

- ECOTROS -
**European Cooperation in
Occupational Therapy Research & Occupational Science**

A project initiated from

ENOTHE

<http://www.enothe.hva.nl/cer/research.htm>

Evidence suggests that encouraging people in meaningful occupation facilitates healthy communities and societies. We think, therefore, that it is worthwhile to bring together occupational therapists interested in research in order for interdisciplinary cooperation to occur all through Europe. We invite you to join.

We want to

- know occupational therapists interested in Occupational Therapy Research, Occupational Science or interdisciplinary projects
- share information about research projects all over Europe
- communicate the needs, difficulties, funding, plans and results of research projects all over Europe
- gain at least 500 motivated persons

We will do this by

providing a mailing list, a newsletter for members available via the ENOTHE website, organising workshops at ENOTHE-conferences, disseminating information via occupational therapy associations, institutions and journals, and evaluating the potential for continuing at the end of 2006.

After 2011 we hope to

- establish an European Network of Occupational Therapy Research and Occupational Science with cooperating centres of special competences all over Europe
- increase the number of multi-national research projects.
- continuously enhance the evidence for best practice in occupational therapy and occupational health promotion

How to participate?

- Send an e-mail (the content doesn't matter) to ecotros-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive an automatic answer, which you should reconfirm by replying. When you are a list member, you introduce yourself with your (1) name, (2) e-mail address, (3) country, (4) institution, and (5) your involvement or interest in projects in Occupational Therapy Research, Occupational Science or interdisciplinary research. Now you can send e-mails via ecotros@yahoogroups.com with information, questions and comments to all members of the list. The number of list members increases step by step.
- Additionally to the continuous interchange, online-surveys about new information and projects will regularly take place via the list.
- A regular newsletter with the results of the survey will be disseminated via the list. This online-newsletter is to facilitate the continuous interchange on the mailing list, to keep members up to date and to report the progress of the ECOTROS-project.

What is the benefit to you?

- As a person interested in research you can have quick access to projects and knowledge not yet published. You might also obtain hints from experts in the relevant field and possibly find cooperation partners for future projects.
- As a teacher you can keep your students and yourself up to date. You might provide them with information about the newest trends in Occupational Therapy Research, Occupational Science or interdisciplinary projects all over Europe.
- As a representative for policy in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Health Promotion, you can have quick access to experts. These experts will provide evidence for established or new working fields. You can then base your political initiatives and your negotiations with decision makers within health care systems on scientific, up-to-date evidence.
- When seeking for funding you might be able to quickly recruit an international network of experts as this is required to apply for EU-funding.

How to support?

- The project group has prepared this flyer and if needed more public relation material will be developed in English and other languages, all available via the mailing list.
- You can use this material to promote the project in your national associations, institutions and journals, and at congresses.
- If you need help with translation, please ask via the mailing list.
- If you have already translated it into the language of your home country or if you have already started a public relation action for this project, please inform all members via the mailing list.
- The best support for the project is to gain new members for the mailing list and encourage all to provide active input and information about occupational therapy research and occupational science projects in Europe. If you would like to do so, we invite you to become an associated partner. Please send an e-mail to the project group.

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