



September 17, 2011

Dear Country Representatives,

We hope that you all had fulfilling and restful summer holidays in spite of the difficult moments we all experienced on the European and World scenes.

We held our first “back to work” Skype telephone conference in the first week of September, and have enthusiastically picked up the EMTC matters that need to be dealt with over the next few months.

First, a reminder for planning your 2012 Agenda: **the 2012 EMTC General Assembly will take place in Tallinn, Estonia (May 31 - June 3, 2012)**. Below you can see the preliminary time schedule Alice Pehk has sent to us, but her team will soon be contacting you directly with more details:

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Board meeting

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Board and EMTR Commission meeting + Symposium

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: General Assembly

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: General Assembly (morning) + optional excursion in the afternoon

We also need to start thinking seriously about the **2016 European Music Therapy Conference (EMTC)**. Any country interested in hosting must submit their project PRIOR TO THE 2012 General Assembly in Tallinn. We have set the deadline **for April 30, 2012** in order to allow the Board time to study the projects carefully before the general assembly. A vote to determine the country to host the Conference will be held at the 2012 general assembly to avoid the complications of on-line voting.

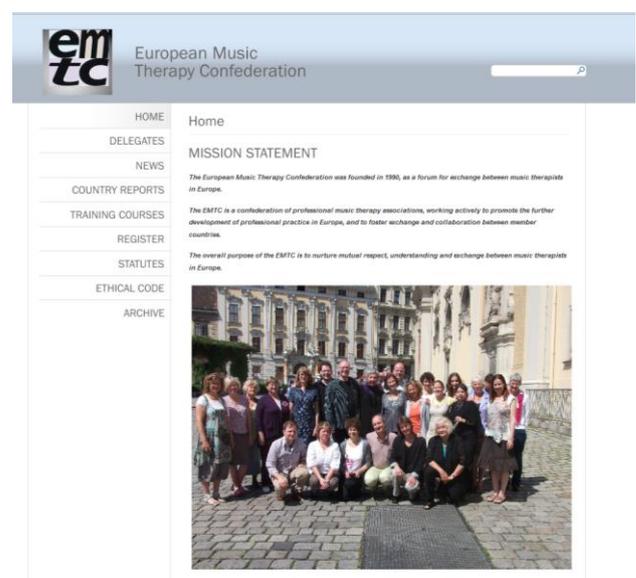
We have included the **Guidelines for Hosting the European Conference** in the attachment and they will also be posted on the EMTC Web site and on the SharePoint.

We shall send you the exact dates for the **2013 European Music Therapy Conference (EMTC)** taking place in Oslo, Norway in the next Newsletter.

### EMTC Web Site →

Work has continued over the summer with Philippe Lecocq to finalize the new EMTC web site and to train the delegates working on the site. The last details were discussed in a recent conference call between Søren Hald, Hanne Mette and Philippe Lecocq.

The new EMTC Web site is using WordPress



(<http://www.wordpress-template.com>) template that will allow for interactivity and being less dependent on one person. Philippe Lecocq, a professional ([philippe@studiocassette.com](mailto:philippe@studiocassette.com)) will have a contract with the EMTC as our official Webmaster for any daily contacts or trouble shooting.

Pieter Van den Berk will carry on to act as a consultant webmaster and be responsible for the SharePoint. We are all very grateful to Pieter for the work he has done in the past for the web site and for his support of the EMTC.

Before the end of September, we should be able to announce that this important work is completed and that the new EMTC site is functional.

### Updates

The EMTC has received an application to the EMTC from Cyprus that is pending. Once all the qualifications are met, Cyprus will be able to have full member status at the EMTC.

Marketa has written about the new member association in the Czech Republic, the CZMTA Czech Music Therapy Association. She tells us that this association is “now comprised by almost all active music therapists from Czech Republic”.

Our accountant in Belgium, Mr. Martiens, has informed us that the 2010 EMTC accounts are in order and he has sent our file to the Belgium tax authorities before the September 15 deadline, as required by Belgium law.



Ruth (Sweden), Patricia (Spain), Søren (Denmark) and Hanne Mette attended the 13. World Conference in Music Therapy in Seoul in July. The conference was very well organized and with many interesting papers of high quality. There were 1347 participants from 45 countries so this was the largest number of participants at a music therapy conference ever. Hanne Mette was invited to speak at one of the spot light sessions about music therapy and older adults. Each day started with a spotlight session with four speakers. Four European music therapists were invited to

speak, so Europe was well represented. The other three were Gro Trondalen (Norway), Melissa Broton (Spain) and Gerhard Tucek (Austria). You will find video from the conference at [http://www.wfmt.info/WFMT/Education\\_Center.html](http://www.wfmt.info/WFMT/Education_Center.html). Hanne Mette found Korea a wonderful country with talented and motivated therapists, and look forward to the next world conference though it is still unclear where it will be. If your country wants to host a world conference in 2014 or 2017 the calling for proposals is extended to October 31, 2011 ([www.wfmt.info](http://www.wfmt.info)).



*Korea 2011*

Tony Wigram's absence is still keenly felt in Aalborg. In commemoration of his death, the University is planning a reminiscence seminar on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Aalborg. Please forward the invitation to this seminar to those colleagues and organizations in your country that you know might consider attending. When you click this link you will download the invitation: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/980727/MusicTherapy/Tony%20Seminar.%20%5B2%5D.pdf> and you can also find it at our SharePoint.

We actually see that still very few of you consult the SharePoint site. We encourage you all to open regularly the SharePoint as well as the EMTC Web Site, and of course to continue your active exchanges using e-mail.

For you information Esa and Finland is hosting a Nordic Music Therapy Congress in June 2012: <http://www.nmtc2012.fi/>

With warm greetings,  
Hanne Mette, Adrienne and Ferdinando