

World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) Newsletter

The Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy (JSOT)

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A series of events and activities took place in Jordan under the supervision, guidance, cooperation, and initiation of the JSOT in the fourth quarter of 2022:

- The JSOT represented by the Miss Salma Shqair (the president of JSOT) and the Delegate Professor Hashem Abu Tariah, have participated in developing the Jordanian “Occupational Therapy Framework: Competences & Indicators”. This document was initiated by the Jordanian Civil Service Bureau. The members who participated in developing the document in addition to the JSOT were occupational therapy professionals from the academic sector and practitioners from the Ministry of Health. The importance of this document is that it is now officially approved by the government, and it will facilitate the recruitment process of occupational therapists and the criteria for examination that should address all the competences and indicators of the profession.



- After activating the Law of Continuing Education and under the guidance of the Higher Health Council, the JOST participated in nominating the committee which represent various sectors to study the activities related to occupational therapy and raise recommendations before presenting them to the Higher Health Council for approval. The Occupational therapy committee were the following occupational therapists: Dr. Nisreen Qatranneh (Assistant Professor – the Hashemite University), Dr. Doaa Al-Wawi (Assistant Professor – the University of Jordan), Waad Abu Zureik (Freelancer), Nada Abu Saad (Istishari Hospital), Tasneem Obeidat (Royal Medical Services), Tahani Al-Shouha (Princess Basma Hospital).
- Representatives from the administrative committee of the JSOT (Miss Salma Shqair and Dr. Majd Jarrar) were nominated at the request of the Humanity and Inclusion Organization (HI) to attend the upcoming meetings, which are responsible for monitoring the implementation of the National Strategy (2020-2024) on 30/1/2022.



- Miss Salma Shqair / President of the JSOT - was appointed as one of the 16 members of the Management Committee of the Health Medical Liability Insurance Fund as a representative of the Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy, for a period of two years starting from 23/2/2022.



- The Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy signed a memorandum of understanding with the Knowledge Threshold Company for Training and Consultation on Saturday, 25/6/2022, in the presence of Mrs. Aisha Abdel Latif and Noha Al-Nasser from the Knowledge Threshold Company and Dr. Majd Jarrar from the JSOT Administrative Committee. The Aim of the MOU is to organize and conduct specialized OT courses and workshops to advance the level of OT professionals.



- The Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy/JSOT participated in the WFOT Council Meeting which was held in Paris/France in August 2022, through its representative, Prof. Hashem Abu Tariah, Jordan Delegate to the WFOT.



- The JSOT conducted A Workshop entitled: Sensory Integration: Theory & Assessment, in October 6-8 and December 1-3 , 2022.



- JSOT participated in the P&O Scientific day in celebrating of the International Prosthetics and Orthotics Day on November 5th , 2022, which was held in Amman.



- Jordan University of Science and Technology / Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences in collaboration with Ministry of health arranged a Free Medical day on 20/11/2022 at Al Hassan Youth City – Irbid in celebration of World children’s Day. Over than 400 students from all class level were invited to participate in this day. Occupational therapy role was highlighted in the 5 areas from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which are Food, Health, Education, Protection from harmful danger (Drugs and smoking) and Protection from violence. The students were given a clarification about their rights, tips about the harms of smoking and drugs through a demonstration of different types of drugs and advices of having healthy meals in schools and maintaining healthy body through exercising.





- Jordan University of Science and Technology / Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences in collaboration with Ministry of Education arranged a Free Medical day on 30/11/2022 at Aydoun High School for Girls– Irbid. Over more than 150 students from the school were invited to participate in this event. Occupational therapy role was to give clarified about OT for the schools students, tips about basic backpack measure, tips about mental health and how to manage stress and anxiety. Furthermore, a lecture on sensory pattern was given to the teachers to help them collaborate and benefit their students better.





- The Hashemite University celebrated the “Occupational Therapy Day” in December 13, 2022. Speakers in this celebration pointed to the importance of OT in Jordan and worldwide. Mrs. Aisha Abdel Latif, spoke about the history of occupational therapy in Jordan, the stages it went through, and the turning points of the profession. Miss Wassan Khalil, an occupational therapist from the Heba Center for Language and Speech Therapy, mentioned the joint sessions between occupational therapy, speech and language, and other disciplines, explaining the importance of occupational therapy and its role in rehabilitation, in addition to the role of specialists to unify and generalize goals to develop the child's skills. Dr. Laith Odeh, a clinical psychologist from Al-Safsaf Center for Psychological Rehabilitation, spoke about psychological rehabilitation, the importance of occupational therapy in therapeutic interventions, the journey of recovery from mental disorders, and the need for social integration for them.

The celebration was patronaged by the presidency of the Hashemite University, hosted by the deanship of the Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences, and Organized by the Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy.



