Global Trends in Occupational Therapy

Ritchard Ledgerd
Executive Director
Greeting from Marilyn Pattison
President of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)
OVERVIEW

Occupational therapy around the world

Demographics and Trends

World Federation of Occupational Therapists
People have access to personally tailored occupational therapy to assist them with their occupational and functional needs and to help maintain their health and wellbeing, independence and community living.

Care plans should always include an assessment and care-planning advice regarding ADLs, and ADL skill training from an occupational therapist.

People have access to personally tailored occupational therapy to assist them with their occupational and functional needs and to help maintain their health and wellbeing, independence and community living.

National Clinical Practice Guideline on supporting people with dementia and their carers in health and social care (2006)
Human Resources Project

Demographic scan of WFOT Member Organisations

Undertaken every two years, most recent in 2014

99% response rate from 72 Member Organisations

Full presentation is available from the WFOT website www.wfot.org
Number of practising occupational therapists worldwide

* total number of practising occupational therapists is not known by this association, the number shown is the number of occupational therapists in the member association

** Non-WFOT Member Organisation

n = 78
Number of practising occupational therapists – Europe

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Number of Practising Therapists</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Armenia</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>1758</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belgium</td>
<td>8422</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulgaria</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Croatia</td>
<td>357</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cyprus</td>
<td>115</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Czech Republic</td>
<td>907</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denmark</td>
<td>8500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finland</td>
<td>2400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France</td>
<td>9400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>35000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>1410</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iceland</td>
<td>268</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ireland</td>
<td>1220</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Italy</td>
<td>1475</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Latvia</td>
<td>116</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Luxembourg</td>
<td>280</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Netherlands</td>
<td>4300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norway</td>
<td>3756</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Portugal</td>
<td>1990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Romania</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Russia</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slovenia</td>
<td>470</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spain</td>
<td>5000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sweden</td>
<td>9400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Switzerland</td>
<td>2700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>33383</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Number of practising occupational therapists per 10,000 head of population 2013

n = 72

Collated 2013 © WFOT 2014
Number of occupational therapists who are members of their national association

n = 72

Collated 2013 © WFOT 2014
Percentage of occupational therapists who are members of their national association

n = 71

Collated 2013 © WFOT 2014
Percentage of occupational therapists in WFOT Member Organisations who are female

n = 71
In 2014....

**Total number of practising occupational therapists = 417,235**

Total number of WFOT Approved Education Programmes = 773
Total number of non WFOT Approved Education Programmes = 333

Number of occupational therapists per 10,000 head of population = median 0.9, mean 2, in Denmark it is 15

Percentage of occupational therapists that are female = 83%

Average percentage of occupational therapists working in government/public funded posts = 63%

Most frequently cited specialities experiencing labour shortages by WFOT Member Organisations; Mental Health, Dementia, Older People, Stroke Rehabilitation
Comparing trends over the past 8 years

2016 will enable 10 years of data collection to be analysed
Number of practising occupational therapists 2006 - 2014

- 2005/6: 267,124
- 2009/10: 354,848
- 2011/12: 377,859
- 2013/14: 417,235

WFOT - World Federation of Occupational Therapists
Number of occupational therapists - Denmark 2006 - 2014

- 2006: 5700
- 2009: 6500
- 2011: 7000
- 2013: 8500
Percentage increases in the number of occupational therapists within larger WFOT Member Organisations countries (2006 – 2014)
Comparison of approved and non approved WFOT education programmes (2006 – 2013)

Number of approved education programmes

- 2006: 539
- 2009: 685
- 2011: 723
- 2013: 773

Number of non approved education programmes

- 2006: 295
- 2009: 297
- 2011: 331
- 2013: 333
Between 2006 – 2014

56% increase in number of practising occupational therapists worldwide

43% increase in the number of WFOT Approved Education Programmes

13% increase in the number of Non-Approved Education Programmes
WHAT IS THE WORLD FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS?

The key international representative for occupational therapists and occupational therapy around the world and the official international organisation for the promotion of occupational therapy.

WFOT promotes occupational therapy as an art and science internationally. The Federation supports the development, use and practice of occupational therapy worldwide, demonstrating its relevance and contribution to society.
WFOT was established in 1952 following an inaugural meeting represented by ten national occupational therapy associations from Australia, Canada, Denmark, India, Israel, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, USA, UK
WFOT MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

59 Full Members, 18 Associate Members, 7 Contributing Members/Regional Groups
WHAT THE WFOT DOES

A dynamic, proactive and responsive organisation

Provides strategy and vision

Pioneers the development and evolution of the profession at international, regional and national levels

Disability and Human Rights

Strategy

Collaboration
EXAMPLES OF HOW THE WORLD FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS DOES IT

Standards

Demographics and Human Resources

Capacity building for the future of the profession

Disaster Preparedness and Response

Publications

International Congress

Communication

Promotion
Official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1959. WFOT and WHO have an active working relationship both regionally and internationally. Collaborations include:

- Community Based Rehabilitation Guidelines
- Rehabilitation Guidelines
- Healthy Workplaces
- Wheelchair Guidelines
- Education
- Ethical Recruitment
- International Classification of Function (ICF)
  - ICHI
  - Core sets
- Framework of Engagement with non state actors
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Bone and Joint Decade
- Workforce survey and planning
RESOURCES - COMMUNICATION

www.wfot.org

www.facebook.com/thewfot
RESOURCES - COMMUNICATION

www.youtube.com/thewfot

www.twitter.com/thewfot
RESOURCES - COMMUNICATION

Translations in a range of languages

WFOT e-newsletter – published four times a year
WFOT Bulletin – published twice a year

From 2015 moved to a publishing house to increase visibility and accessibility to its content.
RESOURCES - PROMOTION

World Occupational Therapy Day – 27th October

World Occupational Therapy Day was first launched on 27th October 2010. Since then, it has become an important date in the occupational therapy calendar to promote and celebrate the profession internationally.

Promotional materials are available at www wfot org
WFOT Congress takes place once every four years

16th WFOT Congress took place in Japan 2014 and was attended by over 6000 participants from all continents of the world

The 17th WFOT Congress will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, 21st – 25th May 2018
Theme: Connected in Diversity: Positioned for Impact
COMING SOON....

Occupational Therapy
International Online Network

More ways to keep in touch with WFOT
mange tak!