

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP OF WFOT

Becoming an Individual Member of WFOT allows you access to a wide range of benefits and discounts in addition to joining a global occupational therapy community. In 2013 we are extending the range available for Individual Members, so there is no better time to join the only international organisation for occupational therapists.













### Did you know...

- ① WFOT represents 380,000 occupational therapists worldwide, including 80 national occupational therapy organisations. We are proudly supported by 29,000 Individual Members across the globe.
- ① WFOT is managed by volunteers. Occupational therapists like yourself who have an interest and passion for the global profile of our profession.
- ① Our website [www.wfot.org](http://www.wfot.org) attracts an average of 52,000 page views a month, from every continent in the world.
- ① Our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wfot.org](http://www.facebook.com/wfot.org) was established in late 2011 and already has 5,500 followers and continues to grow daily.
- ① WFOT celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012 and marked the event with a high profile campaign to celebrate.
- ① WFOT's Council meets once every two years and the Executive once a year – other than that, the business of the organisation is conducted remotely, primarily through email and Skype.
- ① WFOT has four recognised languages, English, French, Spanish and German. The business of the organisation is conducted in English; however translated documents are available in French, Spanish, German, Finnish, Japanese, Russian, Arabic and Swedish.
- ① WFOT has had official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1959 and provides strategic input into international and regional strategic plans from an occupational therapy perspective.
- ① Occupational therapy is the **only** Allied Health Profession that has internationally agreed standards of education that are regularly reviewed at a national level. This auditing mechanism ensures the high quality provision of occupational therapists worldwide. These standards are written and approved by WFOT.

## BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Become part of an international community that connects you to thousands of occupational therapists around the world. Subscribing to WFOT as an Individual Member provides outstanding value for money in addition to supporting the critical work that is needed to represent and develop the profession at an international level.

An annual subscription to WFOT enables YOU to;

-  Gain access to the exclusive Members Only part of the WFOT website. Imperative if you want to download the latest documents, guidance and materials produced by WFOT.
-  Receive generous discounts on products offered for sale in WFOT's Online Store – Individual Members can save up to 50% on advertised prices.
-  Download the latest free publications and promotional materials up to **12 months** in advance of them being released as public access. **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Request individually numbered copies of selected promotional materials. With only 500 available, these limited edition items will become highly sought after. **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Receive twice yearly copies of WFOT's international professional journal the WFOT Bulletin – available in digital copy, so you keep up to date wherever you are.
-  Access previously published editions of the WFOT Bulletin. **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Priority response times to enquiries when quoting your Individual Membership number **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Receive WFOT's e-newsletter, published quarterly and sent direct to your inbox once you have registered on the WFOT website.
-  Enjoy a discounted registration fee for the 2014 WFOT Congress in Japan. **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Receive 20% discount on all books produced by Wiley and up to 33% discount on the quarterly journal "Occupational Therapy International" **NEW FOR 2013**
-  Apply for WFOT's Thelma Cardwell Foundation Award for Research and Education.
-  Support strategic international representation at key stakeholder events to progress, lobby and influence the importance and relevance of the occupational therapy profession at a global level.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER?**

Qualified occupational therapists and students who are interested in becoming Individual Members of WFOT are able to do so through their national association. It is only through your membership in your national association that your qualifications can be checked and the status of Individual Membership of WFOT be given due recognition.

### **HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?**

**By paying an annual subscription to your national association which then forwards your membership fee directly to WFOT.**

If you were educated in a country that is different to the one you are currently working in, it should still be possible for you to become an Individual Member of WFOT. Either contact the national association of the country you are currently working in or the national association of the country that you were educated in.

If you have not graduated from a WFOT approved education programme, please encourage your institution to undertake the process of recognition that your national association has established.

Your opinions and ideas will be welcome as will your energy when you become a member of a WFOT.

**Note: if you reside in the following countries, your annual national association membership fee INCLUDES your annual WFOT Individual Membership subscription;**

	Argentina
	Australia
	Austria
	France
	Italy
	Norway
	Sweden

Why is your country not listed? Each WFOT Member Organisation has the option to include WFOT Individual Membership in their subscription fee. If you would like to find out more please contact your national association.