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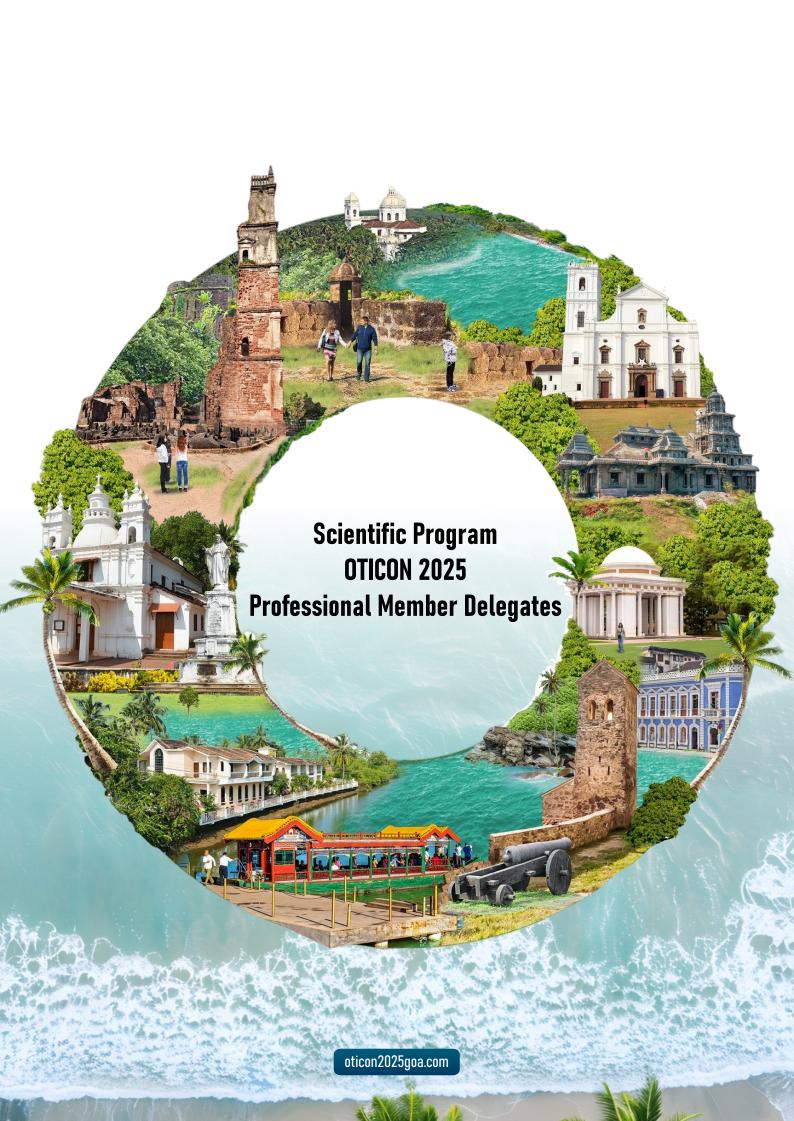
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Call for Scientific Program

All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) has been providing opportunities every year to all Occupational Therapists from India and overseas, to present innovative research work in areas of academics and practice; thereby enabling professionals to share ideas with fellow-colleagues. Continuing the legacy of professional and personal growth through sharing work and wisdom, AIOTA's 62nd Annual National Conference, OTICON 2025 is all set to bring you all an extravaganza and the feast of Occupational Therapy knowledge and practice. We hereby invite you for the OTICON 2025 in Goa, with your exciting Research Paper/Exhibits related to the themes as listed below, in the areas of Occupational Therapy practice.

Themes for Deliberations: For Scientific Papers, e-Posters and Innovative Technologies

- 1. Occupational Science
- 2. Developing aspects of professional education and practice
- 3. Preventive and restorative aspects of Healthcare intervention using Interdisciplinary Team
 Approach
- 4. Paediatric Habilitation and Rehabilitation
- 5. Neuro and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation
- 6. Psycho Social Rehabilitation/ Mental Health Rehabilitation
- 7. Geriatric Rehabilitation
- 8. Sports Rehabilitation and Fitness
- 9. Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
- 10. Cancer Rehabilitation and Palliative Care
- 11. Occupational Therapy in Dermatological and Connective Tissue Disorders/Blood Disorder.
- 12. Women's Health and Wellness
- 13. Community Based Rehabilitation
- 14. Occupational Health, Work Physiology, Ergonomics, and Industrial Rehabilitation
- 15. Accessible Environment Barrier free Environment for independent, safe and dignified living of Persons with Disabilities.
- 16. Technology used in Occupational Therapy Rehabilitation
- 17. Machine Learning Approach in Occupational Therapy practice
- 18. Social and legal aspect of the profession
- 19. Adjunctive Therapies



Professional Category

General Guidelines:

- 1. Language of deliberations and written communications: American (US) English.
- 2. Original scientific papers (individual and collaborative) are invited from Life members of AIOTA.
- 3. A generalized presentation should preferably be avoided.
- 4. Conference Registration is mandatory for submission in all categories of presentations.
- 5. Oral Papers/Exhibits/Mini-Movies which do not confine to the standards will not be accepted
- 6. Participants will be allowed to present only those research papers which are accepted and not any other paper at the last minute.
- 7. Total time allotted for each oral paper presentation is only 10 minutes and 6 minutes for e-Poster Presentation.
- 8. Paper presentation/e-Poster in-absentia will not be allowed. However, in circumstances beyond control, the Chairperson of the Scientific Program Committee will use his discretion and may grant permission to the co-author, to present the paper in non-competitive category.
- Scientific papers under the competitive category will be peer reviewed by two experts in the specified field prior to the conference.
- 10. Abstracts may be submitted in both Competitive and Non-Competitive category.
- 11. Presenter should contact scientific committee to display/upload their presentation for oral / e-Poster on the first day of the conference at 8.30 am.
- 12. The design of the scientific program shall be final and binding in respect to acceptance of abstracts/ full papers/e-Poster/Innovation technology/Mini Movies and also regarding allotment of time and duration of presentation.

All correspondences related to the Scientific Program should be addressed to the Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee, OTICON' 2025 via email scoticon25@gmail.com

Category of Awards

Sl. No.	Name of the Award	Guidelines
1	Kamala V. Nimbkar Award for Best Scientific Paper	A original Scientific paper of a robust novel Research Methodology
2	Dr. Vijay Suple Award for Best Scientific Paper in Mental Health	Research emphasizing Occupational Therapy in Mental Health Practice
3	Ona Desai Award for Best Scientific Paper in Neuroscience	Research emphasizing Occupational Therapy in Neurological Rehabilitation
4	AIOTA's Best Scientific Paper in Pediatrics	Research emphasizing Occupational Therapy in Children
5	M. M. Sangoi Award for Best Scientific Paper on Ergonomics, Environment & Access	Research paper emphasizing Occupational Therapy in Designing / Modifying / reviewing / remediating areas of Work Environment, Work Method, Tool/Instrument Design and Community access
6	Bharati Kirti Patel Youth Talent Award for Best Scientific Paper	A Original Scientific Paper of a Young Occupational Therapist graduated after 1st January 2020
7	N. Swaroop Award for Best Innovative Technology	Original design, innovation, discovery of any concept, Tool /Equipment for Assessment or Intervention by Occupational Therapists alone or in collaboration
8	Nirmala Venkateswaran Award for Best Mini Movie of the OTICON' 2025 (Both Member Delegates and Student Delegates may participate)	The Mini movie should not be more than 4 minutes and should promote, create awareness of Vision of Occupational Therapy .
9	Best Delegate of OTICON 2025 Award by Kerala Branch of AIOTA	The delegate member should have attended all the sessions of OTICON 2025.

1. Scientific Paper Presentation

Submission Guidelines for Abstracts

- 1. Abstracts of oral papers should be submitted to email id scoticon25@gmail.com
- 2. Interested in participating in more than one category should submit an abstract for each category.
- 3. The content of the abstract should be accurate, brief, clear, organized, self-contained, and in American (US) English language.
- 4. Abstracts may be submitted in both Competitive and Non-Competitive category.
- The equator conference abstract checklist and sample abstract is available at https://journals.lww.com/iopt/Documents/Sample%20Conference%20Abstract_AIOTA_IJOT_21 .06.2020.pdf

Submission Guidelines for Scientific Paper

- Scientific papers have to be submitted on acceptance of abstract to https://review.jow.medknow.com/ijoth
- 2. The research work to be presented should be novel with comprehensive scientific reasoning, and be pertaining to Occupational Therapy.
- 3. Preparation of the full scientific paper should be based on "Guidelines to Authors for Submission" that can be obtained from IJOT website:
 - https://journals.lww.com/iopt/pages/informationforauthors.aspx

2. e-Poster Presentation

Submission Guidelines for e-Poster Abstracts

- 1. Abstracts of e-Poster should be submitted to email id scoticon25@gmail.com
- 2. The content of the abstract should be accurate, brief, clear, organized, self-contained, and in American (US) English language
- Abstracts of e-Poster may be presented in both Competitive and Non-Competitive category.
- 4. The equator conference abstract checklist and sample abstract is available at https://journals.lww.com/iopt/Documents/Sample%20Conference%20Abstract_AIOTA_IJOT_21
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Preparation of Power Point Presentation for Oral Scientific Paper presentation/ e-Poster

- Set the slide size of the page to "On-screen show" and landscape orientation in the page set-up section (Portrait orientation will not be displayed properly). Use standard slide size (4:3). Presentations should be in Microsoft Office Power Point version 2010-2013 in .ppt or .pptx format only or higher version.
- Use high-contrast but minimal colors for lettering (font vs background); do not place too much text on each slide. Prefer presenting data using info-graphics, tables, graphs, clinical pictures and short key messages.
- 3. Presentations can include text, figures, charts, tables, images, and artwork but an e-Poster should not include any audio, video or animation.
- 4. Do not use special fonts which are not part of the standard PowerPoint package as this will cause problems while uploading your file and will not display well during the presentation.
- 5. Total number of slides should not exceed 20 slides for oral scientific paper presentation and 6 slides for e-Poster presentation for the main content. The font style can be Times New Roman/Arial/Cambria with at least 1.5 line spacing. The font size for the slide's title should be 32 or 36, and the main text headings 28, sub-headings 24 or 20 and the foot notes/references of size 10 to 14 (if any).

3. Innovative Technology

General guidelines

- 1. Abstracts are (individual and collaborative) invited from Life members of AIOTA in relevant to Occupational Therapy process and practice.
- 2. Conference Registration is mandatory for submission of abstracts.
- 3. The Innovative Technology may be presented in both Competitive and Non-Competitive category.
- 4. Electrical power supply points will not be provided by the organizers; Presenters may arrange for batteries if the innovative technology is based on electric supply or else prefer avoiding use of electricity or batteries.
- 5. The place for display of innovative technology will be informed to presenter on the 1st day of conference.
- 6. Video or actual working of the device or the equipment needs to be presented during the judging. Innovative technology should be based on sound clinical and scientific reasoning.

Submission Guidelines

- 1. Abstract should be submitted to email id scoticon25@gmail.com
- 2. Authors should submit a structured abstract with the following headings:
- Title
- · Authors (Full Name) along with details of affiliations
- Background and objectives
- Method with Scientific reasoning
- Results if applicable
- Implication in Occupational Therapy
- Conclusion
- 3. The decision of the scientific committee is final with respect to acceptance of the Innovation Technology

4. Mini Movies

General Guidelines

- Abstract should be submitted to email id scoticon25@gmail.com
- 2. Mini Movies are (individual and collaborative) invited from Life members of AIOTA.
- 3. Mini Movie should promote, create awareness of Vision of Occupational Therapy
- 4. Conference Registration is mandatory for submission of Mini Movies.
- 5. The Mini Movie may be presented in both Competitive and Non-Competitive category.
- Mini Movies should not exceed the time limit of 4 minutes.

Submission Guidelines

- 1. Mini Movie should be shared on Google Drive to email id scoticon25@gmail.com
- 2. Edited movie should be in good quality with high resolution in a pen drive/Google drive preferably in Mp4 format which can be played using commonly available windows software to run movies without any technical or logistical problems.
- 3. The decision of the scientific committee is final with respect to acceptance of the Mini Movies.

5. Best Delegate of OTICON 2025 Award by Kerala Branch of AIOTA

General Guidelines

- 1. Conference Registration is mandatory for the participation.
- 2. Interested members to participate in the award for the best delegate of OTICON 2025 has to register with scientific committee on or before 31st January 2025.



Abstracts (All categories: Oral and e-Poster, competitive and non-competitive)

30th September 2024

Abstracts for Innovative Technology (Member delegate & Student delegates)

15th November 2024

Mini Movie abstracts (Member delegate & Student delegates)

15th November 2024

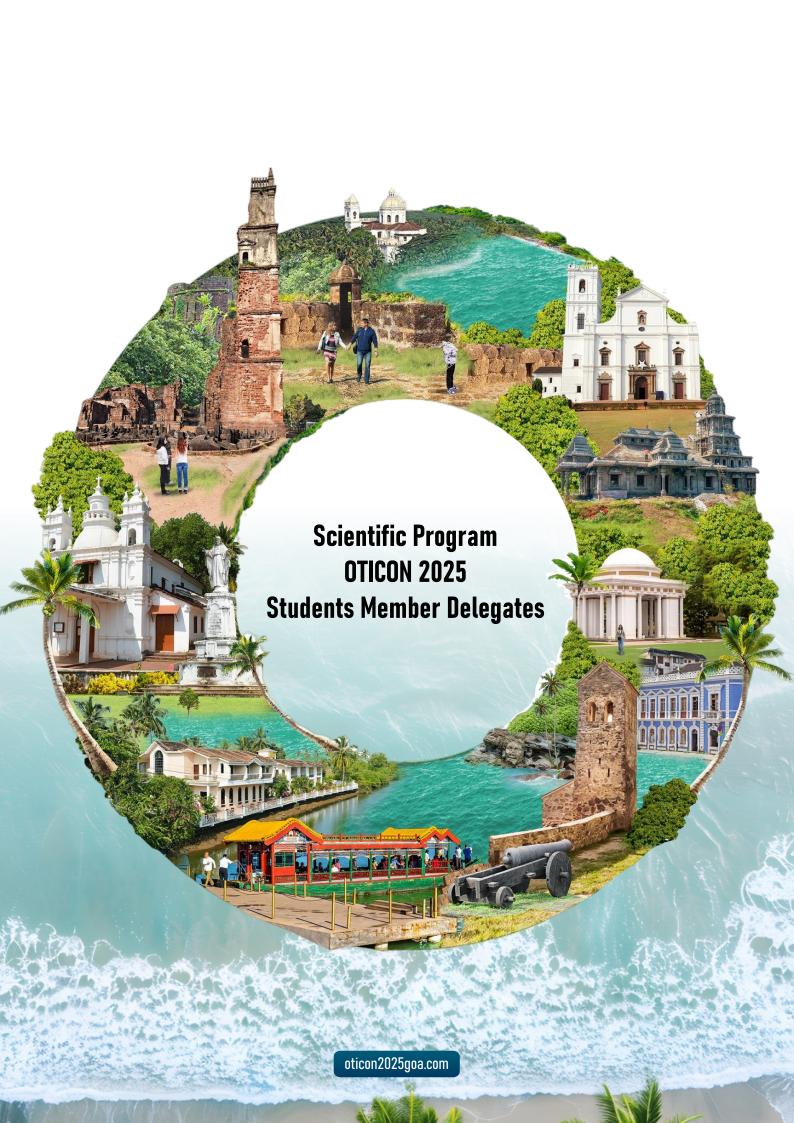
Full Scientific Paper (All categories: Oral and e-Poster, competitive and non-competitive)

30th November 2024

Submit your Abstracts to scoticon25@gmail.com

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Student Category

Students' Submission General Guidelines:

- 1. Students Members from AIOTA recognized OT colleges only, can participate in the competitive category.
- 2. Student's sessions are exclusively for undergraduate students and participation by postgraduate students in any form will disqualify the team from the competitive category & the team may then continue to participate in non-competitive category.
- 3. Conference Registration is mandatory for student participation in Poster, Street Play and Innovative Technology and OMG Provo Award for Humorous Poster category.
- 4. Only one entry from each OT College in Poster, Innovation Technology and Street Play category is permitted. Two entries are permitted from each OT College for OMG Provo Award for Humorous Poster category.
- 5. The number of student participants for each category should not exceed 10. Only 2 participants from the team shall be allowed to present the Poster and the Innovative Technology.
- 6. Faculty in charge from the respective college should send the list of participants in student's event with the conference registration numbers of the students duly signed with seal and send to email id: scoticon25@gmail.com





Category of Awards

Sl. No. Theme / Topic Awards / Trophy AIOTA Trophy for Best Poster **Artificial Intelligence in Occupational Therapy** AIOTA Trophy for Best Innovative Technology Occupational Therapy Process and Practice Empowering lives of persons with disability through AIOTA Trophy for Best Street Play **Occupational Therapy OMG Provo Award for Humorous Poster** Any topic of their choice from Occupational Therapy domain Best Student Delegate OTICON'2025 Award by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA Gold Medal Award for best OT graduates of 2024 (By Orissa Branch of AIOTA). Candidate graduated in the year 2024 and 6

recommended by the respective head of Occupational Therapy College/Institute as per the AIOTA guidelines (only two entries per college)



1. Poster Presentation

Guidelines

- 1. The poster should be in portrait orientation with the size of 4 feet (height) x 3 feet (Width).
- 2. The poster should be in 2 dimensional on a plain Chart/Card paper. Pop-ups or any hangings on the poster will not be allowed.
- 3. The poster should be self-made by use of manual or computerized writings, drawings, paintings or photographs. Copyrighted materials (pictures, drawings, paintings, photographs etc.) from internet will not be allowed.
- 4. Participants are encouraged to present evidence-based information to showcase the poster theme.
- 5. Three dimensional Posters will be disqualified.
- 6. In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition. However, the team may be allowed to present the poster under non-competitive. The decision of the chairperson, scientific program committee will be final.

2. Innovative Technology

Guidelines

- Electrical power supply points will not be provided by the organizers; Presenters may arrange for batteries if the innovative technology is based on electric supply or else prefer avoiding use of electricity or batteries.
- 2. Presenter should contact scientific committee for their requirements of table/space etc. for display of innovative technology on the 1st day of conference at 8.30am.
- 3. Video or actual working of the device or the equipment needs to be presented during the judging. Innovative Technology should be based on sound clinical and scientific reasoning.

3. Street play

Guidelines

- Street play should be composed, based on theme of "Empowering lives of Persons with Disability through Occupational Therapy".
- 2. The street play should be in English.
- 3. Use of local slang and common expressions are allowed.
- 4. The use of placards is allowed.
- 5. No props allowed.
- 6. In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the chairperson, scientific program committee will be final.

4. OMG Provo Award Humorous Poster

Guidelines

- The poster should depict the latest and/or novel information related to Occupational Therapy in an original and creative artwork in a humorous concept.
- 2. The humour depicted should not hurt/harm to any person/place or any Profession/ Professional practice directly.
- 3. The size of the poster should be A3 with portrait orientation.
- 4. The poster should be 2 dimensional on a plain chart/card paper.
- 5. The poster can be handmade or digital.
- 6. Copyrighted materials (pictures, drawings, paintings, photographs etc.) from internet will not be allowed.
- 7. No pop-ups or any hangings on the poster are not allowed.
- 8. Three dimensional posters will be disqualified.
- 9. In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition. The decision of the chairperson, scientific program committee will be final. However, the team may be allowed to present the poster under non-competitive category.

5. Best student Delegate of OTICON 2025 Award by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA

Guidelines

- 1. Conference Registration is mandatory for the participation.
- 2. Interested student members to participate in the award for the best delegate of OTICON 2025 has to register with scientific committee on or before 31st January 2025.

6. Gold Medal Award for Best OT graduates of 2024

Guidelines

- 1. Conference Registration is mandatory for the participation of Best OT graduates of 2024.
- 2. Candidate who graduated in the year 2024 (completed the internship any time between 1st Jan 2024 to 31st Dec 2024) is eligible to apply this award and recommended by the respective Head of Occupational Therapy College/Institute as per the AIOTA guidelines.
- 3. Maximum two candidates from each School/College/Institute, subject to eligibility criteria, will be permitted to appear for the examination.
- 4. Completed application should reach the Scientific Programme Committee email id: scoticon25@gmail.com and Convenor, Orissa Branch of AIOTA at anurupasenapati@gmail.com on or before 31st December 2024.
- 5. The candidate will be screened by a formal written examination which will be conducted on the 2nd day of the conference.

Key Date for Submission

Confirmation of Institute participation for student

15th October 2024













