

ACOT 13th Biennial Scientific Conference

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

Frequently Asked Questions –(Part 2)

What is the daily cost (November, 2 and 3, 2017) for the Conference?

Jamaica Resident Fees

Category	Price per day (conference material, coffee ,NO Lunch)	Price per day with Lunch
Allied Health Professional	\$ 2100.00 (Jamaican Dollars)	\$4550.00(Jamaican Dollars)
Student	\$ 500.00 (Jamaican Dollars)	

Caribbean and International Fees

CATEGORY	DAILY (Incls. conference material, coffee and lunch breaks)
Students and Retired OTs	\$35 (USD)
ACOT Member	\$60 (USD)
Presenter (Non ACOT Member)	\$70 (USD)
Non ACOT (Practicing in the Caribbean)	\$85 (USD)
Non ACOT member (Practicing outside of the Caribbean)	\$90 (USD)

WHAT ARE THE OTHER EVENTS AT THE CONFERENCE?

There are **4 extra-conference events** being planned for the ACOT 13th Biennial Conference

Events	Date	Cost	Who can attend
OT BLAST	November 1, 2017	FREE	Space for 15 OTs - Occupational Therapists must register as a volunteer with Council of Professions Supplementary to Medicine in Jamaica. (see OT BLAST below for details)
Public Lecture	CANCELLED		

Meet and Greet JAMAICA Night	November 2,2017	\$35(USD)	Open to all
Social Dinner	November 3, 2017	\$45 (USD)	Open to all
Business Meeting	November 4, 2017	FREE	ACOT members only

1.) OT BLAST

What is the OT Blast?

The OT Blast is an opportunity for OTs attending the conference to volunteer their expertise to paediatric clients in need of OT services. It is proposed that a temporary clinic will be set up in St Ann and children who have been identified by local social services, will visit the clinic to be screened and receive recommendations to address some of the problems triggered. The event will last for about 4 hours. A prepared screening document and hand-outs will be provided for the process. The screening document will suggest basic interventions which will facilitate its use **among practitioners who are not paediatric clinicians**. Transportation (*via bus approx. 2hrs*) and all materials will be provided. Lunch will also be provided.

How many persons can attend this event?

This event can only accommodate **15 persons** and each OT must register as a Volunteer with the Jamaican Regulatory body – Council of Professions Supplementary to Medicine. This is the registration form [Volunteer Application form](#) . If you are interested in this event kindly email us - acotconference@gmail.com.

When will I need to arrive for this event?

This event will take place in the morning of November 1, 2017, **one (1) day before** the start of the conference; therefore participants will need to be on the island by latest **October 31, 2017**.

How much does will the 'OT BLAST' cost?

There is no charge to participate in THE OT BLAST. Return trip transportation from Pegasus Hotel to St Ann's Bay (1.5 hours from Kingston) is also free. Lunch will be hosted at one of the hotels in St Ann. There will be an opportunity to have a swim in the Caribbean Sea!! All costs associated with Volunteer registration will also be covered by the organizers of the Event.

2. PUBLIC LECTURE

CANCELLED

3. MEET AND GREET JAMAICA NIGHT

The Meet and Greet JAMAICA night will be held under the theme 'Jamaica Jerk Night'. This event will be a chance to experience some Jamaican food and meet and greet with other Conference Attendees. It will be held at a private residence after the public lecture (5 minutes' drive) from 7-9pm. The **\$35 USD cost** will include transportation from the Conference Venue to Public Lecture to Meet and Greet then back to Conference Venue.

4. THE SOCIAL DINNER

The Social Dinner will take place in the evening of Friday, November 3, 2017 after Day 2 of the conference. The event will provide an opportunity to ‘*make waves*,’ socialize, dance and sample some more of Jamaica’s delectable cuisine. The event will **cost \$45 (USD)** and will cover food and a non-alcoholic drinks. There will be a cash bar. The cost will also include round trip transportation from conference facility to venue.

THE BIENNIAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The (BGM) Business meeting is open to ACOT members only and will be a ‘Breakfast meeting’ to elect the new officers, discuss reports and plot the way forward. The 4 hour meeting will be held at a local OT clinic. Tentative arrangements are being made for a Social excursion after the meeting for those who are interested. Further information will be provided.

Are there any special Accommodation rates at Conference Venue?

[The Jamaica Pegasus](#) which is the conference venue has provided 10 rooms at a special rate for conference attendees. The block code is **171101OCCU** and the booking must be done by **October 2, 2017**. Email us at acotconference@gmail.com to receive a copy of the reservation form.

What provisions will be made with persons with Disabilities attending the conference?

ACOT will be applying to AOTA to award CEUs for the conference. As part of this process, we are required to ensure that the conference is accessible to persons with disabilities, including persons with hearing impairments. As such there will be hearing interpreters at the conference. Do you require any special assistance? Please email us at acotconference@gmail.com so we can assist.

How can I register for the conference?

Pre –registration is required. Forms are available on the ACOT website www.caribbeanot.com .We ask that you scan and email acotconference@gmail.com the form back to us, we will communicate with you regarding payment.

