



**61<sup>st</sup> Annual National Conference of  
The All India Occupational Therapists' Association**

# **OTICON 2024**

**Occupations and Occupational Science: Creating  
'Magic' in Occupational Therapy**

**19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Venue: Gokulam Park Hotel, Banerji Road, Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala, 682017**

## **OTICON' 2024**

**Organising Chairman** : **Dr. Anil K. Srivastava,**  
President, AIOTA

**Organising Secretary** : **Dr. Joseph Sunny**  
Hon. Secretary, AIOTA

### **Scientific Program Committee: OTICON' 2024**

**Chairperson** : **Dr. Shriharsh Jahagirdar**  
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**Dr. Raviraj Shetty**  
**Dr. Shivani Bhardwaj**

### **Scientific Program Highlights**

OTICON 2024, promises to bring to you the 'magic' of Occupational Therapy from all over the globe with novel ideas, research, innovations and deliberations.

## **Call for Scientific Program, OTICON 2024**

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 61st Annual National Conference, OTICON 2024 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 2024 in the God's own country Kerala, 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 and Innovative Technologies**

- ❖ Occupational Science
- ❖ Developing aspects of professional education and practice
- ❖ Preventive and restorative aspects of healthcare treatment in an interdisciplinary team approach
- ❖ Locomotor disabilities
- ❖ Mental health practices
- ❖ Institutional versus community-based rehabilitation
- ❖ Developmental disorders
- ❖ Technology and assistive technology: biomechanics and Bioengineering
- ❖ Occupational health, work physiology, ergonomics, and industrial rehabilitation
- ❖ Architectural barriers, environmental modifications, access, and ergonomics in daily living
- ❖ Sports science and comprehensive fitness
- ❖ Social and legal aspect of the profession
- ❖ Geri-care
- ❖ Adjunctive therapies
- ❖ Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation
- ❖ Cancer rehabilitation and onco-palliative care
- ❖ Occupational Therapy in dermatological and connective tissue disorders

## **General Guidelines for Members**

- 1.** Language of deliberations and written communications: American (US) English.
- 2.** Original scientific papers (individual and collaborative) from AIOTA members are welcome for presentations.
- 3.** A generalized presentation should preferably be avoided.
- 4.** Registration is mandatory for submission in all categories of presentations in the conference.
- 5.** Oral papers/exhibits/mini-movies which do not confine to the standards will not be accepted

All correspondences related to the scientific program should be addressed to the chairperson, scientific program committee, OTICON'2024 via email [scoticon24@gmail.com](mailto:scoticon24@gmail.com)

## Categories for AIOTA Member

Name of the Award	Guidelines
<b>Kamala V. Nimbkar Award for Best Scientific Paper</b>	A original Scientific paper of a robust novel research question and methodology
<b>Dr. Vijay Suple Award for Best Scientific Paper in Mental Health</b>	Research emphasising role of Occupational Therapy in Mental Health wellness/ practice
<b>Ona Desai Award for Best Scientific Paper in Neuroscience</b>	Research paper emphasising on the importance of Occupational Therapy in Neurological disorders
<b>AIOTA's Best Scientific Paper in Pediatrics</b>	Research paper emphasising on the importance of Occupational Therapy in children with developmental disorders/ wellness/ psycho-education of families of children with developmental disorders
<b>M. M. Sangoi Award for Best Scientific Paper on Ergonomics, Environment &amp; Access</b>	Research paper emphasising on the importance of Occupational Therapy in Designing/Modifying/reviewing/ remediating areas of office, environment and community access
<b>Bharati Kirti Patel Youth Talent award for Best Scientific Paper</b> <i>( Occupational Therapist Graduated after 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019)</i>	Research paper of a young OT graduated after 1st January 2019
<b>N. Swaroop Award for Best Innovative Technology</b>	Original design, innovation, discovery of any equipment, concept or tool, tried and tested by Occupational Therapists alone or in collaboration
<b>Nirmala Venkateswaran Award for Best Mini Movie of the OTICON' 2024</b> <i>(Both Member Delegates and Student Delegates may participate)</i>	The movie should not be more than 4 minutes and should promote, create awareness or emphasise on the importance of the Occupational Therapy The movie should NOT advertise/ criticise any profession/ professional/ professional Body Maximum 3 participants in one mini Movie
<b>Best Delegate OTICON 2024 Award by Kerala Branch of AIOTA</b>	The delegate member should have attended all the sessions during the two days of delegations
<b>Non Competitive Oral Paper Presentation / Scientific Exhibit</b>	Original/ review/ expert opinions / Case reports emphasising the importance of Occupational Therapy Process and Practice

## Instructions for Submission of Research Abstracts

1. Abstracts of oral papers/exhibits should be submitted to email id [scoticon24@gmail.com](mailto:scoticon24@gmail.com)
2. Members interested in participating in more than one category should submit an abstract for each category.
3. Members will not be allowed to participate in category for which abstracts have not been submitted.
4. Authors should submit a structured abstract with headings:
  - (a) Title
  - (b) Authors (Full Name) along with details of Institution(s), City, State and Country
  - (c) Background, Objectives and Study Design
  - (d) Methods
  - (e) Results
  - (f) Conclusion
  - (g) Trial Registration, if any
  - (h) Funding
  - (i) Acknowledgements and
  - (j) References (not more than 2 latest citations)
  - (k) KeywordsThe abstract structure should not exceed 350 words.
5. The content of the abstract should be accurate, brief, clear, organized, self-contained, and in American (US) English language
6. The equator conference abstract checklist and sample abstract is available at [https://ijotonweb.org/documents/IJOT/Sample%20Conference%20Abstract AIOTA IJOT 21.06.2020.pdf](https://ijotonweb.org/documents/IJOT/Sample%20Conference%20Abstract%20AIOTA%20IJOT%2021.06.2020.pdf)

## Instructions for Submission of Scientific Papers

- ❖ Papers are invited, which describe and emphasize the development in areas of education/academics, clinical practice, and policy decision making in occupational therapy.
- ❖ Registration for conference is mandatory for presentation
- ❖ The research work to be presented should be novel with sound scientific reasoning, and be pertaining to occupational therapy.
- ❖ Preparation of the study/paper should be based on “**Guidelines to Authors for Submission**” that can be obtained from IJOT website: [www.ijotonweb.org/contributors.asp](http://www.ijotonweb.org/contributors.asp)
- ❖ **Scientific papers have to be submitted on acceptance of abstract to [scoticon24@gmail.com](mailto:scoticon24@gmail.com)**
- ❖ Participants will be allowed to present only those research papers which are accepted and not any other paper at the last minute.
- ❖ Total time allotted for each oral paper presentation is **only 10 minutes.**
- ❖ Paper presentation 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.
- ❖ The design of the scientific program shall be final and binding in respect to acceptance of abstracts/papers and also regarding allotment of time and duration of presentation.

## Instructions for Submission of Innovative Technology/Minimovie

- ❖ Mini Movies should not exceed the time limit of 4 minutes.
- ❖ Recorded video of the use of particular innovation has to be submitted.
- ❖ Final Submissions of the videos preferably in .mp4 format should be shared to [scoticon24@gmail.com](mailto:scoticon24@gmail.com)



## Student Member Section

### Categories for Student Members from AIOTA Recognized Colleges Maximum number of participants in each event is 10

- ❖ Best Poster: *Theme: The use of self as agent of change in Occupational Therapy Process (only one entry per college)*
- ❖ Best Street play: *Theme: Influence of gender and sexuality in Occupational Therapy Practices (only one entry per college)*
- ❖ Best Innovative Technology *(only one entry per college)*
- ❖ OMG Provo Award for Humorous Poster *(only two entries per college)*
- ❖ Best Student Delegate OTICON'2024 Award by Karnataka Branch of AIOTA
- ❖ Gold Medal Award for best OT graduates of 2023 (By Orissa Branch of AIOTA).

Candidate graduated in the year 2023 and by the respective head of Occupational Therapy college/institute as per the AIOTA guidelines *(only two entries per college)*

### Students' Submission General Guidelines

- ❖ Registration for the student's events is mandatory in respective competitive categories i.e., poster, street play and innovative technology.
- ❖ 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 and stamped to email id: [scoticon24@gmail.com](mailto:scoticon24@gmail.com)
- ❖ 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 Device

### **Student's OMG Provo 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
- ❖ The humor depicted should not hurt/harm the sentiments of the professionals and the professions directly
- ❖ The size of the poster should be A3 with portrait orientation
- ❖ The poster should be 2 dimensional on a plain paper.
- ❖ No pop-ups or any hangings from the poster are not allowed
- ❖ Three dimensional Posters will be disqualified
- ❖ The poster can be handmade or digital
- ❖ 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 category.

### **Student's Poster Guidelines**

- ❖ The poster should be in portrait orientation with the size of 4 feet x 3 feet
- ❖ The poster should be 2 dimensional on a plain paper.
- ❖ Pop-ups or any hangings from the poster will not be allowed
- ❖ Three dimensional Posters will be disqualified
- ❖ Participants are encouraged to present evidence-based information to showcase the poster theme.
- ❖ 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.

### **Student's Innovative Technology Guidelines**

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.

### **Student's Street play Guidelines**

- ❖ The street play should be in English or Hindi maximally
- ❖ Use of local slang and common expressions are allowed
- ❖ The use of placards is allowed
- ❖ No props allowed
- ❖ Should not involve any background music
- ❖ In case of any violation of rules, the team shall be disqualified from the competition.

## Final Dates for Submissions

1	Research abstracts	15th October 2023
2	Confirmation of Institute participation	15th November 2023
3	Full scientific paper	10th December 2023
4	Mini movie abstract (Member Delegate & Student Delegates)	10th December 2023
5	Abstracts for Innovative Technology (Member Delegate & Student Delegates)	10th December 2023

## Contact Details for Further Information and Enquiry

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