



Greetings everyone,

We are here with you with our fifth newsletter, we are happy to share our experiences, plans, and more with you in our new issue!

We hereby present to you the 5th version of our Student Newsletter.

- Word from the President

Dear SPOT community,

As the new President of SPOTEurope, I am very pleased to share these opening words with you.

The past few months have been busy as usual, with even more OT students joining our community, especially through the creation of new mini SPOTs and online events the SPOT board had been invited to join. Between the ENOTHE Annual Meeting in Spain, the first student lead SPOTinar, an active blog and exchanges between SPOT members and the Board, we are continuously planning behind the scenes to provide new international experiences for you.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to our yearlong board member Bruna, who most recently had the role of president. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication towards SPOTEurope and leading this board with so much passion for everything SPOT stands for.



- Word from the President

This year marks very special one for SPOTEurope - it is our 10-year anniversary! Thanks to your enthusiasm, engagement and awesome work in the mini SPOTs, as well as the support from ENOTHE, SPOT has continued to grow every year.

On behalf of the board, we are looking forward to an eventful year and hope to see many of view online or in person!

Best wishes

Kira Hanssmann

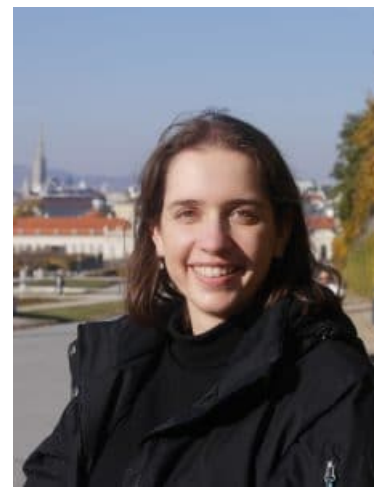
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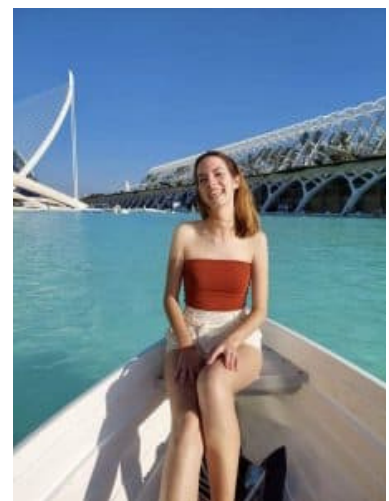
- Changes in the board

We would love to introduce to you our newest members and the changes we had inside the board:

Kira Hanssmann, our previous events coordinator, now continues her role as president of SPOTEurope



Angela Lumpert Palacios, our previous social media coordinator, currently holds her role as student board member



- Changes in the board

Katerina Tsanaktsi, joined the team and currently continues her role as social media coordinator.



- A bit of an insight

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The ENOTHE AM 2023 held in Oviedo was an incredible experience, filled with moments of knowledge, excitement, meeting new students, lecturers, and practitioners, as well as the opportunity to meet the board again. I was given the task of organizing the workshop alongside a group of students from Oviedo and, of course, the rest of the board. Around 160 students from many different countries took part in the Workshop: "Accessibility in public spaces- Asturias region". It enabled a connection between them and share different insights from other countries. Overall, I cherish that moment a lot, since it's the essence and main goal of SPOTEurope.

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-Outreach Coordinator



- MiniSPOTs, Sounding Board / representatives

Mini SPOT Nijmegen

Minispot Nijmegen attended the ENOTHE Annual Meeting in recent months and gained different networks from many parts of Europe. They are also currently in the process of forming a board to actively organize events. Their vision for this year is to create a nice and friendly environment where their students can chat and do activities about internationalization.

Mini SPOT Hacettepe

In the past months, they organized meetings with occupational therapists who are experts in their fields, where they shared their experiences abroad, and also held a meeting where they received information about Erasmus.

They organized various events and meetings to raise awareness about occupational therapy and held a book raffle and competition on October 27, as every year. They also continued to organize speaking clubs.

Now they are working to initiate pen pal activity and to ensure the continuity of meetings with occupational therapists to discuss their experiences abroad.



Mini SPOT Cyprus

They actively continue to present their profession, roles and experiences in occupational therapy to high school students and raise awareness. At the end of March, they are preparing for a marathon called "Running for Autism", which they will perform as a team. They are also very excited about their podcast themed "Occupational Therapy in Forensic Settings".

Mini SPOT HOGENT

Since February 2024, mini-SPOT HOGENT has brought out a newsletter each month. It is filled with interviews, evidence-based information or research, podcast recommendations, fun facts, important data, upcoming events, and so on. For now it's only published in Dutch, but they hope to have it published in English soon!



Mini SPOT Prague

With the start of 2024, some members of the team participated in the International Interprofessional Week @ FH Campus Wien in January. Their focus now is on preparing for the webinar about Occupational Therapy in Transgender Care, which is scheduled to be held on March 6 as a collaborative effort with the Czech Association of Occupational Therapists. In March, they look forward to a variety of university events, including "Doctors of Tomorrow," the "Půlení Mediků" party, and an event hosted by United International Medical Students.

Mini SPOT ESSLei

They have focused on being active on social media, with "OT Academic Life", and interacting with the students through there, so they reach a broader group. Simultaneously, they will start on a new project which is called "OT Work Life", as they will approach various fieldwork areas in the OT profession, raising more awareness as to what OT intervenes in. Very soon, they will have a webinar open to every student.

If you wish to know more about each event, it was all shared on their social media! Stay tuned for upcoming events from the mini SPOTs!



- SPOTinars

In these months we hosted SPOTinars and already planning for news ones:

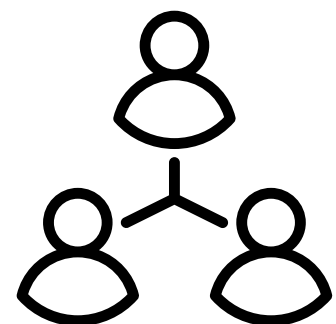
1- "ValTO An Occupational Therapy assessment " by Triana Gardey García, Pablo González Fernández, Irene González Solares, Carmen Haro Fernández and Ana Isla Real

We continue to plan future SPOTinars, stay tuned on social media and on our website for the latest updates!



- Promo Presentations

Throughout these months, we've conducted several promo presentations including the University of Salford ,with Austrian students, Euregio-day at PXL Hasselt, Ergotherapieschule LVR Klinik Düren, Zuyd University, and ESSA. These engagements have been invaluable for SPOTEurope, serving as opportunities to expand our networks while also fostering growth and innovation. As we look ahead, we're eager to continue organizing more promo presentations in the near future.



- ENOTHE in Person Meeting

As for the month of February, our Student Board Member Angela Lumpert Palacios attended the biyearly ENOTHE in-person meeting, held this time in Porto (Portugal) and hosted by the Escola Superior Saúde Santa Maria. During these meetings, Angela and other new additions to the ENOTHE board were able to further integrate themselves within said board through team-building activities, as well as specifically reaching her goal to facilitate effective communication between the ENOTHE and SPOT boards, and of course to ensure a collaborative perspective is taken between OT students and educators in the activities ENOTHE is currently involved in relation to the development of OT higher education.



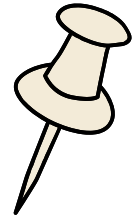
- ENOTHE Annual Meeting

We would like to share with you what a great pleasure it was for us to take part in the ENOTHE Annual Meeting. Our former president, Bruna Bastos, and event coordinator, Kira Hanssmann, took the role in presenting the student keynote titled "The role of OT students in higher education"

During the Annual Meeting, the completion of the collaborative workshop conducted jointly with Padre Ossó Faculty students was a great experience. We were happy to share that this event provided opportunities for knowledge exchange, skill development, and networking, fostering a sense of community within the occupational therapy field.



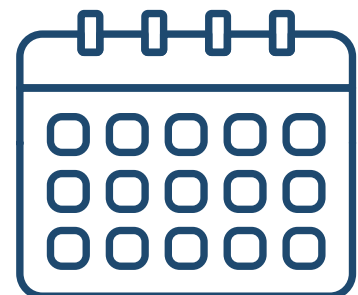
- Save the date



Dates in 2024

October 15th - Start of the 1st Occupational Therapy Europe Congress

If you want to know more about one or more events you can either visit our website via this link: <https://www.spoteurope.eu/events/> or by emailing our events coordinator at: events@spoteurope.eu



- Stay in touch

We always love to hear from you, so if you have any questions, information about local events or personal experiences that you would like to share, we are more than excited to receive your email. You can contact us by emailing us at these addresses:

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- Be a part of our community

You can always be a part of SPOTEurope by becoming a representative, creating a miniSPOT on your campus or becoming an international ambassador. For more information on how to do so, feel free to email our Outreach Coordinator (outreach@spoteurope.eu), Megan, who is more than happy to help you out!

- Further notes

We will be publishing our Newsletter twice a year. The next publication date is the 15th of September.

