

WFOT News provides updates on recent events and activities of WFOT and our member and partner organisations. WFOT publishes News each month to meet your information needs.

WFOT Bulletin Submissions Suspended December 2022

The WFOT Council voted at the 2022 Council Meeting to discontinue the publication agreement with the current publisher, Taylor & Francis for the WFOT Bulletin after 2023. Advances in technology and new ways of communicating have enabled WFOT to consider alternate ways to meet the original aims of the Bulletin. Discontinuation of publishing with Taylor & Francis provides opportunity for WFOT to transition to other forms of communication that better meet the needs of the Federation and the occupational therapy community. As result of this decision, new submissions for publication in the Bulletin were suspended 1st December 2022.

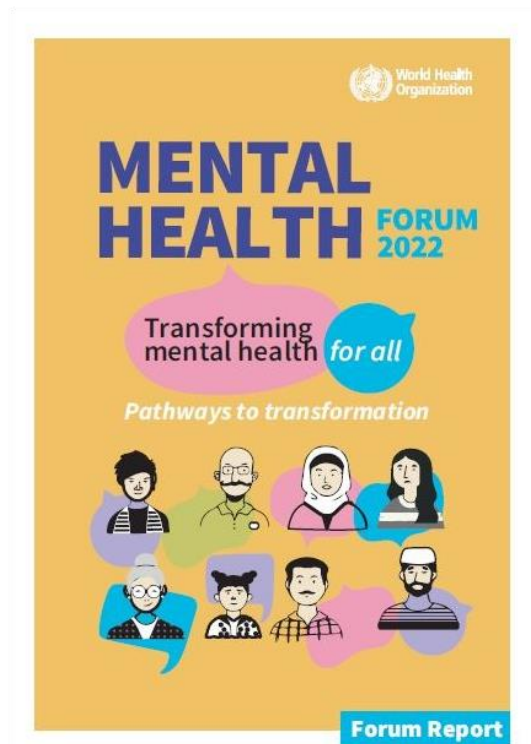
For more information, visit our Frequently Asked Questions about the WFOT Bulletin on the [WFOT website](#).

Joint Statement - No Universal Health Coverage without Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology

WFOT developed a joint statement with other international partners on the topic of Universal Health Coverage. The statement calls on leaders to reaffirm and enhance the recognition of rehabilitation and assistive technology as an essential part of Universal Health Coverage in the new political declaration that will be adopted at the United Nations' High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage in September 2023.

[Access Joint Statement](#)

New Resources Available from the World Health Organization (WHO)



A report is now available regarding the [2022 WHO Mental Health Forum](#), an event held annually to foster productive exchange and learning among a diverse group of stakeholders. The 2022 Forum focused on transformation for changing attitudes and deepening commitments towards mental health across the world and revitalizing mental health services and systems.

The newly released [WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities](#) documents evidence on health inequities faced by persons with disabilities, discusses contributing factors and makes evidence-based recommendations for country-level actions to address identified gaps.



News from WFOT Member Organisations

This month, news is available from the following member organisations:

[Argentina - Asociacion Argentina de Terapistas Ocupacionales](#)

[Australia - Occupational Therapy Australia](#)

[Canada – Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes](#)

[Japan - Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists](#)

[Jordan - Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy](#)

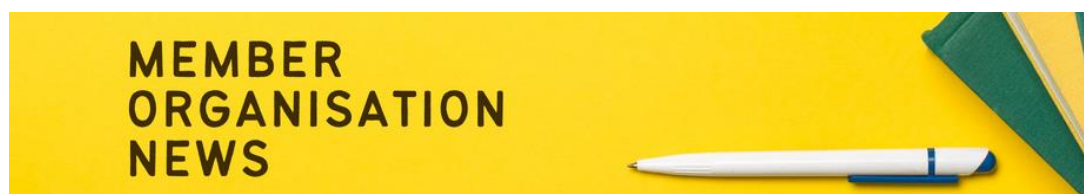
[Morocco - Occupational Therapy Association of Morocco](#)

[Portugal - Associacao Portuguesa de Terapeutas Ocupacionais](#)

[Rwanda - Rwanda Occupational Therapy Association](#)

[Spain - Consejo General de Colegios de Terapeutas Ocupacionales](#)

[Taiwan - Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association](#)



Opportunity - Assistive Technology Advisors

ATscale, the Global Partnership for Assistive Technology, is looking for experts for a roster of AT Advisors to provide independent input on issues pertaining to priority setting, the annual work plan, country engagements and global goods interventions. For more detail please see the [Vacancy Announcement](#).

Survey -Towards a Global Strategy to Improve Musculoskeletal Health

Research conducted by the Global Alliance for Musculoskeletal Health identified the under-prioritization of services for musculoskeletal health, despite being the global leading cause of pain, disability and health expenditures. WFOT was represented in the development of the publication [Towards a global strategy to improve musculoskeletal health](#) that outlines a blueprint for action.

A survey is now available to provide feedback regarding the blueprint. To provide your feedback, please use the link below in your preferred language:

[Arabic](#)

[Chinese – Simplified](#)

[English](#)

[Hindi](#)

[Portuguese - Brazilian](#)

[Spanish - Latin American](#)

[Swahili](#)