



## 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 2017 WFOT extended the range of benefits 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 480,000 occupational therapists worldwide, including 95 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/thewfot](http://www.facebook.com/thewfot) has over 22,000 supporters and our twitter account has nearly 8000 followers @thewfot – both continue to grow daily.
- 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, Portuguese, 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;

-  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.
-  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.
-  Access the Occupational Therapy International Online Network (OTION) and closed forums via <http://otion.wfot.org/>
-  Receive online access to the twice-yearly issues of WFOT's international professional journal *WFOT Bulletin*.
-  Access previously published editions of the *WFOT Bulletin* dating back to 2004.
-  Receive WFOT's e-newsletter, published quarterly and sent direct to your inbox once you have registered on the WFOT website.
-  Receive 20% discount on all books produced by Wiley publishing.
-  Apply for WFOT's Thelma Cardwell Foundation Award for Research and Education.
-  Save over 50% off an annual MedBridge subscription, offering clinical education, patient education and home exercises by visiting <https://www.medbridgeeducation.com/wfot> or using promo code WFOT at checkout.

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

From January 2017, professional occupational therapists, student occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who are members of their national association and who are interested in becoming Individual Members of WFOT are able to do so through their national occupational therapy 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?**

To join WFOT as an Individual Member you should contact your national occupational therapy association.

The Membership Fee is paid directly to the national association who forward this on to WFOT.

A list of WFOT Member Organisations is located via this link

<http://www.wfot.org/Membership/MemberOrganisationsofWFOT.aspx>

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 are a member of the following national associations you will receive the benefits of Individual Membership without having to subscribe independently.**



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.