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## EMTC NEWSLETTER

Dear EMTC Country Representatives,

We have drafted this newsletter in Brussels, where we had our annual meeting with our accountant Mr. Martien, a Core Board meeting preparatory to the General Assembly in May as well as a meeting with Rut Wallius, the EMTR coordinator. The meeting with Rut was very useful as we had many things to discuss regarding the EMTR registration process.

### General Assembly 2015

The organizing committee in Germany is busily preparing our next General Assembly in Würzburg taking place from May 15-17, 2015. For the first time, all delegates except one will be attending and we look forward very much to seeing you all. In addition to the 26 Country Representatives and the 3 Core Board members, we look forward to welcoming 3 new Country representatives; Teodossi Tzinguilev (Bulgaria), Antonia Hadjiefthychiou (Cyprus) and Tali Gottfried (Israel).

### Updates from the regions

We are also very happy to welcome a new country to the EMTC: Croatia, who will be represented by Ana Katušić. After many years as the country representative from Bulgaria, Liliya Ahtarova is now replaced by Teodossi Teodossi, whom many of you have already met at previous General Assemblies. Antonia Hadjiefthychiou has been elected to replace Magda Papadopoulou-Kantaris from Cyprus. We thank both Liliya and Magda for their active participation and contributions to the EMTC. Israel has decided to renew their membership of the EMTC as an observing member, as specified in the EMTC statutes.

### Hosting the GA in 2017?

As announced at the GA in Luxembourg, we want to hear from those countries who are interested in hosting the GA in 2017. We therefore ask you to mail us a statement of intent if your country is working towards being a host country. The deadline for this is **May 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**. The actual vote will take place at the GA in 2106 (Vienna) but for the preparation of the GA, it is helpful to know already the countries that are willing to host. Shortly before the European conference in Vienna we will need a full proposal for presentation during the GA.

### Membership associations

The dead line for paying the 2015 EMTC membership fee was **January 31, 2015** and we highly appreciate that all (almost) CRs have paid their dues. As the membership fee is one Euro (1€) per professional member of each association, this gives us a clear overview of how many members we have in each of the associations. This information will very soon be updated at the EMTC webpage with the list of member associations: <http://emtc-eu.com/member-associations/>. In this way we have easy access to information about who are members of the EMTC.

### Country representative biography

There is often a need to have some background information about each country representative and this information is missing from the EMTC website e.g. when organising a symposium like the one in Würzburg. We will therefore upload the short biography that all of you included for the Approaches special issue. We

will upload this information on March 30 but if you any objection or have updates or corrections to your biography, please let us know in advance.

### **The European Music Therapy Conference 2016**

After one month holidays in February, the Viennese team continues now the organisation for the European Conference in 2016. Dr. Elena Fitzthum writes that “the moment when the Vice-director of our University showed us our congress rooms was wonderful!”. The conference organizers want to follow a concept of dialogue-sessions instead of keynote-speakers and they have put together a wonderful combination of representatives from other professions and well known music therapists. Stay updated by visiting the website: <http://www.emtc2016.at/>

### **The Special Edition of Approaches**

For the Special Edition of Approaches, where we present a whole range of perspectives on paths of professional development in Europe, the review process is now finished for most papers. We look forward to present a rich material on the music therapy profession in early summer 2015.



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In summer 2015, *Approaches* – in collaboration with the EMTC – will publish a special issue on

### **Meeting with the EMTC accountant**

Before you receive the full financial statement from Ferdinando, we just want to inform you that M. Martien, our accountant is very pleased with the state of the books. The financial reporting by Ferdinando Suvini, treasurer, is perfect and every expense and credit appears clearly in the accounting books. M Martiens continues to stock all invoices and accounting books at his office and these are available for consulting at any time.

### **Website**

If you are interested in the history of the EMTC, please have a look at the website where you will find all the former minutes from the general assemblies over the years. Other material from our archive at the former SharePoint is now also updated on the website: <http://emtc-eu.com/downloads/>

With our best wishes,  
*Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando*