

EMTC NEWSLETTER

Dear EMTC Country Representatives,

Our days in Würzburg in May were sunny, productive, inspiring and very germane. This annual **general assembly** was the largest in the history of the EMTC, with all countries, except for one, represented. This gave us a rich opportunity for exchange and mutual collaboration. Every minute of the days was used for constructive working or networking for music therapy at a European level. We want to thank each of the country representatives for their great enthusiasm and work for the EMTC. It indeed is a unique experience working together with all the different cultures and personalities towards a common goal. We also want to thank the German associations for planning the EMTC symposium and hosting the general assembly, and last but not least, personal and warm thanks to Melanie Voigt & Fritz, and Thomas Wosch for providing perfect surroundings for the meetings and events as well as the Franconian music and specialities.



We have attached the minutes from the general assembly so you have some nice reading for the summer break. There will be a lot of information to read through, so we ask you to do this carefully, and to pay special attention to the tasks and deadlines. Please let us know before **September 6, 2015** if you have any amendments to the minutes, so we can change this before we upload the minutes to the EMTC website.



As presented at the general assembly we are happy to see the number of members in the EMTC increasing steadily over the past five years. The number of member countries is also increasing, and we warmly welcome Croatia as a new member of the EMTC. We look forward to working with Ksenija Boric who is the elected country representative from Croatia.

Hosting the European Conference in 2019

At the General Assembly before the European conference in Vienna in 2016, there will be an election to approve who will serve as hosts for the European Music Therapy Conference 2019. Applications should follow to the Guidelines for hosting EMTC conferences (see <http://emtc-eu.com/downloads/>) and will be sent to all country representatives prior to the general assembly together with the agenda. The planning of this application needs to start in due time, and we therefore would like to receive letters of intent for hosting the 2019-conference before **October 1, 2015**.

Board election in 2016

In the process of rounding off our last year, we find it important to facilitate the process of electing a new core board. We see the trio as an essential part, and in Würzburg the process began with new people thinking about taking on these roles. It is good to start working now so the new groups can present their project in Vienna before we have a vote. The result of the vote will then be announced at the general assembly (GA) and at the conference. The positions become effective just after the GA.

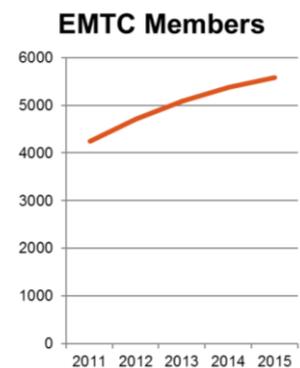
In the year to come the core board is working towards making the transition as smooth as possible, but if needed after the turn over, we will naturally be ready to answer questions and give advice. We know that several country representatives are seriously considering doing this work for the period 2016-2019, and we are pleased to see this willingness to take over the steering wheel. The seeds of ideas of taking over in the core board were planted during the GA, and we would like to hear from those where the seeds have started to grow. Please send us a mail before **August 10, 2015** stating intent for engaging as a trio or as a single person in the core board with the intention of standing up for the election in Vienna. This gives those involved plenty of time to prepare.

Website

The website group (North: Ingeborg Nebelung, Middle: Bettina Kande-Staehelin, South: Elide Scarlata) are busy working on updating country information (you have all received a mail with instructions for the update) and are planning a new web design, system and layout.

Paths of professional development

At the general assembly we presented the first test print of the special issue of *Approaches* 7(1) 2015; *Music Therapy in Europe: Paths of*





Professional Development. We look forward to launch the published version at the Nordic Music Therapy Congress in Oslo, August 5-8. We will use the opportunity to sell it for a reduced price. For this we would need an extra hand. Please send a mail to Hanne Mette (hanne@hum.aau.dk) if you are attending the conference and are willing to help with selling the publication. The online version will be accessible from the Approaches website:

<http://approaches.primarymusic.gr/approaches/content/view/13/29/lang,en/>

Short news

In UK they are celebrating the Music Therapy Week these days:

<http://www.bamt.org/music-therapy/music-therapy-week.html>

This week is dedicated to raising awareness about how music therapy can improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in communities. It can help people of any age who find it difficult to communicate verbally, due to a physical or cognitive disability, emotional distress or mental illness. This year's campaign will focus on the instrumental role music therapy has to play in supporting people with dementia and those who care for them.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BritishAssocMusicTherapy>

Twitter: @musictherapyuk #MTW2015 #musictherapy

Courses of interest (details can be found on BAMT site <http://www.bamt.org/>)

- Music Therapy with Children with Autism and Related Conditions: From Sensory to Symbolic Play, 27th June and 18th July, London.
(www.jacquelinezrobarts.com/courses/)
- ICRA and Music Therapy in Dementia conference, Friday 4th September, Anglia Ruskin University.
- Music Therapy Advances in Neuro-Disability II: Dialogues in neuroscience, research and clinical practice, 12-13th June, London.
- Integration and Individuation Arts Therapies in CAMHS, Friday 18th September, London.
- Music Therapy Assessment Tool for Awareness in Disorders of Consciousness (MATADOC) training. 3rd-5th November, London.

Finally, we wish you all a sunny and relaxing summer time, with the break starting soon in July for the Northern part of Europe and a bit later, in August, for Southern Europe.

With our best wishes,

Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando