



**1<sup>st</sup> World Occupational Science Conference**  
**DATE CHANGE**  
**To August 25-27, 2022**

**Communication from:**  
**the *University of British Columbia Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy & the International Society for Occupational Science***

As we look ahead to welcoming the occupational science world to Vancouver, Canada, the extraordinary circumstances of the 2020 global pandemic have caused us to give important considerations to the possibility, safety, and comfort of world travel. After we, as WOSC co-sponsors, raised concerns amongst ourselves about hosting a conference in 2021, we consulted widely with our 9-member International Advisory Council, and numerous other occupational scientists around the world. The unanimous opinion was that 2021 is too soon to host a successful international conference due to uncertainty related to travel restrictions, quarantine requirements, health insurance, and individual comfort.

We want to ensure that our international colleagues are able to and feel comfortable travelling to Vancouver. We also want to give researchers, whose projects have been put on hold due to COVID-19, more time to complete studies that they want to share with an international audience. As such we have shifted our conference dates, and look forward with excitement to hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> World International Science Conference in Vancouver, at the Sheraton Wall Centre on

**August 25-27, 2022**  
(with August 24 reserved for pre-conference activities)

Our conference theme, *Occupational and Society: Global to Local Perspectives for the Future*, will remain the same. We welcome the many new perspectives the current and evolving world circumstances will bring to this theme.

Stay tuned! Updates will appear on our conference website <https://wosc.osot.ubc.ca/>. Look for more information on abstract submissions, registration, accommodation, and more beginning in the spring of 2021. Anyone with questions, requiring more information, or wishing to volunteer with the conference my contact us at [WOSC.2022@ubc.ca](mailto:WOSC.2022@ubc.ca).

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