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**Informative Letter
Student Committee
From the Local Organizer Committee**

Chile is a long and narrow country, located on the extreme south of Latin America. Although, we are confident and convinced that all the energy and desire to participate in the 15th World Congress of Occupational Therapy wouldn't be different to the last fourteenth Congress, considering the biggest chance of participation of our Latin-American partners. Is for this reason that through our concrete experience, we want to invite each one of you to encourage this participation process in every College around the world. The World Congress is for everyone, and is important for us to represent all of you on the Student Committee of the World Congress, Santiago-Chile.

The Student Committee is composed by a group of Occupational Therapists, in practice or in vocational training of the different colleges that give our career. The purpose inside the organizational committees of the congress is to give a real space of participation to the people that are on vocational training, and will be the Occupational Therapists of the future. Is for that reason that we want to share our organizational experience in Chile. How the students come together with one aim, to fortify us like rights subjects, motivated to promote in a national level our profession as a valid practice in multiple areas and contexts.

Through all this years, Occupational Therapy has been taking an important position in various fields, and in the same way, the protagonists of this process decide to be part of this construction. In base of this purpose, students create Student Organization, which objective is to organize the vocational training occupational therapists of each University around the different aims of strengthening relationships inside and outside College, diffusion of the career, development of research activities, between others. How ever, with our formation, we understand that the Therapists doesn't work alone, so this independent organization decides, therefore, to combine forces and in that way increase the creation of inter-college activities, and our profession in a global aspect. Some of these activities are, JOESTO (Student Conference of Students of Occupational Therapy) that looks forward developing the exchange of knowledge in terms of our career and to favor a space of sharing with our colleagues, Occupational Therapy Olympics (instance to share through spare time, in favor of recreational exchange), "Stand in my place" (existential experiences of

disabilities by citizens without any handicap, started by students of Playa Ancha University), and 2nd National Congress around the country.

Also we want to tell you that as a way to increase participation of the occupational therapists on the construction of the congress, making this project more present and closer, all the topics that will be treated on 2010 also will be presented on the JOESTO 2008. The importance of having students involved on this event will let us have a more meaningful, valuable and active participation in the construction of our beautiful profession in a national and international level.

To finalize, we like to point out that all the initiatives exposed by the student of occupational therapy we can find the idea to try to finance our colleagues that have less economic resources, create a bank account to collect funds may have the opportunity to assist to this event. So, that way we invite you to establish the pertinent negotiation with your classmates or colleagues in order to allow everybody to assist to this World Congress of Occupational Therapy 2010

The invitation to participate is open. You can make your commentaries and inquiries to:

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We are waiting for you!

Thoughtfully

Student Committee