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Pre-Reg Student : NO

Emerging Research: NO

## Creating an European research network of occupational therapy and occupational science researchers.

Occupational Therapy Europe (OT-EU) is a collaboration between occupational therapists in practice, education and research to promote and develop the delivery of occupational therapy services in Europe. OT-EU has three branches: practice, represented by the Council of Occupational Therapy in European Countries (COTEC); education represented by the European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE); and research represented by Research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (ROTOS), led by an OT-EU standing committee. Whilst the practice and education OT-EU branches are well established, the research branch is at a more nascent stage. This provides the opportunity for including key stakeholders in the development of ROTOS.

In time ROTOS plans to facilitate and co-ordinate a range of activities including: horizon scanning; translating the evidence base into a format and language for policy makers; working in an interdisciplinary way but while keeping occupation and occupational therapy central; linking research and researchers to the health priorities for the European Union (EU) and the World Health Organisation; promoting and maintaining a collaborative approach for occupational therapy and occupational science researchers across Europe; and creating educational opportunities for research development; and facilitating the development of occupational therapy and occupational science research leaders (Steultjens and Siaperas, 2017).

In this seminar members of the ROTOS Steering committee will share its purpose and plans and facilitate discussion regarding how ROTOS can fulfil its remit and best work with occupational therapists. It will also present the thoughts of the ROTOS committee on research opportunities and research leadership.

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## Session Audience

All delegates, Researchers

## References

Steultjens E, Siaperas P, (2017) Enhancing research education and developing future research leaders across OT-EU, Session 3, Zagreb, European Network of Occupational Therapists in Higher Education (ENOTHE) Annual Meeting, <http://enothe.eu/WordPress%20Documents/Zagreb/Programme%20croatia%20version%206-%20%207%20%20for%20web.pdf>

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Niall Turner is an Irish occupational therapist who has worked in mental health for over 20 years. During this time he has completed a number of research projects largely on the topic of work outcomes. This work has been disseminated in a number of peer reviewed journals and was successfully submitted to complete a MSc. He is currently the Editor in Chief for the Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy. Niall is a member of the Research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (ROTOS) Standing committee.

## Learning Outcomes

To understand the role, remit and planned activities of ROTOS (Research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science) as the research branch of OT-EU.

To discuss priorities and approaches for the work of ROTOS and consider how you may contribute to strengthen occupation-based knowledge generation, dissemination and translation across Europe.

On Going Research: NO.

## Ethical Approval

This seminar relates to the work of ROTOS and not to a primary research study, therefore, ethical approval is not applicable for this proposed seminar.

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## Conference Submission

RCOT Annual Conference