



International Society for Occupational Science

Consultation Meeting **Re: World Occupational Science Conference**

The Boardroom
Regency Hotel, Portland, Maine, USA
at 6:15pm (local time)
Friday September 30th

Notes of Meeting

1. Invited & Attended

The meeting was well attended, including not only delegates from the invited organizations/world regions (Australasia, Canada, Japan, Europe, USA, Taiwan, and JOS), but also 3 interested observers/engaged citizens.

President of Australasia Society of Occupational Scientists
Mandy Stanley

President of the Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists
Heidi Cramm – represented by Melissa Park

President of Japanese Society for Study of Occupation
Hiromi Yoshikawa – represented by Etsuko Odawara & Hirokazu

President of Occupational Science Europe
Anne Roberts – represented by Jeanne Jackson and Natalia Rivas

President of the Society for the Study of Occupation: USA
Jyothi Gupta

Latin America occupational science
Lilian Magalhães

Taiwanese Committee for Occupational Science
Mei-Ling Lin (currently a PhD student at UNC)

Journal of Occupational Science
Virginia Dickie (President), Clare Hocking (editor)

Board of the International Society of Occupational Scientists
Susan Forwell, Suzanne Huot, Beccy Aldrich

2. Purpose:

To engage in a consultation with occupational science organizations worldwide about to hold a *World Occupational Science Conference*.

1. Would your organization support the idea of a world meeting in OS?

Issues and concerns...

There appeared to be genuine interest in moving forward, but a bit of a 'paradoxical tension' was raised with some saying: "If you build it, they will come", with others reminding that "the devil is in the details."

Other comments included:

- Accessible language for parts or all of the program
- Consider possibility of translation

In principle most were positive toward the idea of a World OS Conference, yet before fully committing were curious about some of the details regarding logistical details (e.g. who would pay for this and how would costs be divided among participating societies, how would the meeting be made accessible across languages)

There was a suggestion that we could glean some lessons from WFOT approaches.

Agreement that a smaller organizing committee with diverse representation would be needed to start planning details of the event, which would likely take place in 2019.

3. Next steps:

- List of scheduled meeting dates for next 5 years of international OS conference is being compiled to determine potential dates for the World OS conference
- ISOS Board awaiting confirmation from meeting participants before determining next steps