



March 17, 2013

Dear Country Representatives,

As planned, we are pleased to send you the March Newsletter with the update of EMTC news, and most important with a reminder of the news you have received from Kerstin and the Norwegian organizing committee for the upcoming General Assembly (GA) and the EMTC European Congress taking place in Oslo in August (www.musikkterapi.no/emtc2013).

Hopefully, all of you have already registered for the Conference as the early-bird registration deadline was March 15, 2013 (3600 NOK/490 EUR). For those of you who still need to register, the registration fee has now increased to 4400 NOK until 15th May, and 5000 NOK from 16th May.

The registration fee includes:

- Participation fee
- Conference materials
- Dinner (Wednesday), lunch (Thursday, Friday and Saturday), coffee and tea breaks all days and gala dinner on Saturday.

Complete information is posted on the Conference Web Site, and you can also now see the announcement of the keynote speakers! Please forward a reminder with the link and information to all colleagues in your country.

The scientific committee is presently processing the more than 240 proposals received, and those of you who have submitted an abstract should be receiving an answer shortly.

As a reminder, we insert below a copy of the mail you received from Kerstin on March 9, 2013. This mail concerns your presence at the **EMTC General Assembly** and it is important to read it carefully.

The Norwegian Association of Music Therapy welcomes you for EMTC General Assembly 2013.

You will get details for the program and form for registration on this link:

<http://www.musikkterapi.no/genrealassembly>

We would appreciate if you can complete your registration within 15th of April.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me on kd@erdal@online.no or our daily leader

Kristian on: info@musikkterapi.no.

The hotel you will stay on is the Conference hotel:

The conference hotel is Thon Hotel Gyldenløve. Thon Hotel Gyldenløve is centrally situated by the best shopping street in Oslo, Bogstadveien.

You can find more information on this link:

<http://www.musikkterapi.no/emtc2013/accommodation/>

We hope to see all of you in Oslo in August

Kerstin Dyblie Erdal

CR, Norway



The schedule set for the meetings planned before the conference is posted on <http://www.musikkterapi.no/genrealassembly>. For the Country Representatives the meetings start on **Tuesday, August 6 at 15.30**. If you arrive in Oslo already on Monday, you are welcome to join the board and the EMTR commission members at a dinner in Oslo, but this will be on your own costs.

Many important votes will take place at the EMTC General Assembly and therefore, there are deadlines that need to be met well before your arrival in Oslo. Please note carefully the dates we have listed below and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

1) Nominations for the EMTC Award: Deadline May 31, 2013

Previous awardees are: Tony Wigram, 2004; David Aldridge, 2007; Chava Sekeles, 2010. In order to be awarded, the candidate must have given a unique contribution to European Music Therapy. Please mail the name of a candidate and a nomination text to Adrienne.

2) Applications for hosting the EMTC 2014 General Assembly: Deadline May 31, 2013

Your proposal must assure the following meals, accommodations and meeting facilities:

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

- 2 nights' accommodations for all Country Delegates (26 delegates). The additional cost for a requested single room is paid by the Delegate
- 1 supplementary night's accommodations for the members of the EMTR Commission and the Regional Coordinators (7 persons)
- 3-4 nights' accommodations for Core Board (depending on travel possibilities)

MEALS

- All meals during the stay: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks

MEETING ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

- Meeting room for 30 persons and 2 smaller rooms for working group meetings and regional meetings
- Computer equipment: beamer, internet connection, photocopier, paper board

3) Proposition for new Core Board: Deadline May 31, 2013

The process for selecting a new Core Board is as follows: Members should discuss and network together, and develop a proposal for a new Core Board. The election is for a "triumvirate" and not for individual positions.

4) Vote for Regional Coordinators will take place during the GA

There is no deadline, but you need to think about who you feel is best suited for this position.

Important in order to vote at the GA,

- Each delegate must make sure that his/her election form is signed by the national association and is up to date (valid 3 years from election). Please, find the CR election form attached.
- If a new Country Representative is elected, Regional Coordinator and Core Board must be informed before **May 31, 2013**.
- Membership dues must be paid. Deadline is **May 31, 2013**. Countries with fewer than 20 members and who wish to pay their dues in cash directly to Ferdinando at the Oslo GA, **MUST** inform Ferdinando before **May 1, 2013**.

And now for some general information:

As you know, since our election, the Core Board has travelled annually to Brussels to meet with the EMTC accountant, M. Martien, and to work together on the issues that have arisen over the past year, as well as to plan the General Assembly. The meeting this year took place from February 21st to February 23rd.

The accounts are in order and Ferdinando will include the complete financial report with the official invitation to the General Assembly (to be sent).

During the meeting, we had a rich Skype conference with Rut. This exchange will certainly facilitate the work of the EMTR in Oslo.

A proposition has been submitted to the Oslo Committee for a roundtable discussing registration and what it means to be a qualified credentialed music therapists.

We are working on clarifying some confusions that exist in the bylaws and we will send you our modified version to be read and then to be voted at the GA.

If you want to see some wonderful pictures, go to the SharePoint and see Ranka's photos taken during the GA at Tallinn. You will find them in the file "Pictures".

The finalized and approved minutes from Tallinn are now posted on the EMTC Website.

We realize that several country reports are not up to date and in addition have quite different formats from country to country. We are now working on setting up a format for the country information on the website that we will mail to you soon. For the information on country representatives (<http://emtc-eu.com/delegates-bis/>) we also need updating. Please check if information is correct and your photo is there, and send any modifications to Søren or to Kerstin.

Groundhog Day this year was February 2nd. When it appeared, there was no shadow, so according to folklore, Spring is just around the corner!



So we send you our very best Spring wishes and we look forward eagerly to hearing from you, either directly by e-mail, or on the SharePoint.

Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando