



2019

## Year in Review

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Dear Members, dear Board Members, dear Friends of Conductive Education!

The ECA works together with other world-wide existing conductive organisations to create awareness for Conductive Education. We exchange, compare organisations and local funding possibilities, network and strengthen one another to spread Conductive Education. Our overall goal is to give access to Conductive Education to people with disability in the entire world and to create an unmistakable term to identify Conductive Education.

Another successful year for Conductive Education is coming to an end; let me take you back to review our common achievements this year in aid of strengthening and furthering Conductive Education.

To save money we avoided meeting in person this year. Hence, we got together for three *online* board meetings, joined by the Semmelweis University PAF. After a difficult start, the connection works perfectly fine by now.

In our last online meeting we started to prepare the ECAs presence at the 10<sup>th</sup> (!) World Congress for Conductive Education, which will take place in May 2020. Despite other tasks during the WCCE, the ECA will be present with an information desk and roll-up with public relation material. The ECA desk will be open during the entire days of the conference.

**Please come and visit us – we love to get to know you!!!**

Some of our ECA board members will actively be involved in the WCCE, either as organiser or lecturers. The world congress will be another possibility to meet new faces and find out about new CE organisation. New acquisitions of members and exchange will be our focus.

We managed to intensify our relationship to our conductive partner ACENA and worked out plans for a closer collaboration of our continents. Also the subject parent surveys as well as building committees, to get more work done, were part of our subjects.

In terms of acquisition, we have come two steps closer and were able to welcome Israel as well as Norway as new members of ECA. We are very delighted, thank you for joining us!

A huge strategic goal could be realised this year: The Website of ECA has completely been rebuilt and we are happy to let you know that it is also barrier-free, which means even blind people can 'read' (*listen to*) it, come and visit us at: [www.european-conductive-association.org](http://www.european-conductive-association.org). On our website you can find further information on our goals, activities and

projects, as well as an annual CE calendar, which should help not to miss an event, help us to keep it up-to-date! We are happy to display further photos or articles from your institutions, to illustrate the site and make it more attractive and even more to bear witness to the positive success of CE. A big `thank you` is going to Christina Zurhorst, who continuously worked on the accomplishment and completion of the site.

We issued our already regular two ECA newsletters and all our institutions celebrated World Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October to promote Conductive Education and bring cerebral palsy and disability into focus of social media – many positive events were successful.

We attended a historic conference at EVHN Nuremberg, which was the first conference following a successful start of the study course `Heilpädagogik` with focus on Conductive Education in 2018, and gave a push towards the goal in Germany.

Last but not least we are again in contact, together with the András Petö Faculty, with the European parliament to legalise the profession “Conductor” for the establishment of new training possibilities in Europe to work against conductor shortage.

To reach our goals it was inevitable to secure the financial resources for the team assistant of ECA, which has been achieved again for another three years. This will surely be the last sponsorship. Until 2022 the ECA will need to obtain enough members to cover the annual costs.

Dear colleagues – all in all it has again been a successful year. Thank you all for your hard work and enriching our undertaking with your ideas. Still there is a lot of work ahead of us, together we will realise our goals in the coming year, 2020!

May I, at this stage, make a last Xmas-wish to ensure that our voice will be heard:

✨ ✨ **“PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE😊”** ✨ ✨

On behalf of the entire board and myself I wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours



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