



CITATION

Honorary Fellow Award – Marilyn Pattison

Marilyn is dedicated beyond measure to WFOT and to the advancement of occupational therapy worldwide. She has contributed to every aspect of the profession through her untiring activities particularly in her volunteer capacity as WFOT Executive Director.

Marilyn has recognised the importance of strategy and influencing. Her relationship with key partners at the World Health Organization (WHO) has been critical to the increased collaboration between WFOT and WHO.

Marilyn Pattison is a prominent, highly respected and admired practitioner, educator, leader and mentor in occupational therapy both in Australia and internationally. Her career has been dedicated to the development of occupational therapy services focusing on vocational rehabilitation and the “occupation” of work. Marilyn has continuously given her expertise and experience to other countries to develop, inspire and promote best practice.

Marilyn has published internationally and supported research initiatives. Her publications range from clinically oriented materials to study modules, workshop materials, editorial, journal articles and book chapters.

Marilyn is a pioneer for the profession in her dedication to entrepreneurial activities and emerging practice. Through examples locally and globally, she has moved the profession forward.

Marilyn has led our World Federation through major organisational change, supported national organisations and individuals to lead the development of the profession throughout the world, and has done this all as a volunteer without remuneration while leading a very successful professional career in her home state of South Australia.

Marilyn has made an outstanding contribution to the profession and provided distinguished service to occupational therapy at a local and international level.

She has touched the hearts and minds of occupational therapists locally and globally and deserves the award of Honorary Fellow, the highest award of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.