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Sensory Integration Education and Practice Around the Globe

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Ayres' Sensory Integration has been one of the most used frames of reference for pediatric OT for several decades in many countries of the world. In the last few years several actions have been undertaken to preserve the integrity of Ayres' work, to disseminate valid information about Sensory Integration, and to ensure the quality of SI education. This presentation is introducing the international umbrella organization Sensory Integration Global Network (SIGN) and its offspring, the International Coalition for Education in Sensory Integration (ICESI), and aims at informing about scopes, standards and future outlooks.

Upon completion of this program the learner will:

- 1. Understand the scope of advancements in Occupational Therapy (OT) practice using Sensory Integration theory and methods throughout the world
- 2. Identify established training programs teaching Ayres Sensory Integration® (ASI) and their content focus
- 3. List the countries with substantive advancements in OT practice using ASI theory
- 4. Understand the evidence supporting the use of ASI in OT practice and the purpose of SI Global Network: siglobalnetwork.org

The presenters will report on:

- 1. The number and type of ASI training programs as a measure of developments throughout the world in this important theory and method of intervention.
- 2. Emerging systems and organizations that promote and provide collaboration between experts and practitioners with an interest in sensory integration theory and practice throughout the world.
- 3. Future possibilities with regard to OT standards, scope of practice and educational programs

This presentation informs participants about the global scope of interest and continued developments supporting evidence-based practice using sensory integration theory and methods in occupational therapy. This information assists ongoing development throughout the world of educational programs and practice reflecting the core principles proposed by Ayres.