Punta Arenas, Chile. Monday May 31st 2010.

**Post graduate workshop organized by the Occupational Therapy program.**

*Outstanding Australian Occupational Therapist teaches courses on occupational science, at the University of Magallanes, Chile.*

The outstanding Occupational Therapist, Dr. Alison Wicks, arrived in Punta Arenas to present a workshop organized by the Occupational Therapy at the University of Magallanes. The workshop was for academic staff and professionals in the fields of health and education. Students also attended.

Born in Australia, and internationally renowned by her research, community projects and academic contributions, Dr. Alison Wicks is an occupational therapist who is the Founding Director of the Australasian Occupational Science Centre at the University of Wollongong.

In the two day workshop, titled “Updates in Occupational Science: Methods of research and contextualization” she provided background information on the history of occupational science and the major exponents in the field. She also discussed various methodologies used to study occupation, the everyday things people do to occupy their time. She emphasised how knowledge and understanding gained from occupational science can be translated to improve professional practice.

The workshop was dynamic and interactive, with participants engaging in a series of group discussions and different learning activities.

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