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Redefining New Boundaries: Reflections From the First Joint CSOS & SSO:USA OS Conference

From October 14-16, 2010 the first Joint Conference of the Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists (CSOS) and the Society for the Study of Occupation:USA (SSO) was held at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre in London, Ontario. Dr. Elizabeth Francis-Connolly and I (Dr. Lynn Shaw) served as co-chairs of the conferences and, in preparation for the winter newsletter, were asked to reflect on some the key aspects of the Joint Conference that made this a truly unique and fabulous event that advanced opportunities for occupational science scholarship.

First, the opening remarks reflected on the conference theme of “Redefining Boundaries and Bridges” and set the tone for the conference-aesthetically, and provocatively posing questions and challenging assumptions. The lovely Ivey Spencer Leader-

ship Centre provided a beautiful setting to network, be open to new ideas, and to enjoy plenty of fabulous food to keep our energy up. Over 140 delegates from 10 countries denote the realm of participation.

The pre-conference institute, presentations, panels and posters were scholarly and pushed occupational science forward. Delegates enjoyed



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the inspiration from two keynotes given by Dr. Elizabeth

Townsend and Dr. Gelya Frank. We also combined the cultural traditions of CSOS and SSO with the mug exchange and celebrations of accomplishments that were fun for all. The silent auction fundraiser was extremely successful and the proceeds will support future mentorship and scholarship.

Finally, we look forward to sharing some of the unique contributions through a special issue of the Journal of Occupational Science. We would like to thank everyone for contributing to the success of this conference and we do look forward to seeing you at our future conferences.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Shaw and Dr. Elizabeth Francis-Connolly
Joint Conference Co-chairs

CSOS In the News

During the recent Joint CSOS and SSO:USA Occupational Science conference in London, Ontario, members from CSOS and other occupational science organizations from around the world developed a media release on the role that occupation played in the ability of the Chilean miners to survive for 70 days underground.

The media release was sent out via Western News and picked up by CBC News Radio and Fanshawe News Radio. Additionally, the initiative of these occupational scientists inspired other international delegates attending the conference to develop similar releases upon returning home, including scientists from Japan.

The full media release is still available electronically through the Western News website, which can be found by [following this link](#).

AGM Highlights

On Saturday October 16th, the 2010 CSOS AGM was held during the Joint CSOS and SSO:USA Occupational Science Conference at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre. Fourteen people attended the meeting, with Dr. Debbie Rudman serving as the AGM chair. Minutes from the AGM were sent out to the CSOS listserv, but a summary of the main topics of discussion are provided below.

2011 CSOS Board Member Election: In February 2011, nominations for two open positions on the CSOS Board will be put

out to the listserv.

Commitment to Bilingualism: In 2011, CSOS will be taking initial steps to make our new website bilingual.

Townsend & Polatajko Lectureship: Now that Dr. Polatajko and Dr. Townsend have delivered the inaugural lectures, the development of a formal process for the selection of future recipients will be initiated. This lectureship is scheduled to occur at each of the CSOS conferences, which at this point in time occur bi-annually.

Future Directions for CSOS: 1) Membership fees and recruitment strategies will be looked at closer in future board meetings; and 2) In 2011, CSOS will be making preparations to apply for charitable status.

For more information on these topics, as well as others discussed at the AGM, please review the AGM minutes. If you did not get a copy of the minutes, please contact Mike Ravenek (csos@dal.ca)

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Calling All OS Students



CSOS is currently looking for an occupational science student to contribute to our biannual newsletter. This volunteer position is a great way to raise is-

issues important for students in the field, and is also a great opportunity to add to your curriculum vitae. The student selected for this position will be responsible for a short (200-250 word) piece for both the Spring 2011 and Winter 2011 CSOS newsletters. The introduction of a student column into our newsletter is one more way CSOS is enacting the Society's vision of enhancing opportunities for the contribu-

tion of graduate students in occupational science.

If you have any questions, or are interested in applying for the student columnist position, please email Mike Ravenek (csos@dal.ca) indicating your interest. All applicants must be a student member of CSOS. The deadline to submit your interest for this position is January 31, 2011.

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CSOS Membership Updates

Starting in January 2011, you can submit your CSOS membership form for the 2011 membership year.

A new CSOS membership form is now available on the CSOS website. This new form allows you to fill in most of your information electronically in a pdf. One change to the membership

form this year is that a membership to the Journal of Occupational Science (JOS) will no longer be available with your CSOS membership.

To promote the discipline of occupational science to a wider readership, the editorial team at JOS has decided to make the move from being an independ-

ent publisher to working with a publishing house in 2011. This transition required JOS to scale down its contractual agreements, including its agreement with CSOS. We hope that CSOS members will continue to support JOS as it makes this transition in the New Year.

Updates from ISOS

The International Society of Occupational Science has updated its website and membership process – visit <http://isos.nfshost.com> for further details. Membership is free, and provides access to the ISOS Google Group. The first ISOS Online discussion stream was moderated by Dr. Ruth Zemke

between October 1, 2010 - October 31, 2010. A summary of this very successful on-line discussion regarding "Occupational Patterns in Time and Space" is available via the ISOS Google Group. Recently, a new ISOS Executive Board, which will serve from November 2010 to November 2013

was elected. The CSOS extends congratulations to the new board members, including Eric Asaba (Sweden and Japan), Roshan Galvaan (South Africa), Pollie Price (United States), Robin Stadnyk (Canada) and Alison Wicks (Australia).



Upcoming Events

January 2011 – Happy New Year from CSOS

February 2011 – Call for Nominations for CSOS Board Members via Listserv

March 2011 – CSOS AGM, Teleconference

June 15-18, 2011 – CAOT Conference, Saskatoon, SK

June 16 – Occupational Science Stream

May 2012 – CSOS Conference, Edmonton, AB

Do You Have Feedback For Us?

CSOS always values your feedback. If you have feedback regarding our new website, our newsletter , or our membership re-newel process then we would love to hear from you. Please send all comments to Mike Ravenek, CSOS Executive Director, at csos@dal.ca



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