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**ISOS: Sharing the world of occupational science and enhancing its contribution to occupational therapy**

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**Introduction:**

For ten years, the International Society for Occupational Science (ISOS) has been developing the potential contribution of occupational science to occupational therapy by forging networks around the world. Although most networking has been done virtually, by means of an international list serve, ISOS has organised face to face meetings and Think Tanks. This workshop, co-convened by ISOS and the Chilean Society of Occupational Science, shares some recent activities in occupational science and explores ways of maximising collaboration.

**Learning Objectives:**

The aims of this workshop are to:

- provide examples of current occupational science research and occupation-focused programs
- inform participants how occupational science is currently contributing to occupational therapy education and practice around the world
- stimulate ideas for developing global networks for sharing ways of fostering occupation-based programs and practice and for undertaking intercultural occupation-focused research

At the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- listened to descriptions of various occupation-focused programs, research and practice
- generated ideas for implementing occupation-focused programs, research and practice
- initiated contact with occupational therapists from around the world who are interested in occupational science research and developing occupational science's contribution to practice

**Length of time required:**

1.5 hours

**Description of teaching methods:**

**1. six x 10 mins oral presentations - 60mins**

Six speakers, representing Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Sweden and United States, will present papers related to their roles and experience in:

- developing occupational science organizations: enablers and facilitators
- undertaking occupational science research: methods, interdisciplinary collaboration, cross cultural studies
- translating findings of occupational science research into occupational therapy practice
- integrating occupational science into occupational therapy education programs

**2. facilitated discussion - 30 mins**

An experienced facilitator will enable participants to explore ways of developing networks between countries and groups to:

- share experiences and programs
- initiate intercultural dialogue as a precursor to cross cultural studies

### **3. printed handouts**

All participants will receive a printed resource which will provide:

- a bibliography of relevant readings
- a list of relevant websites
- contact details for international and national occupational science groups

**Maximum Number of Participants: 50**