

# The Development of International Research Priorities for Occupational Therapy

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# Background

# MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

101 Member Countries  
1952

Argentina	Estonia	Iran	Malta	Arabia	Turkey	Dominican Republic
Australia	Finland	Ireland	Mauritius	Singapore	Uganda	Faroe Islands
Austria	France	Israel	Mexico	Slovenia	United Kingdom	Kazakhstan
Bangladesh	Georgia	Italy	Netherlands	South Africa	United States of America	Luxembourg
Belgium	Germany	Japan	New Zealand	Spain	Venezuela	Macau
Brazil	Ghana	Jordan	Norway	Sri Lanka	Zambia	Madagascar
Bulgaria	Greece	Kenya	Pakistan	Sweden	Zimbabwe	Namibia
Canada	Haiti	Republic of Korea	Palestine	Switzerland	Armenia	Nigeria
Chile	Hong Kong	Latvia	Philippines	Taiwan	Bermuda	Republic of Panama
Colombia	Iceland	Lithuania	Portugal	Tanzania	Costa Rica	Peru
Czech Republic	India	Malawi	Russia	Thailand	Croatia	Romania
Denmark	Indonesia	Malaysia	Rwanda	Trinidad & Tobago	Cyprus	Tunisia

AOTRG
ACOT
APOTRG
COTEC
CLATO
OTARG
Kuwait

# KEY RELATIONSHIPS - WHO



Official relations with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** since 1959.

- Non Communicable Diseases
- World Report on Ageing and Mental Health
- World Report on Disability
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Mental Health
- Disability Research
- Healthy Workplaces
- Wheelchair Provision
- Education
- Global Cooperation on Assistive Health Technology (GATE)



# KEY RELATIONSHIPS - UN



- WFOT is a signatory to the UN Global Compact and promotes the UN
- Sustainable Development Goals.



# OTHER KEY RELATIONSHIPS



# First Global Research Agenda



# INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AGENDA

- DELPHI (2015-2016)
- 53% of MOs (N=46)
- First round: N=62; 34 MO & 26 Universities
- Second Round: N=78; 38 MO & 40 Universities
- Third Round: N=34; 19 MO & 15 Universities



# CHARACTERISTICS

## It is NOT:

- Exclusive
- Prescriptive
- Final

## It is:

- Dynamic
- Evolving
- Reference

# RESEARCH PRIORITIES



Effectiveness of occupational therapy interventions



Occupational therapy and chronic conditions



Evidence-based practice and knowledge translation



Sustainable community development and population-based interventions



Participation in everyday life



Technology and occupational therapy



Healthy Aging



Occupational therapy professional issues

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