

September 30, 2012

Dear EMTC Country Representatives,

Summer holidays are over and leaves are starting to fall off the trees. We are back to work and happy to send you the EMTC fall newsletter that includes feedback from our Core Board Skype telephone conference last week as well as the finalized minutes from the General Assembly in Tallinn. These minutes are attached to this mail, and are already posted on the SharePoint.

It is time to think about travel plans for August 2013. Remember that The EMTC European Congress in Oslo takes place from **August 7–10, 2013**. Our annual EMTC General Assembly will as usual be scheduled before the conference. Below are our suggestions for the time schedule that we have proposed to Kerstin and the local organizing committee, as well as a screen shot of the beautiful conference website:

Sunday Aug. 4

19:00: Core Board meeting

Monday, Aug. 5

9:00-14:00: Core Board meeting

15:00-18:00: Board meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 6

9:00-16:00: EMTR meeting

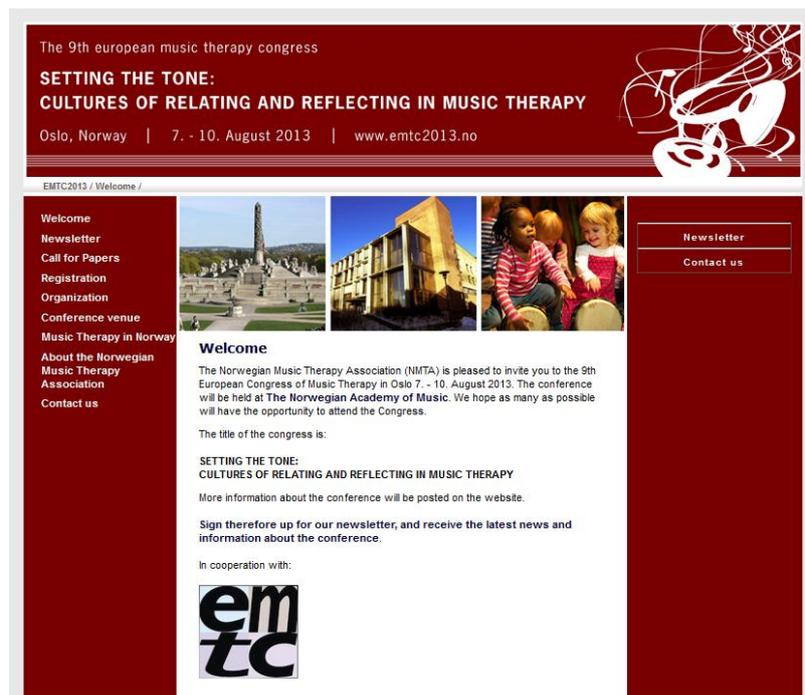
17:00-19:00: General Assembly

19:00: GA, dinner

Wednesday, Aug. 7

9:00-16:00: General Assembly

(... depending on the time for the opening ceremony)



There is now a link from the EMTC website to the Oslo Conference. Click the "News" button, and you will be directed to: <http://www.musikkterapi.no/emtc2013>. The call for papers has been posted with a deadline January 15th 2013. Do remember to forward the information on the European Music Therapy Congress to your national organizations!

The updating of the EMTC web site is an ongoing concern and these days Kerstin and Søren are busy with updating those issues we discussed at the GA in Tallinn. As some of you have already discovered, there is a



new MUSIC THERAPY RESEARCH button on the EMTC website that provides information about the doctoral programs that exist in Europe as well as a link to all the Cochrane Reviews for music therapy. All country representatives may complete this information by sending additions to Søren and Kerstin.

A complete history of the EMTC is also on its way to the WebSite. We have revised a short history of the EMTC with the help from Monika Noecker-Ribaupierre, and we ask any of you who have photos from past EMTC events to send these to Adrienne with a short text, for a further composition of a pictorial history of the EMTC.

The SharePoint functioning is independent from the EMTC Website and is reserved for EMTC members <http://members.mt-sharepoint.com/emtc/default.aspx>. Pieter is still responsible for the functioning of the share point and it is he who attributes the personal codes that you have received either at the GA or from your Regional Coordinator. Changing of the code is complicated but Pieter has made it possible for all EMTC members to take part in the discussion boards at our SharePoint. We again encourage you to actively consult and use this tool. As an example you can enjoy the pictures from the GA in Tallinn in the folder: **EMTC Pictures**. – and you are welcome to upload your own Tallinn-pictures here to share with the rest of us!

Several delegates have requested an EMTC letter for political support in their national efforts for recognition of the profession. As we stated in Tallinn, the EMTC cannot interfere with internal politics in European countries but fully supports the efforts of member countries to obtain government recognition of the profession. We therefore encourage delegates to consult and use the EMTC Website as a reference for information concerning the profession, training programs and the EMTR. We shall work on preparing a very general statement that will include the definition of music therapy and the necessity of a high university level of training for professional practice.

As in the previous two years the core board will have a meeting with our accountant Mr. Martien in Brussels in February. This will also give us time to plan the details for our GA in Oslo, to work through the operational doc.s from the SharePoint, and evaluate all the new material that we hopefully will have on our EMTC website. But if you have suggestions and reminders for topics we need to work out, you are welcome to send us an email.

Very warm wishes from the Core Board to all of you,

Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando

