



December 16, 2011

Dear Country Representatives,

The year 2011 is drawing rapidly to a close and the three of us would like to take the opportunity to send you all our sincere wishes for a promising and fulfilling New Year.

We would also like to share with you our recent professional news. The most exciting news is that Hanne Mette has been appointed Professor of Music Therapy at the University of Aalborg in the Chair that was previously held by Tony Wigram. This is an honor and exciting news for music therapists in Europe. Ferdinando has established new links for collaboration with the Institute of Neurosciences of Florence and Adrienne has received funding from the Foundation de France for a research project to evaluate the biopsychosocial paradigm for children with sickle cell anemia.

EMTC Web-site and Share Point

The SharePoint could be used by all delegates to share this type of professional information. On the EMTC website at the very bottom of the site with *Delegates* you will find the link to the SharePoint, or you can use this direct link: <http://members.mt-sharepoint.com/emtc/default.aspx>. Since its creation there has been very little use of the SharePoint, but Pieter continues to assure the administration and we hope that it will indeed become a real center for sharing information.

As you all know by now, our Web Administrator, Philippe Lecocq has succeeded in creating the new template for the EMTC Website. The new template allows for a simpler more direct administration and our web masters, Søren and Kerstin, have been working closely with Philippe to update text and eliminate any bugs.

Pieter van den Berg has decided to retire from his EMTC webmaster work since the new site is set up in a very different system than previously. We cannot thank him enough for the fantastic work he has done for the EMTC. The setting up of the original website has been done in the most professional way and this made the move to the newer system much easier.

We ask each delegate to have a look at the site (<http://emtc-eu.com/>) and send us feedback with any constructive ideas you may have. We would also like you all to check your country reports as some updates and photos seem to have gone missing during the move. Send this information to our new webmasters Søren (hald@hum.aau.dk) and Kerstin (kd.erdal@online.no).

EMTC General Assemblée Tallin 2012

The year 2012 is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking seriously about reserving tickets for traveling to Tallinn for the General Assembly in May. Alice Pehk and the organizing committee will be sending you an update soon on the plans for the General Assembly.

The tentative agenda is set. The General Assembly begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 2nd and ends at 12:30 on Sunday June 3rd. The Symposium takes place on Friday June 1st and the EMTR Commission on Friday June 1st from 14:00-17:00. As in Vienna, some overlap is unavoidable. We will work on finalizing the Agenda in February and include it in the next Newsletter.



We include these fantastic photos of Tallinn to whet your appetite.

EMTC Norwegian 2013 Conference

We share with you the information Kerstin has sent about the next European Conference. The conference, organized by the Norwegian Music Therapy Association, will be held in

Oslo: August 7-11, 2013

The website for the conference will be ready early 2012: <http://www.musikkterapi.no/english>

Congress Committee:

Brynjulf Stige (chair)

Gro Trondalen (head of scientific committee)

Kristian Ulyses Andaur (head of administration and organization)

Kerstin Dyblie Erdal (head of social committee)

Nordic Music Therapy 2012 Conference

We include the link for information concerning the Nordic Music Therapy Congress in June 2012 as you have already received mail about this important event: www.nmtc2012.fi

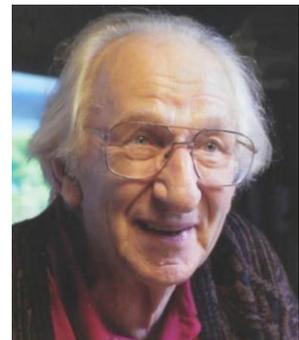
EMTC 2016 Conference

Reminder: the deadline for submitting a proposal for hosting the European Conference in 2016 is April 30 in order to vote at the General Assembly in Tallinn.

Clive Robbins

We want to share with you our warmest thoughts and memories of the pioneer music therapist, teacher and founding director of the Nordoff-Robbins Center for Music Therapy, Clive Robbins, who has inspired music therapists all over the world and has develop the music therapy field with his amazing work. Clive Robbins passed away Wednesday, December 7th. For the obituary from Nordoff-Robbins UK read here:

<http://www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk/news/memori-am-clive-robbins-1927-2011>



And to conclude, we send you our very warmest holiday greetings,

Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando

