Dear EMTC Country Representatives,

At our annual core board meeting in Brussels we met with the EMTC accountant, Mr. Martien, worked with Rut Wallius, the EMTR coordinator, and finalized more details about the coming General Assembly in Vienna in July 2016 which you may read about in this March newsletter.

European Music Therapy Congress in Vienna
The upcoming congress in Vienna (July 5-9) seems to burst all previous dimensions. There are so many highly qualified contributions that in order to make room for these presentations and workshops, there will be simultaneous presentation in 11 rooms over 3 ½ days. This means there is a need for 77 session chairs! We have attached the chair guidelines, and hereby forward an invitation to all Country Representatives, who are attending the congress, to act as session chairs. If you are willing to do so, please send a mail now (or by the latest May 1st) to the congress organizers: fitzthum@aon.at with Cc to vorsitz@oebm.org and Stegemann@mdw.ac.at

We assume that by now most of you have registered for the Congress and benefited from the early-bird registration fee (before March 1st). For those of you who still need to register, please find information here http://www.emtc2016.at/#registration.

General Assembly in Vienna
The EMTC General Assembly will take place just before the congress from July 4-5 and with our Eloquent and Extraordinarily Effective host team: Elena Fitzthum, Elisabeth Kaczynski, Eva Phan Quoc. You have already in the email from December 20 2015 been informed that we will stay at Hotel Magdas, however we have a few corrections to the time schedule. After a meeting with the Sales Manager next Monday Elisabeth and Eva will send out a registration form to all country representatives where they will ask about duration of stay, accompanying family and so forth.

The GA will start Monday July 4 at 3 p.m. We will continue Tuesday July 5 from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. so we can go together to the Opening Ceremony of the congress at 6 p.m. Thus, you need to organize your travel plans carefully to arrive on time on Monday to be present for the meeting at 3 p.m. At the General Assembly, many important votes will take place and therefore we have fixed deadlines that need to be met well before July.

1) Proposition for new Core Board: Deadline April 15, 2016
The process for selecting a new Core Board is as follows: Members have already for a longer period been
discussion and networking together, in order to develop a proposal for one (or more) new Core Board(s). The election is for a “triumvirate” and not for individual positions. The trio will send a short presentation of the group and their aims and visions to be included in the GA agenda and the vote will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

2) Nominations for the EMTC Award: Deadline April 15, 2016
Since 2004, the EMTC have awarded a person who has made a unique contribution to European Music Therapy. Who do you suggest as nominee to be awarded in Vienna 2016? Please mail the name of a candidate and a nomination text to Adrienne (adrilerner@wanadoo.fr). For inspiration, see the nomination text from 2013 (http://emtc-eu.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/EMTC-award-2013.pdf). Previous awardees are: Tony Wigram, 2004; David Aldridge, 2007; Chava Sekeles, 2010; Gro Trondalen & Brynjulf Stige.

3) Applications for hosting the EMTC 2017 General Assembly: Deadline April 15 2016
During the years, EMTC networking meetings, pre-conferences and later, official General Assemblies have been organized and hosted all over Europe. In Vienna we will vote for the host country for the EMTC GA in 2017. If your country is willing to host the General Assembly, we must receive a clear proposal with a detailed provisional budget that covers the necessary expenses (accommodation, meals, meeting facilities and equipment). You may cover the cost by arranging a symposium in relation to the GA, where the country representatives are willing to present or teach for free.

Accommodation
- 2 nights’ accommodations for all Country Representatives (only one night when the GA is before a conference). The additional cost for a requested single room is paid by yourself
- 1 supplementary night’s accommodations for the Regional Coordinators (3 persons)
- 1 (or 2) supplementary night’s accommodations for the for Core Board (depending on travel possibilities)
- (Arrangement of 1 supplementary night's accommodations for the members of the EMTR Commission (3-7 persons). The costs are covered by the EMTR budget)

Meals
- All meals during the stay: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks (except for EMTR dinner)

Meeting rooms and equipment
- Meeting room for 32 persons and 2 smaller rooms for working group meetings and regional meetings
- Computer equipment: beamer, internet connection, photocopier, paper board

EMTC networking meetings, pre-conferences and official
General Assemblies since 1998:
1998: Belgium, Leuven
1999: US, Washington DC
2000: Israel, Ma-ale Hahamisha
2001: Italy, Naples
2002: UK, Oxford,
2003: Switzerland, Meielisalp
2004: Finland, Juväskulä
2005: Italy, Bologna
2006: Spain, Vitoria
2007: Netherlands, Eindhoven
2008: France, Nantes
2009: Austria, Vienna
2010: Spain, Cadiz
2011: Austria, Vienna
2012: Estonia, Tallinn
2013: Norway, Oslo
2014: Luxembourg, Luxembourg
2015: Germany, Würzburg
2016: Austria, Vienna
2017: ?

4) Applications for hosting the European Music Therapy Conference 2019 including General Assembly 2019: Deadline April 15 2016

It takes time to organize a European conference and we therefore need to find the host country already at the EMTC16 in Vienna. The board has received two statements of intent; one that surely will apply, and one country that seriously considers applying now or for the conference in 2022. Please visit the EMTC website for more information: http://emtc-eu.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/EMTC-guidelines-conferences-20151.pdf

Membership news

Last year Israel returned to the EMTC as an observing member after a break of five years with no Israeli delegate. This was the peak of a process that took place in collaboration between the Israeli association for Creative and Expressive Therapies (known as Yahat) and the heads of the four training programs for music therapy, and concluded in nominating Tali Gottfried as the country representative. Tali Gottfried is happy and excited to report back about the importance of belonging to a professional community striving towards establishing high clinical and ethical standards for music therapy practice, and about the warm welcome she has received from all the delegates during the annual meeting in Würzburg last May. She finds that celebrating the two EMTC Days in 2014 and 2015 and raising the awareness regarding the EMTC in the conferences held in Israel, established the feeling of belonging among the Israeli music therapy community. We are therefore happy to announce that the since January 2016 Israel is a full member in the EMTC, and we are looking forward to our mutual professional journey!

Warmly,
Hanne Mette, Adrienne, and Ferdinando

▲ CB selfie with accountant Mr Martin
► We were a little sad when realizing that this was indeed our last annual core board meeting. With this picture we challenge the new core board (that will be elected in July) to find this place in Brussels. (Call, or send a mail, and we will give you hints and guidance! - Also for other questions that may arise!!)