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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear ENOTHE members,

welcome to the Summer Newsletter.

Since the last Newsletter in March there were a lot of activities. The webinar series about Occupational Therapy in different European countries started in May with Finland. The series will continue in September with an insight in Lithuanian Occupational Therapy. In June a two-day intensive course “Gaining insight into new tuning competences through capacity building and the exchange of best practices” connected occupational therapy educators to share knowledge and best practices in developing and delivering higher education programmes.

The process of establishing ENOTHEs' mission, vision and values has been ongoing. In the months of April and May, a series of open discussions and workshops were conducted. Thanks to all members who participated in the discussions and contributed their ideas and recommendations. The present status of the process is available for members to view in the members' area on the homepage. The ENOTHE mission, vision and values will subsequently be employed in the development of the 2026-2030 strategy. A workshop on the Strategy 2026–30 will be held at the Pre-General Assembly to initiate a discussion about strategic areas and the future direction of ENOTHE.

ENOTHE is currently seeking to appoint a new board member and a new auditor. If you are interested in one of the positions, all relevant information pertaining to the nomination process and election can be found on the dedicated webpage of the website. Please do not hesitate to ask if you want to contribute and have further questions.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Annual Meeting in Coimbra in October, which has the theme of 'Occupational Therapy Education: Fostering Global Citizenship and Partnerships'. The programme is interesting and will feature participants from all over the world.

BOARD MESSAGE

We are delighted by the high-quality submissions we have received from students and educators. Take a look at the homepage to find out more about the programme, keynotes and Hanneke van Bruggen lecture. We look forward to engaging discussions and meaningful exchanges of ideas. In addition, we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of ENOTHE in Coimbra. We have planned a number of activities and hope you will join us in celebrating this milestone.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting in Portugal. Until then, have a wonderful summer and all the best!

The ENOTHE Board

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HELLO FROM HERTS!

At the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom we provide a 3-year pre-registration BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy as a degree apprenticeship. Our team has recently joined ENOTHE and we look forward to learning more about occupational therapy education across Europe.

Degree apprenticeships in occupational therapy integrate academic study with work-based learning. Apprentices are employees in different settings, across healthcare, social care, and other settings including schools; apprentices bring their skills, knowledge and experience from their roles to the programme. Apprentices must also complete a minimum of 1000 hours of practice placements, and these are within settings other than their workplace.

We link with local communities for teaching in the following ways:

- Apprentices visit local community organisations and develop a group protocol about these organisations as part of an academic assessment.
- Role-emerging placements: the development of new placement opportunities for apprentices in settings without an occupational therapist.
- Experts by experience provide information by in-person discussion with the apprentices which contributes to an occupational formulation in an academic assessment.

Our programme has a blended approach to learning, with use of online and in-person teaching and digital resources. We also highlight active learning in groups with the use of enquiry-based learning. We intend to further develop our teaching in the following areas:

- Generative artificial intelligence and occupational therapy practice.
- Interprofessional education.
- Simulation with multi-media resources.

We look forward to further collaboration with colleagues across ENOTHE and to build on the networks developing from our participation in OT Europe in Krakow in 2024. Please get in touch if you would like to learn more about our teaching approaches!

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1ST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONGRESS IN KOSOVO: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dear ENOTHE members,

We are delighted to announce the First Occupational Therapy Congress in Kosovo, set to take place on 21-22 November 2025. This landmark event will serve as an essential platform for occupational therapy professionals, researchers, and educators to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration, and advance the field internationally.

We are honoured to share that Samantha Shann, President of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), will be attending this congress. Her presence underscores the significance of this event and provides a unique opportunity to engage with one of the most influential leaders in the field of occupational therapy.

We are pleased to inform you that abstract submissions are now open, providing an exciting opportunity for individuals passionate about occupational therapy to contribute to this inaugural congress. We welcome submissions from diverse areas of occupational therapy practice, research, and education. Abstract submissions will remain open until 31 August 2025, allowing ample time for contributors to share their insights and expertise.
Your engagement in this event will not only help shape the future of occupational therapy in Kosovo but also create meaningful connections within the global occupational therapy community.

For further details on abstract submission and participation, please scan the QR code here provided.

Best regards,
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SPOT europe

NEWS

Dear ENOTHE members,

With summer just around the corner and the academic year coming to an end, we at SPOTeurope are thrilled to share some exciting news with you!

In March, several SPOTeurope board members came together for our annual face-to-face meeting. This time held in the sunny city of Alicante, Spain. Throughout this productive weekend, we reviewed and redefined our mission, goals, and vision for the year ahead. The meeting sparked valuable conversations and fresh ideas, laying the foundation for a year filled with meaningful growth and impactful initiatives.

In April, SPOTeurope hosted an interesting SPOTinar titled "Unpacking Occupational Justice: From Theory to Applications", featuring Dr. Michael Sy, as our guest speaker. Together, we explored the concept of Occupational Justice (OJ), examined its theoretical foundations, and reflected on how it manifests in various cultural and global contexts.
A key highlight from the SPOTinar was the introduction of the Occupational Justice Health Questionnaire (OJHQ), a tool designed to support both research and advocacy. Dr. Sy explained how this questionnaire has been used to capture the impact of occupational injustice among marginalised communities.
Thank you to Dr. Michael Sy and all participants for contributing to a powerful discussion on how occupational justice can inspire interprofessional collaboration and social change.



May was an international month for SPOTeurope, as our board members participated in multiple international events that advanced our mission of promoting the internationalisation of occupational therapy.

- Our General Board Member, Kira, attended the DVE Congress in Würzburg, Germany, where she connected with local OT students and introduced them to SPOTeurope's mission and values.
- Angela, our ENOTHE Student Board Member, took part in the Congreso Internacional de Estudiantes de Terapia Ocupacional (CIETO) in Alicante, Spain. Organised by students from Miguel Hernández University (UMH) with the support of their faculty, this annual congress created a shared space for students, educators, and professionals to exchange experiences and knowledge.
- Simultaneously, Katerina, our Outreach Coordinator, joined the 8th Panhellenic Occupational Therapy Congress in Greece. This event opened the door to exciting new collaborations and reinforced our commitment to a more inclusive, socially just OT community.

Through in-person activities like congresses and workshops, we aim to promote internationalisation amongst OT students across Europe, and expand the SPOT community in the process.







This July, we're bringing back our inspiring SPOTweek (14.07 - 18.07)! Stay tuned to our social media channels for all the latest updates and details on this exciting event.

That's all from us for now! We'll be back with more updates in the ENOTHE autumn newsletter.
Warm regards, The Board of SPOTeurope

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UPDATES

EUROPEAN MAGAZINE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN HIGHER EDUCATION (EMOTHE)

The magazine is an official publication of the European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE), with free access to ENOTHE members and paid access to non-ENOTHE members.

The aim of the European Magazine of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education is to advance knowledge in occupational therapy education, within Europe and the rest of the world, through the publication of scientific studies, scholarly reports and theoretical papers.
The EMOTHE would provide relevant information on all aspects of occupational therapy education and will cover curriculum development, pedagogical methods, examination, internationalization, clinical and community training, as well as campus, distance and hybrid learning. It also includes transversal topics such as communication, technology and artificial intelligence and sustainability.

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EMOTHE accepts the following submission types:

- Development work article (Articles should be instructional in nature and should be written in a style that readers outside the area of specialty could understand);
- Research article (Articles should be scientific in nature and should be follow scientific writing);
- Student article (Reports not submitted as original development research article);
- Resource reviews (Review of books/resources that can be used in teaching or learning);
- Letters to the editor.



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“OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION IN [COUNTRY NAME]” WEBINAR SERIES

ENOTHE is currently developing together with its ordinary members (universities/institutions with an Occupational Therapy programme) this webinar series. So far, the webinars scheduled are:



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Hotel Vila Galé
Coimbra, Portugal

"Occupational Therapy Education: fostering global citizenship and partnerships"

Human variation and diversity competence; Curriculum designs for social action and planetary health; Technology for bridging gaps

ENOTHE Annual Meetings are open to Occupational Therapy educators, researchers, students, clinicians and other occupational therapy interested persons

https://enothe.eu/portugal-25/

Programme

The final programme is now available!

- 123 oral presentations
- 23 workshops
- 3 meet-up
- 7 symposiums
- 55 posters
- 17 posters with a pitch

Presenters from more than 35 countries from all over the world.

Keynotes and the Hanneke van Bruggen Lecture

Access the Annual Meeting webpage to know more information on biography and brief summary of presentations.







Registration

Annual Meeting registration Fees for all delegates (students, educators, fieldwork educators, practitioners, researchers, PhD students and retired) include:

- 3-day annual meeting event (23-25 October 2025) with access to all presentation formats, Keynote presentations and HvB Lecture
- lunches and coffee breaks
- social events

Regular Registration	**Last Call Registration**
(1 June 2025 – 31 July 2025)	(1 August- 30 September 2025)

Sponsors and Exhibitors opportunities

Why exhibit?
To promote and make your services, products and/or solutions known to occupational therapy educators, students, practitioners and researchers from Europe and from around the world;
Exhibition gives you a chance for face-to-face interaction and note that congress attendants are in the right mind frame to become interest in what you are exhibiting.

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Know more at the members area of the website

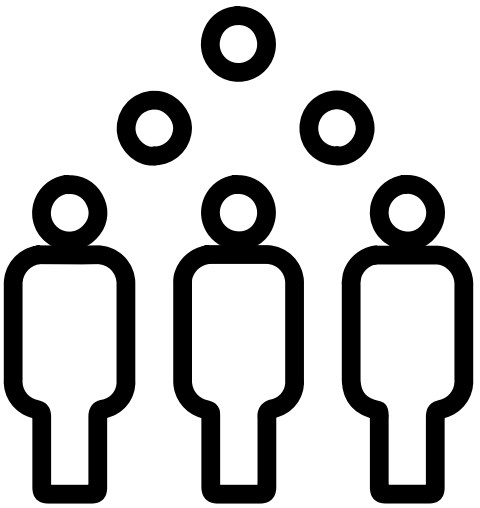




ENOTHE THINK TANK

The ENOTHE Think Tank serves as a platform for idea generation and as a sounding board for board and member-proposed initiatives. By fostering broad member engagement, it aims to promote innovation, collaboration, and strategic thinking to advance occupational therapy education (and practice) across Europe.

Members can know more and engage at our website.



BECOME AN ENOTHE MEMBER IN 2025!

- Universities / Institutions with an Occupational Therapy programme,
- Organisations related with Occupational Therapy
- or Individuals related with Occupational Therapy,

become an ENOTHE member in 2025!

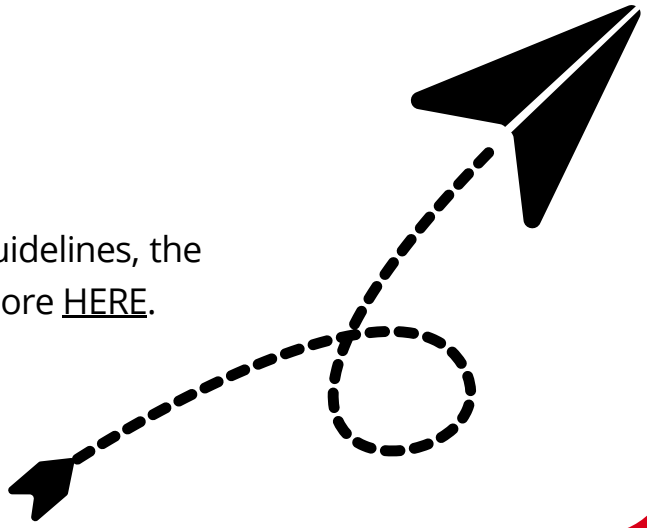
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