Hundreds of occupational therapists recently gathered at the scenic Melbourne Cricket Grounds to attend the OT AUSTRALIA Victoria 2010 State Conference on November 12th and 13th.

The conference, themed “Transitions & Transformations: Developing Through Change”, provided therapists with the opportunity to listen to keynote and oral paper presentations, view poster displays, and attend workshop presentations; all of which focused on themes of ‘Occupation and Activity’, ‘Career and Leadership’, ‘Professional Practice Development’ and ‘Technology Transforming Lives’.

The Monash University Occupational Therapy Department was well represented at this conference, with both students and staff presenting oral presentations and poster displays. A highlight of the conference was the Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy at Monash University, Louise Farnworth’s, keynote address at the closing ceremony.

As a recently finished fourth year occupational therapy honours student, I was very humbled to have been selected to present my honours project as an oral paper presentation at the conference! This allowed me to share my research experiences and clinical findings of my honours project with the broader OT community, and will hopefully influence clinical practice in the future. This opportunity also enabled me to meet many influential occupational therapists, attend many presentations, and network with the broader occupational therapy community.

The Victorian conference was a wonderful success, and provided a great platform for the 2011 OT Australia National Conference on the Gold Coast.

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