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ACOT Conference 2021

Save the Date

You are invited to attend the 15th Biennial Scientific Conference organized by the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists (ACOT). The conference is being hosted virtually on October 30th 2021 by the Cayman Islands Occupational Therapy Association (CIOTA).

The theme of the conference is *Opening Doors to Inclusion Across the Lifespan*. This one-day online event will be filled with interactive sessions by professionals in the field of occupational therapy. Registered participants will be able to view the programme content and build their own schedules to best fit their Continuing Professional Development needs. Access to the content of the conference will be available after the conference day.

Find out more information
at www.ACOTconference.com

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Opening Doors to Inclusion Across the Lifespan

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About the conference

This Conference supports the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapist's (ACOT) vision to eliminate professional isolation through education, networking and advocating for the needs of the community we serve.

ACOT conferences have been held biennially since 1991, attracting delegates across the Caribbean and North American region. The previous conference was held in 2019 in Barbados. Conferences are attended not just by occupational therapists but by doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, mental health professionals, teachers and other businesses involved in the provision and facilitation of health care and education across the region.

The goal of this year's conference is to raise the profile of occupational therapy in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean, develop the public's understanding of this crucial aspect of health care and ultimately improve the well-being of those who depend on occupational therapy through the sharing of evidence based practice in occupational therapy.

Call for papers

ACOT welcome Scientific papers on topics related to the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapy 2021 Conference theme of:

Opening Doors To Inclusion Across The Lifespan

Papers on this theme are welcome for consideration as oral or poster presentations. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via email to: acotconference@gmail.com by May 30th 2021.

Key note speaker

ACOT is thrilled to have **Erna Imperatora Blanche** as the conference key note speaker.

Erna Imperatore Blanche received her basic training in occupational therapy at the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile) and later earned her Master of Arts degree in Special Education at Columbia University and her PhD degree in Occupational Science at the University of Southern California.



She is an expert in pediatric occupational therapy and interventions based on occupational science. She has co-authored several books and one video series, “Combining Neurodevelopmental Treatment and Sensory Integration Principles,” on pediatric practice. She has also published numerous articles in English and Spanish on the topics of play, wellness and other issues in clinical practice.

Her articles have appeared in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy International, Journal of Occupational Science, and Play and Culture Studies, among others, as well as in pediatric textbooks. Blanche has lectured internationally in more than 20 countries and maintains ties with Therapy West, Inc., a clinic that she co-founded and which sees more than 400 children per week, as well as with the Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Chile.

Stay Tuned for more information on speakers in the upcoming months.

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