



# AOS

## AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE

### Relevance

The further development of occupational science in Austria supports the quality assurance and further development of occupational therapy practice and contributes to the interdisciplinary, national and international scientific discourse, to the understanding of health, illness and disability as well as to the development of health care, the educational and social system and to an inclusive and participatory society (Ergotherapie Austria, 2013).

### Purpose

The "Austrian Association of Occupational Science" (AOS) aims at the promotion, establishment and interdisciplinary discussion of occupational science in Austria in order to accelerate the development of this scientific discipline in Austria. The association pursues non-profit purposes in the sense of the Federal Fiscal Code (BAO). The activities of AOS are therefore not aimed at profit, but to serve exclusively the promotion and establishment of occupational science in Austria.

### Aims

The "Austrian Association of Occupational Science" (AOS) pursues the following aims:

- the creation of a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between occupation, health, well-being and environment,
- to promote cooperation and exchange of information and ideas between occupational scientists, occupational therapists, professional representatives and members of related scientific disciplines at both national and international level,
- to strengthen the public perception of occupational science and to raise awareness of occupation and its importance among politicians and the general opinion, and
- thereby to enable effective, evidence-based, sustainable occupational therapy research and care service that is adapted to the needs and environment of clients and patients.

### Activities to achieve the aims

The aims of the society should be achieved through the following means:

- the identification, definition and implementation of measures for the promotion of occupational science in Austria in collaboration with Austrian occupational scientists, occupational therapists, professional representatives and members of related scientific disciplines,
- the representation of the interests of occupational science on a national as well as on an international level,
- the holding of lectures and meetings,
- the planning, organization and holding of events in different forms,
- the acquisition of third-party funding for the implementation of research and development projects,
- the communication of subject-specific information in any technically possible form and
- the granting of subsidies and awarding of prizes for specific scientific projects as well as publications within the framework and scope of § 40b BAO.