



ACOT 13th Biennial Scientific Conference

'Occupational Therapy in the Caribbean, 25 Years of Making Waves and Building Bridges'

Frequently Asked Questions - 1

What is Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists (ACOT)?

ACOT is a professional association comprising primarily of Occupational Therapists in the Caribbean region. OTs who practice outside of the Caribbean may join as Associate Members. ACOT was founded in 1991. Full membership therapists now practice in 5 countries - Barbados, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago. The objective of the association is to support professional development and facilitate networking among regional therapists. It also is an advocate for continued improvement of the delivery of Occupational Therapy services in the Caribbean despite limited resources.

What is the Conference about?

ACOT has been staging a Biennial Scientific Conference since 1992 with the aim of spreading awareness of Occupational Therapy practice and innovation within the Caribbean. Conferences are rotated through the islands where there are members. This year the Occupational Therapy Association of Jamaica (OTAJ) will host the 13th Biennial Conference – marking 25 years of conferences. The theme of the conference will be “Occupational Therapy in the Caribbean, 25 years of Making Waves and Building Bridges”.

When and where is the ACOT conference?

The conference will be held in beautiful New Kingston Jamaica at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel from November 2- 4 2017. There will however be a pre-conference activity on Wednesday morning November 1, 2017 of an ‘OT Blast’

What are the Conference events?

For details of the events click here [ACOT Conference Events](#)

What is the ‘OT Blast’

The OT Blast will be held as a pre-conference activity on November 1, 2017. The plan is to visit a (number) of paediatric centre(s) and offer free screenings to children with recommendations to families. The location of the centres is to be finalized and it will depend on the number of OTs responding. The allotted time will also depend on the location of the venues but it is proposed to be for 4 hours only. Please indicate your interest by emailing the conference planners at acotconference@gmail.com

Who will be the Keynote speaker?

The Keynote speaker will be World Federation of Occupational Therapy Vice President Sue Baptiste . Click here for profile [Sue Baptiste](#) .

What is the cost of the conference and what payment methods are available?

The cost of the conference is being finalized. ACOT members will pay a concessionary rate with their membership. Only cash payments (JMD & USD) will be accepted at the time of registration. Attendees are asked to indicate their intent to attend so that adequate arrangements may be made. Please contact us through email acotconference@gmail.com

What does the cost include?

The cost will include registration, lunch and breaks for each day. The optional social event will be priced separately.

Will there be items on sale?

There are plans to sell some souvenir items. Further details to be confirmed.

Call for Papers Criteria

For details click here [ACOT CALL FOR PAPERS](#)

Continue Education Units?

ACOT is investigating the accreditation of the conference to have continuing education units awarded by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and the British Occupational Therapy Association (BAOT). Once this is confirmed details will be provided. Application for CEUs will also be made to the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine (CPSM) in Jamaica. Further details will be provided as they become available.

Accommodation and Hospitality**Through which airport should I arrive?**

Jamaica has two main International Airports , Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) in Kingston and Donald Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay. NMIA is closer to the Conference venue. However, if you fly through Donald Sangster there are shuttle facilities available. Montego Bay is about 4 hours from Kingston. Click here for a shuttle facility [Knusford Express Shuttle Service](#)

Which hotels are located near the conference facility and what are their rates?

There are many hotels located close by the Conference facility, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. A few are listed in the table below. There will be a discounted group rate if 10 or more people book at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Please contact us at acotconference@gmail.com to be added to this list. For other hotels please contact them directly via their website. **Please be advised that charges are subject to change based on time of bookings, these rates are only to be used as a guide.**

Hotels	Single Occupancy Cost (USD)	Double Occupancy Cost (USD)	Website
Jamaica Pegasus Hotel	\$206.81	\$232.11	Jamaica Pegasus
Courtyard Marriott	\$308.14	\$308.14	Court Yard Marriott
Knutsford Court Hotel	\$160.86	\$173.51	Knusford Court Hotel
Courtleigh Hotel	\$250.68	\$263.33	Courtleigh hotels and Suites

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