates and Postgraduate & undergraduate students. I extend my sincere gratitude to plenary and invited national & international speakers.

Occupational Therapy is a healthcare profession and has gained manifold importance in the last 70 years. With a paradigm shift from medical model to functional model in the clinical practice, the importance of Occupational Therapy has gained momentum and now it has become an essential service in modern medicine. The presidential theme of this conference- “Translating research into policy and Clinical Practice in Occupational therapy” is apt to the current challenges experienced by the Occupational Therapists.

I believe that this conference will give ample opportunities to the participants for sharing their academic, research & clinical experiences and exchanging new ideas, which will help to include Occupational Therapy services in key policies of healthcare system. There will be numerous key note addresses, experts' presentations, scientific paper and poster presentations on this subject to improve clinical decision making and practices in Occupational Therapy service. The program has been designed taking care of the requirements of all enthusiastic members of AIOTA, delegates, postgraduate & graduate students and other healthcare professionals by organising rich scientific sessions along with cultural programmes in the evenings.

This is a tireless efforts from Occupational therapy section of Goa Medical College in collaboration with Goa branch of AIOTA towards a top class conference. It will be a good opportunity to professionals to meet in-person and share their academic knowledge.

On behalf of organizing team of OTICON 2025 and Goa Medical College, I am excited to welcome you for this academics extravaganza!!!

Prof (Dr) S. M. Bandekar,
MS (Ortho), M.Ch (Ortho), FICS
Conference Patron-OTICON 2025
Dean,
Goa Medical College, Bambolim, Goa



Message from Organizing Chairperson: OTICON 2025

Dear Delegates,

We are delighted to invite you to the Annual National Conference of the All India Occupational Therapists' Association – OTICON 2025, scheduled to be held in the enchanting state of Goa, India at Kala Academy, Campal, Panaji on February 21-23, 2025.



We extend a warm welcome to our esteemed foreign delegates, respected delegates from across India, and enthusiastic student delegates. OTICON 2025 promises to be an exceptional platform for sharing insights, fostering collaborations, and advancing the field of Occupational Therapy.

The theme of the conference is "Translation of Research into Policy and Clinical Practice in Occupational Therapy." This theme underscores the importance of bridging the gap between research findings and their application in policy-making and clinical settings, ensuring that our practices are evidence-based and aligned with the latest advancements in the field.

This year's conference will feature a comprehensive program, including Continuing Occupational Therapy Education (COTE) sessions, cutting-edge scientific sessions, inspiring keynote addresses, and competitive events specially designed for our student delegates. Additionally, we have arranged a vibrant cultural program to provide a delightful experience of Goa's rich heritage.

Goa, known for its stunning scenic beauty, colorful architecture, and rich cultural heritage, provides the perfect backdrop for our conference. From its pristine beaches and lush landscapes to its charming Portuguese-influenced architecture, Goa offers a unique blend of history and modernity.

Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy the academic sessions amidst this picturesque setting, enhancing their learning experience while indulging in the local culture and attractions.

Join us in Goa for a blend of professional enrichment and cultural immersion. Engage in innovative discussions, enhance your skills, and enjoy the scenic beauty and vibrant culture of Goa.

We look forward to your participation in OTICON 2025 and to making this conference a landmark event in our profession.

Warm regards,
Dr. Pankaj Bajpai
President, AIOTA
Organizing Chairman, OTICON, 2025



Message from Conference Coordinator: OTICON 2025

It gives me great pleasure, to invite all the national & international Occupational Therapy professionals & students to participate at the 62nd Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, OTICON'2025, to be held in Goa from 21 to 23 Feb. 2025.



The organizing committee is confident that OTICON'2025 will be planned meticulously which will be very informative and relevant for the participants and will provide opportunities for further exploration and growth of Occupational Therapy in practice, education, and research.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I assure you that OTICON'2025 will provide a platform for the exchange of research work by national and international experts, which will immensely enhance the knowledge of the participating delegates.

The Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) has been leading and organizing Continuing Occupational Therapy Education Programmes (COTE) on various important and contemporary topics in the form of short Certificate Courses, seminars, training workshops, etc. to share & update the knowledge by experienced faculty, thus helping the OT professional to keep abreast them up to date. "PAMOT", "Neuro-techniques", "Hands splinting", "Ergonomics", "Specific Learning Disability", "Adjunctive Therapies", "Neonatal Therapy" & "Competency-based curriculum" are some of the courses that have been successfully conducted so far & I assure you that this momentum will be continued in the coming years with new contemporary topics.

As it is very well quoted by Alan Moore that:

"Knowledge, like air, is vital to life. Like air, no one should be denied it."

So, another important event, which ACOT organises every year during OTICON, is the pre-conference COTE in which the eminent Occupational Therapy Professionals are invited to update the participants' knowledge with their experience and expertise. This would be a great opportunity to reach out to as many students and therapists as possible to facilitate learning on advanced occupational therapy practice methods.

On behalf of organising committee & ACOT, I would like to invite all the occupational Therapists & students to participate in this conference in large numbers and make this conference a great success.

I wish you all the best and looking forward to meeting you during OTICON 2025.

Dr. Jyotika Bijlani

Dean,

Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT),
Coordinator, OTICON'2025



Message from Organizing Secretary: OTICON 2025

I am honoured to have this opportunity to serve as Organizing Secretary of the 62nd Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association-OTICON 2025, which will be held in collaboration with Goa branch of AIOTA. I will do my very best to ensure that the congress is a success.



Occupational Therapy section of Goa Medical College along with all the members of Goa Branch of AIOTA are extremely honoured that OTICON 2025 will be held in Goa from February 21- 23, 2025.

The theme of the conference "Translating research into policy and clinical practice in Occupational Therapy" is intended to inspire thoughtful stimulating discussions, to share national and global perspectives and to debate the exciting future prospects of our profession. The OTICON 2025 builds on the successful tradition of previous AIOTA conferences and on the AIOTA's commitment to professional knowledge translate into policies and clinical practice in India.

This is another unique opportunity for members of profession, PG and UG students to interact and gain deeper understanding of the profession. National and international speakers and experts will interact in forum designed to facilitate exchange and expand their respective knowledge in clinical, research, academic and policy development areas. Gaining access to national and international advancement through presentations, posters and discussion forums opens up an exciting body of knowledge frequently locked away in publication that are not always translated into policies and clinical practice.

Not just academic activities but we have also planned cultural events with banquet in the evening for the participants during the conference. I assure you that you will not be disappointed by the warm hospitality of the Occupational Therapists and the ambience of Goa. This experience will energize you to provide the best of the Occupational Therapy profession. On behalf of Occupational Therapy section of Goa Medical College and Goa branch of AIOTA, I encourage all of you to plan your participation in another stimulating OTICON 2025!!!

Dr. Vivek P. Vajaratkar,
PhD (OT), FACOT
 Organizing Secretary, OTICON 2025
 Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy,
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Message from Scientific Chairperson: OTICON 2025

Dear Occupational Therapy Professionals and Students,

It is indeed a great honour and privilege to welcome you from the Scientific Committee of the 62nd Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association, OTICON 2025 to be held in the Scenic State of Goa on 24th, 25th, and 26th February 2025.



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Organizing Chairperson and Organizing Secretary of OTICON 2025, as it is an honour to be entrusted with this responsibility, and I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to contribute to such a significant event in the field of Occupational Therapy.

OTICON 2025 is not just a conference; it is a celebration of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration. Our theme for this year, "Translating Research into Policy and Clinical Practice in Occupational Therapy" reflects our commitment towards bridging the gap between knowledge gained through research, and its application in policy and practice in Occupational Therapy.

The meticulously curated scientific program, featuring keynote addresses, Guest Lectures by invited speakers, Oral Scientific Paper presentations, poster presentations, innovative technology, and Street play, promises will offer a platform for vibrant discussions and the exchange of pioneering ideas. The conference aimed to bring together the enthusiasm of young professionals and the extensive experience of experts to exchange and enhance knowledge about application of research evidence into our professional practice which helps to create policy documents for Occupational Therapy professionals.

Our esteemed speakers, both national and international, bring a wealth of experience and expertise that will undoubtedly inspire and invigorate our professional practices. Let us carry forward the insights gained, the connections made, and the spirit of collaboration ignited here. May we continue to push the boundaries of knowledge, advocate for the transformative power of Occupational Therapy. I firmly believe that this OTICON 2025 will provide invaluable opportunities to facilitate high quality professional development in Translating Research in Occupational Therapy.

I look forward to welcoming all of you to this conference and wishing you a rewarding and enjoyable experience in Goa.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ganapathy Sankar U,

OT, Ph.D.,

Chairperson-Scientific Program Committee-OTICON 2025

EC Member of AIOTA

Dean

SRM College of Occupational Therapy,

SRM Institute of Science and Technology

Kattankulathur, Tamilnadu



Conference fee structure

	Till 15 th August 2024 (Early Bird)	Till 30 th September 2024	Till 30 th November 2024	Till 31 st December 2024	Spot Registration
Member Delegate	₹ 7000	₹ 7500	₹ 8000	₹ 9000	₹ 10000
Non-Member Delegate	₹ 8500	₹ 9000	₹ 9500	₹ 10000	₹ 11000
Overseas Member Delegate	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 600
Overseas Non-Member Delegate	\$ 400	\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 700
Student Member	₹ 5000	₹ 5500	₹ 6000	₹ 7000	₹ 8000
Student Non-Member	₹ 5500	₹ 6000	₹ 7000	₹ 8000	₹ 9000
Overseas Student	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 500
Other Professionals	₹ 10000	₹ 10500	₹ 11000	₹ 12000	₹ 13000
Other Professionals Overseas	\$ 500	\$ 550	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 800

India Adult	₹ 4500	₹ 5000	₹ 5500	₹ 6000	₹ 6500
India Child (Below 12 years)	₹ 3500	₹ 4000	₹ 4500	₹ 5000	₹ 5500
Overseas Adult	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 450
Overseas Child (Below 12 years)	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400

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Pre-conference Workshop

**Clinical assessment and practical intervention for Praxis
from ideation to execution in School Environment**

organized by Organizing Team, OTICON 2025 in collaboration with Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA



Teresa A. May-Benson
Sc.D., OTR/L, FAOTA,

Dates: 20th February 2025

Venue: The International Centre Goa (ICG), Dona Paula, Goa

Time: 09:00AM – 05:00PM

ACOT accredited CEUs

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NOW**

- Owner/President of TMB Education and OTR, Inc.
- Well-known lecturer, author and researcher on sensory integration theory and intervention.
- Completed her doctoral dissertation on ideational praxis
- Clinical practitioner having worked in private and public school settings as well as private practice. Special interest in, particularly older students and adults
- Master's degree from Boston University with a concentration in sensory integration and school system therapy.
- Recipient of the Virginia Scardina Award of Excellence from AOTA for her work in ideational praxis.
- Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Fee Structure

		(Early Bird) Till 15 th September 2024	Till 31 st December 2024	Till 17 th February 2025
Member Delegate	Only Workshop	₹ 9,000 /-	₹ 10,000 /-	₹ 11,000 /-
	Workshop & Conference	₹ 12,000 /-	₹ 14,000 /-	₹ 15,000 /-
Non - Member Delegate	Only Workshop	₹ 10,500 /-	₹ 12,500 /-	₹ 13,500 /-
	Workshop & Conference	₹ 13,500 /-	₹ 15,500 /-	₹ 16,500 /-

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Who can attend:

- Occupational Therapy Professionals
- PG students

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Pre-Conference COTE

Date: 21st February 2025 | Time: 09:00AM to 12:30PM

Title: Innovations, Integration and Indian perspectives: Occupational Therapy in Head, Face & Neck Cancer Rehabilitation

SPEAKERS:



Dr. Manjusha Vagal

PhD, MOT, CLT (USA), F.A.C.O.T.

- Prof & Officer In-charge,
- Dept of Occupational Therapy, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- Certified Lymphedema Therapist
- Author of several chapters in Oncology textbooks and of articles in National & International journals
- 27+ years of professional experience



Dr. Hitesh Gupta

MOT

- In-charge – Dysphagia clinic & Onco-rehabilitation unit,
- BLK-Max Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi
- Certified in “Use of Electrical Stimulation Therapy” for the treatment of Dysphagia from Thailand (2008) and advance course “Train The Trainer” from Spain (2014)
- Certified in “sEMG, ETS & Biofeedback” like technologies for the treatment of dysphagia from Singapore (2019)
- 16+ years of clinical experience

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