

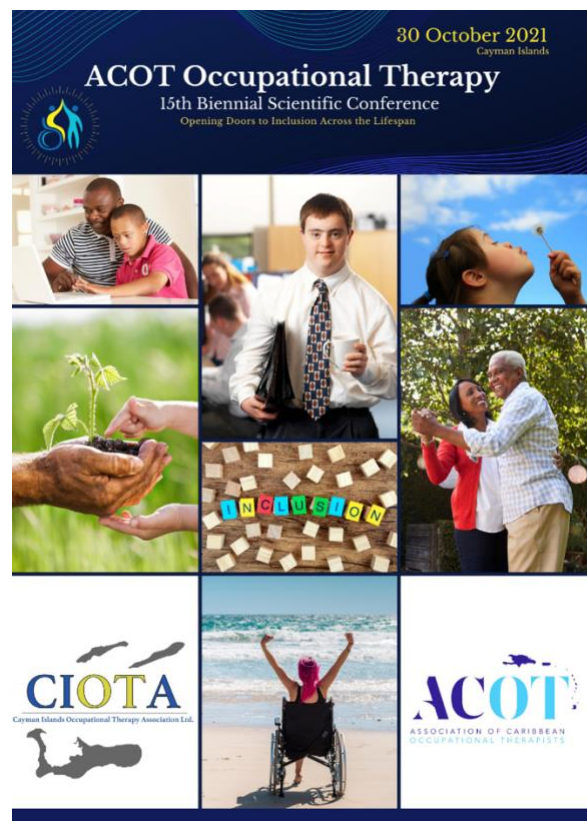
Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists

Overview of the 15th Biennial Scientific Conference Opening Doors to Inclusion Across the Lifespan

The ACOT conference 2021 under the theme Opening Doors to Inclusion Across the Lifespan was hosted by the Cayman Islands Occupational Therapy Association (CIOTA) on October 30th 2021. The conference was following a virtual format due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

As per revealed in the conference program, participants were able to attend 14 interactive sessions within the paediatric, adult & lifespan and professional tracks, in addition to one presentation from the keynote speaker and one presentation from a guest speaker. There were also 8 poster presentations, 7 ACOT country posters, and more. Online *Break Rooms* were also available for participants and presenters to discuss, and exchange. One major highlight is that the conference content and presentations are also available to all attendees for 30 days after the conference.

Based on the data obtained from the Online Conference Platform (Whova), 123 attendees were recorded for the ACOT 2021 conference. Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy students mostly, but also Clinical Psychologists, Physiotherapists and Academic Professors, from





Barbados, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Haiti, Guyana, Bermuda, Anguilla, Canada, the United States, Brazil, South Africa and more took part in the conference. The presentation on "Play Across the Lifespan" by Dr. Erna Blanche (PhD, OTR/L,FAOTA), key note speaker, was one of the presentations that participants found the most informative.

Based on a survey done post-conference, the attendees shared very positive feedback with the organizers. Most participants stated that the conference was very well organized, and the presentations and sessions met their expectations. The online platform was very user-friendly, interactive, and it offered networking opportunities for career development.

Overall, the ACOT Conference 2021 was a success! A very special thank you to the CIOTA team for their excellent work. Looking forward to the ACOT conference 2023!



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**30TH NOVEMBER 2021
6:00PM AST**

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Zoom Information:

**Meeting ID:
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ACOT would like to invite you to attend the Biennial General Meeting (BGM) being held on November 30th at 6pm AST.

If you are unable to attend, there is an option to have a proxy to vote on your behalf. A very important item on the agenda for the BGM is the election of executive officers.

ACOT welcomes nominees for the: President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions. Please contact us (acotmembership@gmail.com) if you have any nominees or have any questions regarding these positions.

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