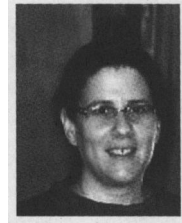

Editorial Notes

I would like to begin this editorial by thanking Dr. Shira Yalon-Chamovitz and Ms. Efrat Selanikyo, who edited the special issue; "Intellectual and Developmental Disability", published in February 2010. This issue included a wide variety of articles and helped to illuminate the practice of occupational therapists in this field. Thank you for your efforts, your willingness to contribute and for the professional and interesting outcome.



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This issue reflects the richness and diversity found in the professional practice of occupational therapy.

*The issue opens with an article by Professor Naomi Josman; **Neuro-occupation: A Glimpse into the Brain and Human Occupation**, based on the her keynote address at the 16th Annual Conference of the Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy, as the winner of the Prize of Excellence Award. The article presents a description of the history and development of the profession, and discusses the concept of "neuro-occupation", its practice and implications for the profession.*

*Following that, an article on the subject of **Executive Functions in Standard "Paper-and-Pencil" Tests and in Everyday Life Tasks: Implications for Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury** is presented. This study relates to the complexity of human occupation from the perspective of executive functions, and the need to develop ecologically valid assessments that reflect a person's ability to participate in community life and assist in planning an intervention program.*

*The last article in Hebrew presents a case study in the physical disabilities domain: **The Occupational Therapy Intervention Process for a Fracture of the Proximal Humerus: A Case Study**. This article provides a short review of the intervention process for people with a fractured shoulder, accompanied by a case study. Moreover, the case study emphasizes the importance of occupational therapy intervention for such injuries in general, and specifically, for the injured elderly.*

*The English language article is unique in its structure and its title: **Conductive Education and NDT - Bobath: Experts discussion on History, Development and Current Practice**. In this article, the authors present the principles behind these two approaches for treating people with motor disabilities. A number of questions related to these approaches were presented*

to three international experts in the field who were invited to be part of a roundtable discussion in celebration of the 20th anniversary of "Tsad Kadima" ('A Step Forward'). The responses of these experts are integrated within the discussion section of the article. Thus, this article provides a rare opportunity to "participate" in the roundtable discussion for those who could not take part in the actual event.

The title of the "**Personal Glimpse**" column hints at its contents: **Coaching, another tool in my rehabilitative tool box - on the path towards rehabilitation, integration and recovery.** This issue deals with coaching, which has become very popular in the last few years, and its comparison to rehabilitative methods that we are all familiar with. This column was written by an occupational therapist who is familiar with both coaching and rehabilitation.

The "**Book Review**" column contains a review of "Cognitive and Perceptual Rehabilitation, Optimizing Function" (2009), a book that includes theoretical and practical perspectives in the treatment of people with cognitive deficits in occupational therapy.

At this point, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the column editors who are completing their roles: **Ms. Naomi Gilmour-Grill and Ms. Talia Farber**, the editors of the "Technology and Internet" column over the last few years, who completed their roles as editors in this past February's issue, and to **Ms. Neta Linder-Katz**, our "Book Review" editor for the past year and a half, who completed her role with the column in this issue. Thanks for your tremendous effort and for your professionalism in editing these columns, which supplied important and updated information for all occupational therapists.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome **Ms. Naomi Gefen** upon her initiation into the role of editor of the "Technology and Internet" column (the column will return in the next issue) and to **Ms. Liron Biton**, who will take over as the "Book Review" column editor, as of the next issue. Thank you for your readiness to contribute and good luck.

I will end by announcing that a special issue on the topic of autism is being planned for publication in February 2011, with guest editors from University of Haifa -Dr. Eynat Gal and Dr. Ayelet Ben-Sasson. A formal call for articles to be included in this issue will be published soon, on the website of the Israeli Society of Occupational Therapy.

Pleasant reading,

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