
Occupational Science Europe

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About this NEWSLETTER

We wish to keep you updated with Occupational Science Europe!

This first newsletter answers:

- is there a OSE Conference in 2021?
- what is OSE currently working on?
- what's happening in the OSE language groups?
- who is in the OSE board?
- what is happening in Europe and around the World concerning OS?
- are there any jobs in occupational science available?
- are there any study programs or courses for occupational science?
- are there any conference regarding OS we know about?

OSE conferences and committees

OSE Online Conference
save the date

17th November, 2021

from 10 am

there will be a call for abstracts
in February 2021

There also will be an OSE
conference in August, 2023 in
Odense, Denmark!



Research Committee

The Occupational Science Europe Research Committee (OSERC) has for the last three months been working on a natural follow-up on the short survey done in 2018. We are planning to do a mapping of OS research done in Europe and so far, we are busy going through journals from the last 5 years.

Interdisciplinary Committee

The Interdisciplinary Committee currently works on two tasks. First, it is focusing on possibilities to create a more interdisciplinary OSE conference. Second, it discusses on a more theoretical level why OS claims to be interdisciplinary, and what kind of challenges and benefits are created through an interdisciplinary focus.

Social Media Committee

The Social Media Committee is responsible for dissemination and information exchange within and outside the network. This committee supports networking by providing freely available online resources for sharing news and information, opportunities for the development of occupational science, links to other sites and discussion forums.

Language Groups

French Speaking

In the past months, due to the COVID19, most members of the Francophone Society for Occupational Science (SFRO) were busy reengineering their everyday professional occupations, trying to adapt to the ongoing changing circumstances. Various events and conferences were cancelled or postponed to 2021. In order to support people in the management of the disruption caused by COVID-19 several colleagues from France and Canada have translated or created various leaflets and documents, made available online. Others started web surveys in order to understand how the covid has affected everyday life occupations. Finally, in close relation with the editorial board of the Journal of Occupational Science (JOS), the SFRO is still in the process of building a strategy to translate the forthcoming abstracts of articles of the JOS in French.

Au cours des derniers mois, du fait de la pandémie due au COVID19, la plupart des membres de la Société Francophone de Recherche sur les Occupations (SFRO) ont été occupés à réorganiser leurs occupations professionnelles quotidiennes, en essayant de s'adapter à l'évolution constante des circonstances. Divers événements et conférences ont été annulés ou reportés à 2021. Afin de soutenir les personnes dans la gestion des perturbations causées par COVID-19, plusieurs collègues de France et du Canada ont traduit ou créé divers dépliants et documents, mis à disposition en ligne. D'autres ont lancé des enquêtes en ligne afin de comprendre comment le COVID a affecté les occupations quotidiennes. Enfin, en étroite relation avec le comité éditorial du Journal of Occupational Science (JOS), la SFRO est en train de définir une stratégie pour traduire les prochains résumés d'articles du JOS en français.

We encourage to take part in the existing language groups.
There is no group for your language?! We would be happy to have as many groups as there are languages in Europe. Found your OS interest group and let us know.

German Speaking

News from the German Occupational Science Group

Following the OSE conference 2017, a German Occupational Science Group (deutsche Occupational Science, dOS) was developed. Currently, dOS consists of around 50 members with backgrounds in research, education and practice.

In 2018 the dOS Mission Statement was developed and published in the Journal ergoscience. One of the dOS goals is to make international OS literature accessible in the German language and to provide German Occupational Science literature and research.

Clare Hocking, editor of the Journal of Occupational Science (JOS), submitted the offer to translate and publish three basic articles for the German speaking audience. Gratefully accepting this offer the dOS-Group developed criteria and analysed systematically all abstracts of the JOS articles in the period from 2001 to 2017. After having selected these articles, the translation is now in planning.

Currently, dOS is working on a commented OS-reading list for lectures, students and researchers.

For more information about the German Occupational Science Group deutsche Occupational Science dOS, please email: osdeutsch@gmail.com



dOS meeting, Lübeck, February 18th, 2019

Who is in the OSE board?

Miranda Cunningham

Chair

Miranda came to occupational therapy in her late twenties after an initial career in higher education and student support. She trained as an occupational therapist because she wanted to make more of a difference in the world and once qualified, practised in a variety of settings, including adult mental health, care of the elderly and oncology. She is a passionate believer in the value that engagement in meaningful occupation can bring to people's lives and recognises that not all people are able to experience the benefits of participation around the globe. She became involved in the board of Occupational Science Europe to support the development of occupational science across Europe and across disciplines. She undertook her masters in the UK and explored the lived experience of homelessness from an occupational perspective. Her PhD studies are a critical exploration of occupation-based social transformation using arts-based occupation for community development as a focus.

Miranda is currently a lecturer in Occupational Therapy at the University of Plymouth.



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Silvia Veiga-Seijo
Margarita Mondaca
Kawthar El-Qasem
Aileen Bergström
Anne-Le Morville
Georg Gappmayer



Occupational Science in Europe and around the World

Austrian Association of Occupational Science



Good news occupational science researchers and occupational therapists: The Austrian Association of Occupational Science was founded recently!

Occupational science is a young discipline in Europe. Thus, there is a need to foster the further development of occupational science in different European regions, such as Austria. To connect Austrian experts on occupational science, the Austrian Association of Occupational Science (AOS) was founded in September 2020.

Within AOS, we aim to identify, define, and implement actions together with occupational science researchers and occupational therapists to foster the establishment of occupational science in Austria. Additionally, we are highly interested in collaborating with other national and international associations to promote occupational science across Europe as well. More information about AOS is available on our homepage www.austrianoccupationalscience.com. Please feel free to contact austrianoccupationalscience@gmail.com for any further requests.

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more Conferences

**1st World Occupational Science
Conference**

DATE CHANGE
to August 25-27, 2022

Vancouver, Canada
<https://wosc.osot.ubc.ca/>

SSO:USA 2020 Virtual Event

Racial equity in occupational science

October 24th, 2020

<https://ssou.memberclicks.net/2020-virtual-event>

Job vacancies concerning OS

Tell us what you know! We will
post it in the next newsletter.

Next newsletter will be in
April 2021

Courses and workshops in OS

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If you have anything that you want to share
in the next newsletter in April 2021, or if you
want to give us feedback - please contact us!

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