



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marie-Antoinette Minis

Welcome to all our ENOTHE members, my name is Marie-Antoinette Minis and I am the new President of ENOTHE. On the 18 June 2016 during the General Assembly meeting in Galway, we had to say goodbye to three valuable board members, Brian Ellingham, Inés Viana Moldes and Anne Lawson-Porter.

On behalf of the ENOTHE Board and members we would like to thank them for their contribution during their terms in office as members of the ENOTHE Board over the last six years.

**Brian Ellingham** has had significant roles on the Board including a period as Secretary and since December 2013 he was President. He has shown himself to be an original and creative thinker with the ability to see the whole picture; these talents have enabled him to strategically drive the development of ENOTHE forward.

**Inés Viana Moldes** has had significant roles on the Board including a period as Treasurer and Vice-President and finally as the link organising person for the 1st Joint COTEC ENOTHE Congress held in Galway. Inés was also part of the Scientific Committee and helped to develop the very successful programme of events at the Congress where over 900 delegates took part. Back in 2009, Inés and her colleagues from the University of A Coruna in Spain, hosted the very successful ENOTHE Annual Meeting. Inés has been actively involved in the Community Development and the Citizenship projects. Her highly developed critical thinking skills, approach and warm humour has been invaluable whilst serving on the ENOTHE Board. Inés has shown to be a respected manager and negotiator with a strong belief in transformational change.

**Anne Lawson-Porter** too has had significant roles on the Board which include a period as President and since October 2013 she has been the COTEC-ENOTHE link person, Treasurer supporting the Office and finally as a member of the Scientific Committee. Anne is a very experienced strategic leader and her clarity of thought and vision has been a valuable asset to the Board.

Brian, Inés and Anne were in office during a period of change for ENOTHE including administrative office moves, the development and approval of the ENOTHE Strategy 2016 – 2020 and closer collaboration with COTEC culminating in the launch of OT-EU. The OT-EU developments will bring about the one occupational therapy voice of Europe and will enable the profession to be more influential and involved in European policy and political consultations which affect the health, social and economics of the population. Their enthusiasm, drive and commitment to the development of ENOTHE and the profession in Europe was greatly appreciated by all the members of ENOTHE. Thank you for giving your time and energy so freely.

*Marie-Antoinette Minis - President of ENOTHE*

### Goodbye to outgoing members

Brian Ellingham



Inés Viana-Moldes



Anne Lawson Porter



# Welcome new board members



Five nominees took the challenge to become member of the ENOTHE board. Three ambitious representatives of member institutions were selected with little difference between the votes. We welcome Ursula Gubler Thomann from the ZHAW School of Health Professions, Switzerland, Panagiotis Siaperas from AMC Metropolitan College, Greece and Soemitro Poerbodipoero from the Hogeschool of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

(Right to left, new member Panos Siaperas joined by President Marie-Antoinette Minis, Ursula Gubler Thomann, Soemitro Poerbodipoero, Vice President Johanna Stadler-Grillmaier and Alma Cirtautas).

Panagiotis Siaperas



Ursula Gubler Thomann



Soemitro Poerbodipoero



Directly after the Annual Meeting the new board agreed that Marie-Antoinette Minis would become the new president.



(Former President Brian Ellingham with new president Marie-Antoinette Minis)

# Strategy 2016 - 2020

The Board would like to share their appreciation of members accepting the 5 year Strategic Plan at the General Assembly. We were very pleased with the input made by members and are now in the process of prioritising actions and identifying themes for the Annual Meeting 26-28th October 2017 in Zagreb. One theme already identified is Education in Occupational Therapy. We are planning to join the OT4OT virtual World Congress from Zagreb and this will take place on World OT day 27th October.

## ENOTHE

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## Permanent Office

The contract at the York University will end in May 2018. It is important that we have a timely design solution for a permanent office. We are looking at a variety of potential options some of which may be jointly with COTEC in Europe.



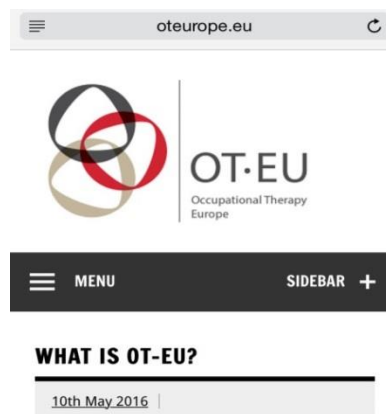
## Inclusive Network

We are working towards a more inclusive network i.e. identifying new members and finding solutions for a better membership fee structure, as well as abilities to attend the Annual Meetings. Unfortunately, ENOTHE will never be able to pay for travel costs unless this is part of a project. One idea is to help to reduce accommodation costs by offering what is called "couch surfing", staying with other OT colleagues who live close to the venue. Other ideas are more than welcome.



## Website Development

- We are currently exploring the facility for an online forum for member discussion and debate on a variety of topics.
- We are providing an open list of ENOTHE member institutions accessible by the public
- Developments for new OT-EU website are in the early stages.



Occupational Therapy Europe is a collaboration between occupational therapists in practice, education and research to promote and develop the delivery of occupational therapy services in Europe.



# COTEC-ENOTHE Joint Congress 2016

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The 1st Joint COTEC-ENOTHE Congress, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 15 – 19 June 2016.

Firstly thank you to Professor Agnes Shiel, staff from the Conference Centre, the Organising and Scientific Committees for all their fantastic work behind the scenes before and during the Congress event. Their contributions added so much to the smooth running of the whole occasion.

The COTEC-ENOTHE Congress was very successful with over 900 delegates attending from across the world. We understood that this was one of the largest conference events that the National University of Ireland had hosted.



The enthusiasm and engagement of the group of volunteer students at the recent Congress was very much appreciated. We thank them all for their hard work and we hope that everyone was able to make some new friends and future professional connections with people from across Europe and other parts of the world.

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## 2016 Hanneke van Bruggen Lecture

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This year ENOTHE were pleased to welcome Associate Professor Sylvie Meyer from University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland who delivered the prestigious Hanneke van Bruggen Lecture, to a very large audience. Sylvie's lecture was entitled 'In pursuit of the professionalization of occupational therapy'. ENOTHE will make the lecture available on the website in the near future.



Associate Professor Sylvie Meyer at Galway



# Projects-

## Don't miss: Sept, 16, 2016 – Application Deadline for new ENOTHE projects

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Funding is available for projects that support the strategic goals of ENOTHE.

Do you have an idea for a project that contributes proactively to OT education so that OT graduates are fit for the future in changing social-cultural, technological and political contexts?

Projects should be beneficial to all members, by striving to both diversity and quality assurance. We invite you to think about sharing and developing knowledge in emerging areas and roles of OT (community development, refugee work, primary health care, new technologies, competences and quality measures, joint teaching modules, didactics, etc.)

Think about a project group as an opportunity to work in an international group which is a challenging and rewarding experience.

You can find more about the application on the following pages on our website:

- [Guidelines for Establishing an ENOTHE project](#)
- [Application for ENOTHE project](#)

Don't hesitate to contact us for more information and use our website to contact/find members for collaboration.

We are still looking for someone to take the **Inclusive project** forward. You can find more information about this on the following page on our website:

- [Inclusive project opportunity](#)

Please contact [Marie-Antoinette Minis](#) for details.

The **3 ongoing projects** – Masters Competences, Citizenship and the Joint International Project on Health Promotion and Self-management will finish in October. In the next newsletter you will find all details about final reports and products achieved.

As a foretaste please take time to read the publication from the citizenship group:

Fransen H, Pollard N, Kantartzis S, Viana-Moldes I: **Participatory citizenship: Critical perspectives on client-centred occupational therapy**. Scandinavian Journal of OT 2015.

**Any questions? Any ideas? Contact us!**

Johanna Stadler-Grillmaier  
ENOTHE, Vice President and Projects Co-ordinator



# Occupational Therapy Symposiums, Greece



The Department of Occupational Therapy at Metropolitan College in Athens in collaboration with Queen Margaret University of Edinburgh was established in 2013. Since then, one of our main goals was to create an annual professional development event, where all registered occupational therapists and occupational therapy students, would attend in order to be informed on new OT trends. The idea of an Annual Occupational Therapy Symposium was born on these grounds.

The 1st Occupational Therapy Symposium with a general theme of "Assessment & Management of Children & Adults with Autism" took place in April 2013. Distinguished speakers were invited, presenting their views, work and involvement with children and adults with Autism. The closing speech was given by Mrs. Linda Renton, Queen Margaret University; presenting the new BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy at Metropolitan College in Collaboration with Queen Margaret University of Edinburgh.



The 2nd Occupational Therapy Symposium with title "The Importance of Occupational Science in Evidence-Based Practice" took place in June 2014. Professor Erna Imperatore-Blanche – University of Southern California, was the main speaker; giving a sound introduction and explanation of the term Occupational Science, as well as implications on practice and recent evidence, outlining the importance of integrating occupational practice theory into all aspects of the occupational therapy process.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Occupational Therapy Symposium with general theme the "*Occupational balance & Quality of life*" took place in May 2015. Lecturers and students of the Occupational Therapy Department of Metropolitan College gave presentations on a series of recent OT issues; integrating models into practice, activities of daily living, helping carers, etc. Dr. Sarah Kantartzis – Queen Margaret University, was our guest speaker, presenting her research on the meaning of occupation in a small Greek community.



The 4th Occupational Therapy Symposium with the title "Multi-dimensions of human occupation in the community: the role of Occupational Therapy" took place on May 2016, and was held for first time at Metropolitan's College campus at Thessaloniki. Lecturers and students of the Occupational Therapy Department of Thessaloniki Campus, as well as Occupational Therapists who cooperate with the Department as Practice Educators presented and raised issues regarding the role of occupational therapy in the community in Greece. Dr. Simeonidis – Mechanical Engineer and Mrs. Magklavera, were the guest speakers, presenting Assistive Technology and Means for Disabled Drivers.

The 5th Occupational Therapy Symposium will be held in spring 2017 at Athens Campus and will be combined with a celebration on the first graduation of OT students from our Department.

These last four years more than 400 participants have joined us at the Occupational Therapy Symposiums, and we are very glad for succeeding in creating an annual trend where occupational therapists, OT students and other professionals meet to share ideas, learn and reflect on their day-to-day experiences.

# Student SPOT

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The 1st Joint COTEC ENOTHE Congress offered a good opportunity to connect with OT students from all over Europe. We talked about the differences and similarities in the OT curricula between the countries. Furthermore we were informed about the international platform SPOT Europe, which was created by students during the 2014 ENOTHE Annual Meeting held in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. On this platform, European OT students are able to exchange their experiences in a forum; this can be found on the SPOT Europe website, including the blog which contains interesting news. More information can be found at [www.spoteurope.eu](http://www.spoteurope.eu).

**"The student meeting was an inspiring opportunity to connect with other students "**

Jessika Tseng, Judith Niederlechner and Maria Thum students from Vienna)



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## 2017 ENOTHE Annual Meeting Zagreb, Croatia 26 – 28 October

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We were pleased to be able to receive a short presentation from Saša Radić our 2017 ENOTHE Annual Meeting host organiser. Saša is the President of the Croatian Association of Occupational Therapists and in close liaison with her academic colleagues from the University of Zagreb will host and organise the event.

With a great honor and pleasure we welcome you to Zagreb, city with a million hearts.



Zagreb is an old Central European city. For centuries it has been a focal point of culture and science, and now of commerce and industry. It lies on the intersection of important routes between the Adriatic coast and Central Europe.

Today, Zagreb is the cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre of the Republic of Croatia housing the seat of Parliament, the President and the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Occupational Therapy has been present in Croatia since 1916 but then it declined and almost disappeared. In 1961-1964 there was renewed interest and a rediscovering of the profession. 600 OT have graduated in Croatia since 1986 and today more than 500 are registered/licensed to practice OT.

Out of the four Universities in Croatia one provides an OT Bachelor programme (three years). The OT programme of the University of Zagreb is not recognized by the WFOT because the university did not apply for approval. A Masters programme in OT has been developed and at the moment in the process of approval.

ENOTHE look forward to this event taking place and appreciate our Croatian colleagues' commitment and enthusiasm to occupational therapy in Europe.



Host organizer - Saša Radić



# Social Media



It was fantastic to see [#COTEC\\_ENOTHE16](#) trending on Twitter during the week of the Congress in Galway. The high volume of Tweets meant we were able to provide live updates and coverage of the Congress from our official Twitter account [@ENOTHE1](#). The passion and appetite amongst Occupational Therapists across Europe was inspiring, also invaluable for those who were unable to attend the Congress. Following the congress, our number of Twitter followers increased by 15%, as we now aim towards attracting our first one thousand followers. Thank you to everyone who participated in making [#COTEC\\_ENOTHE 16](#) a success!

You can search Twitter [#COTEC\\_ENOTHE16](#) to view the highlights of the Congress (or follow the links).



The official [ENOTHE Facebook Page](#) is attracting new 'Likes' daily. If anyone has any ideas for posts to increase engagement amongst our followers and to keep our momentum going on Social Media, please contact the [ENOTHE office](#).

We have uploaded photos of our trip to Galway on our [Facebook page](#), in the [Joint Congress 16 photo album](#).

## ENOTHE Wishes you a Happy Summer!



### What's coming up for ENOTHE?

- Annual Meeting 26<sup>TH</sup> -  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Zagreb,  
Croatia

- 14<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October  
Joint Congress 2020

## New Emails for the ENOTHE Board and Office

Please note the new board email addresses below:

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