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### Rose Martini

French Associate Editor of CJOT.

### Rose's story

'Proud' is the word that Rose uses to describe how she feels about her volunteer role as French Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy (CJOT). She explains, "I'm proud that I'm part of the team whose mission it is to improve the quality of a Canadian occupational therapy journal. In my role, I'm proud that I'm supporting French content in CJOT. I'm proud I'm playing a role in the peer-review process. And I'm doing it for 'OT' which is even more exciting for me."

Rose works with the CJOT editorial team, editor-in-chief, executive director and others to support the peer-review process for French manuscripts. She identifies peer reviewers, itemizes evaluations and makes decisions with respect to the status of the manuscripts submitted for publication in CJOT. Sometimes she's asked to write a short editorial as well. Through a series of meetings, often by Skype and once or twice a year in person, the group discusses the strategic direction of the journal, proposes topics for special issues and participates in the peer-review process - all with the aim to develop CJOT and continually improve its quality.

"I work with a pretty amazing team," Rose states.

Rose started as a reviewer, then was asked to join the editorial board, and now has volunteered as French associate editor since 2013. She enjoys meeting so many different people, interacting with researchers from across Canada, the States, and even internationally. It's especially about OT and the people. She says "I'm really impressed by the dedication, the hard work and the vision of the people I get to work with as associate editor. I find it very inspiring and I also find it very satisfying to see the results of the work, like when you see the manuscript published or the metrics of the journal going up."

Rose encourages others to consider volunteering and notes we always need more reviewers. She remarks that "being a reviewer will give them a sneak peek of the journals' publication process" and "give them the opportunity to have input into improving a piece of work, even reflect on their own work, and influence what OTs across Canada will read." Reviewers can set their own pace; the time commitment is flexible. It lets them "take baby steps" Rose says.

For Rose, "volunteering with CJOT has been, and continues to be, a wonderful, satisfying experience for me that I'd love to wish upon others."

CAOT thanks Rose Martini for sharing her volunteer story with us.

