
Editorial – November 2019



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Dear readers,

In continuing with tradition, this edition is dedicated to the 24th National Conference of the Society of Occupational Therapy, titled “Occupational Therapy – Range of Accomplishments”. The two day conference (11/12-09-2019) was held at the University of Haifa. We would like to thank the management of the University and especially the department of Occupational Therapy, for hosting and assisting in producing this conference. In addition, we are grateful to the National Council of Occupational Therapists, executive professional committees, and

members of the committee of the Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy, for their efforts, creativity and initiatives, which made this conference such an enriching experience.

This edition will summarize the varied clinical and scientific initiatives presented at the conference.

This publication includes abstracts from the inspiring **TED presentations**, which made it possible to present to the audience a range of topics from diverse therapeutic

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domains, implemented at various stages of treatment. A special emphasis was given to advanced technology, personal development, and to marketing the profession of occupational therapy. In addition, this edition will include abstracts from the varied **panels**, which focused upon specific topics deeply valued by occupational therapists from a clinical, research, personal and professional point of view. Abstracts from the exceptional **poster presentation** which presented clinical and research studies will also be presented in this edition. Finally, **workshop** abstracts, which have become an integral part of the conference, will be discussed. In several of the workshops, participants were given the opportunity to experience new advancements. Professional discussions ensued between colleagues, taking advantage of their vast personal and professional clinical experiences.

The **“Point of view“ column** is written by two students approaching the end of their studies. They discuss how meaningful and significant this conference was to them prior to beginning their professional careers.

We are proud to announce, in the framework of the annual conference, that the prize for the best article written in the Israeli Journal of Occupational Therapy was presented to **Ms. Inbar**

Miller, Occupational Therapist (MSc, OT), Center for Occupational Therapy, Haifa, Amot House – “Lin”, Health Service Clalit, Haifa and Western Galilee Region. The article was based upon her graduate thesis in occupational therapy, conducted at the University of Haifa, under the supervision of **Dr. Naomi Schreuer**. The topic of the article was “Using Compression Gloves as Means for Reducing Pain and Improving Function, Following a Distal Radius Fracture”. Congratulations to the authors of this article. We welcome different topics for publication in this journal.

Congratulations and blessings to recipients of the award for excellence and outstanding performance to **Ms. Noga Ziv** and **Dr. Yonat Ivzori**. Many thanks and appreciation for your most valued activities throughout the years.

The outstanding lecture by **Prof. Adina Hartman Maeir** on the topic of “functional cognition” will be reported upon in an upcoming edition of this journal.

The annual conference for occupational therapy is the largest meeting for occupational therapists in Israel. This conference is an opportunity to meet, to gain exposure, to learn and collaborate between colleagues. Publication of the abstracts in this journal enables us to

celebrate and make public extensive and meaningful developments in the occupational therapy community.

On a personal note, we left the conference with an abundance of professional pride. It was our pleasure to meet so many people who are responsible for significant work in many fields as they work quietly behind the scenes. We wish everyone a happy New Year filled with meaningful activities and professional satisfaction.

Yours truly,

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