

Australasian Occupational Science Centre AOSC

Director's Progress Report January - December 08

Journal articles

Wicks A (2008) Into the mainstream: Making occupational science visible. *Japanese Journal of Occupational Science*, 2 (1): 6-16.

Wicks A (2008) Die internationalen Think Tanks der Occupational Science: Katalysatoren für die weltweite Entwicklung der Occupational Science. The International Occupational Science Thinks Tanks: Catalysts for developing occupational science internationally. *ergoscience*, 3: 1-5.

Martin K, Wicks A and Malpage J (2008) Meaningful occupation in the Berry Men's Shed. *Journal of Occupational Science*, 15 (3): 194-195.

Conference presentations

Brown A, Wicks A and Fildes D (2008) *Tools for engaging older men: Community men's shed as a means of engaging older men in community activities*. Workshop. Australian Association of Gerontology NSW Conference, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, 1 April.

Wicks A (2008) *Thinking and acting 'outside the box' to promote an occupational perspective*. Poster presentation. New Zealand Association of Occupational Therapy Conference, Palmerston North, New Zealand, 5 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Mainstreaming an occupational perspective of health: Lessons from the AOSC story*. Poster presentation. Occupational Therapy Australia Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 12 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Developing the potential of occupational science through intercultural dialogue*. Invited keynote address. ENOTHE-ECOTROS-ISOS Workshop, Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin, Germany, 25 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Occupational science and its relationship to occupational therapy*. ENOTHE-ECOTROS-ISOS Workshop, Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin, Germany, 25 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Viewing the world through an occupational lens*. Invited keynote address. Inaugural Occupational Science Symposium, Taipei, Taiwan, 29 November.

Workshops

Carroll M, Shanley C and Wicks A (2008) *After the PhD*. Workshop. Australian Association of Gerontology NSW Conference, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, 1 April.

Wicks A and Blijlevens H (2008) *Turning up the heat on occupation. Strategies for occupation-based practice*. New Zealand Association of Occupational Therapy Conference, Palmerston North, New Zealand, 5 September.

Wicks A and Stanley M (2008) *Wearing an occupational lens: A prerequisite for enabling occupation*. Occupational Therapy Australia Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 12 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Occupational science in occupational therapy education*. ENOTHE-ECOTROS-ISOS Workshop, Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin, Germany, 25 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Engaging with the community to promote an occupational perspective*. Professional Meeting. Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 30 September.

Wicks A (2008) *Wearing an occupational lens. Strategies for occupation-focused practice*. Shoalhaven Campus, Nowra, Australia, 23 October.

Wicks A (2008) *Strategies for adopting an occupational perspective*. Inaugural Occupational Science Symposium, Taipei, Taiwan, 28 November.

Grant Applications

Funding Body	Type of grant	Date submitted	Nominee	Nominator	Term	Amount	Outcome
Australian Government	Endeavour Executive Award	31 July	Alison Wicks	National Taiwan University	1 month	up to \$20,000	unsuccessful
Australian Government	Endeavour Executive Award	31 July	Masayuki Takagi	AOSC	4 months	up to \$20,000	successful

Projects

Digital storytelling

The Australasian Occupational Science Centre (AOSC) commissioned an interactive multimedia piece that features a number of community-based activity programs in the Illawarra region. The aim of this project was to create an attractive and stimulating piece of interactive work that promotes an occupational perspective of health to a broad audience. An occupational perspective of health is a key concept in occupational science.

The final work will be used in events such as public presentations, conferences and consultation meetings as a promotional tool. The work clearly communicates the occupational perspective of health and in particular highlights the health benefits for older people when they participate in engaging community-based activity programs.

This was a collaborative project involving AOSC and the UOW's Faculty of Creative Arts. The project has been incorporated into the curricula for the third year students in the School of Art & Design undertaking DESN311 – Interactive Multi Media.

Working parties / Committees

Shoalhaven Wellness Centre

Beyond 2020 Conference

Shoalhaven Wellness Committee

- Health & Aged Care Forum Network

Meetings & Community Workshops

July 3	Illawarra Occupational Therapy Regional Meeting
June 14	Meroogal – Women’s Diaries: making the invisible visible
October 16-17	Beyond 2020 Conference

Invited teaching

July 28	School of Occupational Therapy, University of Newcastle
October 6-7	Division of Occupational Therapy, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
October 21	School of Nursing, Midwifery & indigenous Health, University of Wollongong, Wollongong

Visitors to AOSC

July 2-3	Professor Susan Ryan, University of Newcastle
September 16-20	Rie Hikino, Prefectural University of Hiroshima, Japan
November 2-4	Dr Gaynor Sadlo, University of Brighton, UK
November 17	Samuel Fosso Wamba, Faculty of Informatics, UOW

International visits

September 25	Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin, Germany
September 30	Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
October 3-7	Division of Occupational Therapy, Karolinksa Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
November 27-29	School of Occupational Therapy, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

Student Supervision

Jan. – December	Peter Swan, DBA candidate, Graduate School of Business
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Fieldwork placement

Jan. – February	Jessica Malpage & Karen Martin, students from University of Western Ontario undertaking a Masters in Occupational Therapy
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