



The Organizing Committee of the XV World Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) continues to prepare this exciting event that is of major importance to all occupational therapists of the world who will meet in Chile in May 2010. The main objective of the congress organizers is to invite all colleagues to participate in this wonderful adventure exploring the many aspects of our wonderful profession.

Alejandro Guajardo, president of the Organizing Committee of the XV World Congress WFOT says; “we look forward to a congress where all participants can engage in meaningful communication and participation. We want to encourage major debate and as much discussion as possible about Occupational Therapy practice and theory. In order to ensure the participation of as many occupational therapists from around the world as possible the Congress papers will be translated into English and Spanish.

The XV World Congress WFOT, will be held from May 3rd – 7th, 2010 and it’s theme is “Sharing the World of Occupation from Latin America”, that demonstrates the commitment of Occupational therapy to the well-being of people of all over the world and particularly from the low resource countries such as many of the nations in our region.



O.T: Alejandro Guajardo
President XV World Congress WFOT 2010

Alejandro recognizes that the work developed by the organizing committee has being an opportunity to enrich Occupational Therapy in Chile; **“for us it is about future development of the profession however the most important thing is to acknowledge those people currently working day to day as occupational therapists with the aim of sharing, experiences, knowledge and reflections of our practice”**.

Congress Vision

The 15th WFOT World Congress focuses on contemporary perspectives in occupational therapy and occupational science. Many of these perspectives emerge from the historical roots of international practice while others reflect the thinking of current times. The Congress incorporates human rights as a necessary framework for the development of the science and occupational therapy. The Congress themes guide the presentations yet provide the flexibility for unique and refreshing viewpoints, evidence to support theory and practice policy development and most importantly to engage in comparative exercises across all aspects of occupational therapy and occupational science. The exploration of the forces acting on the profession’s knowledge and domains of practice is essential. Congress participants will participate in stimulating reflective dialogue about their practice and personal contexts as well as the emerging evidence which distinguishes Latin American practice.

Congress Themes

1. Human Rights and Occupational Therapy
2. Occupational Therapy practice development Culture and Occupation
3. Cultura y Ocupación
4. Occupational Practice: Past and future trends .

5. Quality and Management
6. Occupational Therapy Education: The Profession and Discipline
7. Occupation, Daily Life, Subjectivity and Occupational Therapy.

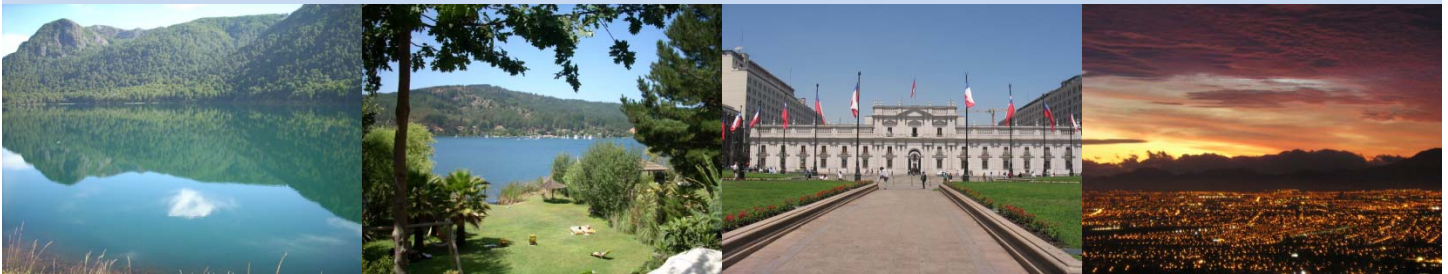
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XV CONGRESS, 4 – 7 MAY, 2010 SHARING THE WORLD OF OCCUPATION FROM LATIN AMERICA

Furthermore, as part of attending the XV congress, don't forget it provides a great opportunity to visit Chile, a country with beautiful landscapes and a unique culture. Chile offers beaches, ocean, ports, Easter Island, Patagonia, Atacama, mountains, snow, lakes, fishing, ancient forests, arid deserts combined with the warm people. Chile is the home of many recognized artists such as Vicente Huidobro, Pablo Neruda, Pablo De Rokha, Gabriela Mistral, Nicanor Parra, Claudio Arrau, Roberto Matta, Víctor Jara, and Violeta Parra among others.

For tourism information in Chile: www.visit-chile.org



AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE

Daniela Castro, secretary of the organizing committee, remembers her experience on the XIV Congress of Occupational Therapy of 2006 in Sydney, Australia, as an amazing experience of growth and personal and professional development, a great chance to live the intensity of sharing with thousands of therapists from all over the world. "All the races, all the ideas, all the models had their space to be shared, debate and create, with the central idea of promoting the profession".

It is possible to remember that a congress with these characteristics is a unique chance to meet and speak directly with academics from all over the world, as well as who are implementing innovative practice.

Daniela emphasize the great determination and openness to welcome people shown by our Australian colleagues to all of us who visited their country and now looks forward to extending the Chilean hand of friendship in 2010, because she believes that "finally what we do every 4 years, is to celebrate our profession, support each other, and the discipline that guides and allows us to build a better world. It is about strengthening our future based on the initial ideas of Mary Reilly, who said that the occupational therapy is the best idea of 20th century. Now in the 21st century it is time to make this idea a reality in Chile in 2010".



Call for papers

The invitation to submit abstracts will be released in October of 2008 we recommend you visit the congress website frequently at <http://www.wfot.org/wfot2010/index.php>

Keep an eye out for changes as we will be bringing you more updates on a regular basis.

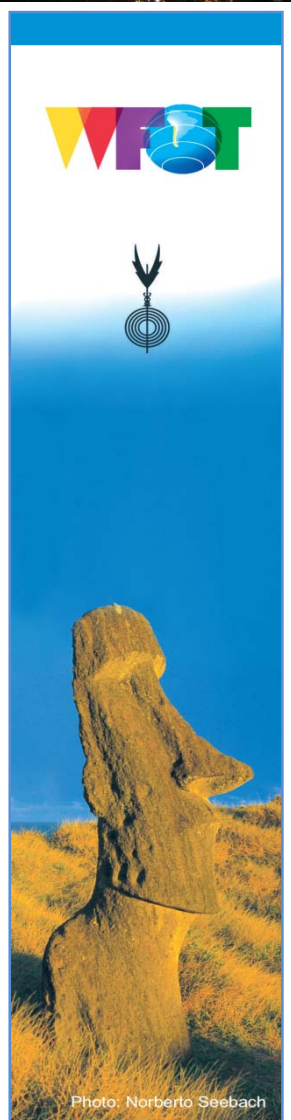


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