

Newsletter, Issue #4, January 2006

The Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists (CSOS) continues to grow as an academic organization dedicated to the development of knowledge related to occupational science in Canada. January marks the beginning of the membership year, and we encourage you to support the CSOS with your membership. The application form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Please note the correct e-mail and website addresses for the CSOS as follows:

E-mail: csos@dal.ca

Website: www.occupationalsciencecanada.dal.ca

Events and Activities

1. 2005 -- First Year of Paid Memberships

Membership fees were charged for the first time in 2005, in an effort to develop a financial foundation for the Society's ongoing activities. A part-time executive director (8 hours/month) continues on a contract basis to manage these tasks, although revenues from membership fees have not yet been sufficient to pay the salary for this position, which is still covered from other (donated) sources. We had a total of 21 members in 2005: 14 individual, 4 student, and 3 institutional; 14 of these members also subscribed to the Journal of Occupational Science through the CSOS. The listserv, for which membership is free, has a total of 98 users subscribed to the list, mainly from Canada and the US but with international representation as well.

2. CSOS-JOS Partnership

In June 2005, the CSOS processed its first round of subscriptions to the Journal of Occupational Science (JOS). The CSOS was the first society worldwide to have a contract that provides members with the opportunity to purchase the JOS subscription as part of the Society's annual membership fee in Canadian dollars, while supporting the growth of the CSOS. The Society receives a 10% handling fee for each JOS subscription purchased through the CSOS.

A JOS annual subscription includes a hard copy of all three issues and password access to the subscriber area of the JOS website for the calendar year in which the CSOS membership is valid. CSOS members have a member page on the JOS website where they can request their individualized password, including a mechanism for CSOS subscribers to contact the JOS webmaster.

3. Redesign of the CSOS Website

An important achievement, made possible by revenues generated from membership fees, has been the pending redesign of the CSOS website. The amount of \$250 was designated for this project, and in October 2005, a graduate student at Dalhousie University was hired, based on his previous web design work for the Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation. The CSOS Board Executive members are working closely with our website designer to improve the esthetics and functionality of the site. The redesigned website should be up and running by late January...stay tuned!

4. Application for Charitable Status

In May 2005, the CSOS submitted an application for Charitable Status to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Such a status would allow the CSOS to issue receipts for donations received, which would reduce the donor's income tax payable. This request was declined for the time being in October, until the CSOS can demonstrate purposes and activities that fall within the legal concept of charity. The CSOS Board will consider a revised Vision and Mission to make it clearer that the CSOS exists to promote occupational science researchers. Options to provide charitable support for research and researchers are currently under discussion.

5. Board Teleconference, October 2005

One of the major items of discussion at the fall teleconference of the Board of Directors was a draft set of Terms of Reference. Once finalized, this document will delineate the role and composition of the CSOS Board of Directors, its number of members, their disciplinary affiliations, and the term of office. The current Inaugural Board of Directors will then present these Terms of Reference to the CSOS membership for nominations and subsequent elections, possibly by the time of the CSOS Conference in Vancouver this coming May.

6. 'Sense of Doing' in Occupational Therapy Now

The 'Sense of Doing' column, sponsored by the CSOS, was first published in the Jan/Feb 2003 issue of *OT Now* (<http://www.caot.ca/default.asp?ChangeID=26&pageID=7>) to begin a dialogue about occupation and its centrality to the profession of occupational therapy. Volume 7 (2005) articles included:

The potential of intelligent technology as an occupational enabler, Jan/Feb 2005

Alex Mihailidis and Jane Davis

Enabling a sense of doing in children, Mar/Apr 2005

Ann Zilberbrant and Angela Mandich

Mothering with a disability: Listening and learning, May/June 2005

Linda Del Fabro Smith

A Sense of Place, July/Aug 2005

Kathy Hatchard

Deriving occupational meaning and balance: The story of Claire, Nov/Dec 2005

Katie Lee and Anne Fourn

Helene Polatajko and Jane Davis, the co-editors, encourage you to contact them with your ideas for the column at h.polatajko@utoronto.ca and ja.davis@utoronto.ca

7. Upcoming Canadian Occupational Science Symposia

Occupation: The art and meaning of doing. Vancouver, BC, Canada. May 5-6, 2006.

Keynote Speakers: **Mary Catherine Bateson**, renowned anthropologist, scholar, and writer
Gail Whiteford, esteemed occupational scientist and visionary

Guest Presenter: **Sanja Garic-Komnenic**, accomplished screen playwright and linguist

Further details at the CSOS Conference 2006 website, <http://www.csos2006.ca/>

Fourth Canadian Occupational Science Symposium, Thunder Bay, ON, 2008.

To renew your membership, please complete and return the attached membership form.

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2006

Date: _____

Note: Membership applications and fees are processed upon receipt until September 30 for the current membership year. Applications received on or after October 1 will be processed for the following membership year.

Please print form and mail with cheque or money order in Canadian dollars to:

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3H 3J5

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Please Select the Appropriate Membership Category

Membership Category	CSOS Only	Select (X)	CSOS with JOS Subscription	Select (X)
Individual	\$50.00		\$120.00	
Student (with proof of ID)	\$10.00		\$80.00	
Institutional	\$200.00		\$385.00	

Personal Information (Individual Memberships Only)

Name: Dr./Mr./Ms. (circle one) _____

Preferred mailing address (please check one)*: Work Home

***Please note that the address selected will be the address to which the Journal of Occupational Science and other material are mailed.**

Work address (with postal code):

Home address (with postal code):

Work tel: _____

Home tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail address*: _____

***Please note that this should be the e-mail address for communicating with the CSOS listserv and/or JOS.**

Institution Information (Institutional Memberships Only)

Name of Institution: _____

Address of Institution (with postal code):

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address*: _____ Contact person: _____

***Please note that this should be the e-mail address for communicating with the CSOS listserv and/or JOS.**

Invoicing Preferences (fax, e-mail, account number, address, invoice needed prior to payment, receipt, etc.)

Please tell us about yourself or your organization. . .

Discipline(s) or profession(s):

How did you hear about occupational science? (Please check all that apply.)

- Literature Occupational Science Symposium
 Colleagues Other conferences
 Other: _____

All of the CSOS's achievements are a result of many volunteer efforts. Would you be interested and/or willing to participate in any of the following CSOS activities?
(Please check all that apply.)

- Fundraising
 Organizing future occupational science symposiums
 Presentations about occupational science (e.g. conferences, workplace)
 Research/project proposal writing **for CSOS** (role negotiated per project)
 Other: _____
 I am interested, but unable to participate at this time.

Contributions:

- I am interested in making a financial contribution (see CSOS website).

Any comments, concerns, questions?

