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Dear Friends of CE, schools, shops, facilities ... are closed, caretakers, conductors and others under quarantine, economy is paralysed. Charities seeking desperate solutions for future funding.

for others struggling to make things work. It is hard to remain motivated. Let us try and stay positive in these difficult times!

Since December our new ECA website has gone live. To ensure further spread of CE and its news, I would like to appeal to everyone to register online today. It only takes two seconds!

I am pleased to inform you

more than 3 decades. Great thanks to Rony for her international and research work and her friendship. Guy Salomon has taken over from Rony as new CEO - good luck for your work!

I am sad to inform you that Melanie Brown is forced to step down from the ECA Board due to increasing local UK commitments. Mel has been with ECA from the beginning on and

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that we have a second Austrian new member since January:

The Helga Keil-Bastendorff Privatstiftung joined next to the Austrian Conductive Association.



Welcome to ECA!

Rony Schenker has retired from Tsad Kadima, after

supported us with her long-time expertise on CE. Mel will be missed dearly. Thank you, dear Melanie, for your voluntary work and all your valuable input on strategy, know-how and language etc. You are part of our ECA success story!  
Yours

Beate Höß Zenker  
President ECA

The Coronavirus has put stones in our way, CE in most parts pause. I would like to say thank you to those standing in

SPECIAL

## Is „online“ CE possible?



CE online programmes?! A - to date unthinkable idea for a pedagogy that lives of socialising, facilitation, group dynamic and the feeling to be part of a group, to gain motivation from one another. The personality of the conductor with empathy and a smile as

a motor of motivation. Still. Parents are desperate for solutions, worried that children lose their gained abilities without continued CE, stuck at home 24/7 with a disabled child, helpless. Controversial opinions are being discussed. Conductors and staff are seeking urgent online solu-

tions, skype meetings with parents and children are taking place, Move & Walk have long worked on ideas already. A time where creativity is high in demand, Lets make the unthinkable possible, don't hesitate- act in aid of people with disability- ECA!

AUSTRIA

## Introduction Keil-Bastendorff Privatstiftung

The Helga Keil-Bastendorff Privatstiftung is a private charity and was founded in November 2006 by Helga Keil-Bastendorff. We are active, together with our sister institutions, mainly in Vienna and Austria, and are also involved in several European Projects. Under our umbrella we have six institutions for people with disabilities. Since 1992, all of these institutions have evolved from the Therapy Institute Keil. Our services cover all ages and multiple disabilities grades. The intense, holistic system that serves all areas of the conductive multiple therapeutic educa-

tion shapes the work in all our institutions.

Central task of the charity is to support the development of all 6 institutions, work client orientated, secure ethical and professional work quality and to establish a network as well as an organisational structure amongst them.

Awareness work is our focus. We want to broaden knowledge about the individuality of disabled people, to represent and understand the socio-political needs national as well as international and develop training facilities accordingly. We support our sister institutions to realise projects

which focus on the empowerment of our clients, participation and inclusion.

The Helga Keil-Bastendorff Privatstiftung is delighted having joined and work closely together with the ECA.

<https://stiftung-keil-bastendorff.jimdofree.com/>

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## We are all in the same boat



Helga Keil-Bastendorff  
Gemeinnützige Stiftung

Schools and institutions, workshops and universities closed. Restriction of movement for us all. Families at home all around the clock. The virus is reigning. What can we do? Conductors and their teams sing songs with "their" pupils in a chat room, give advices via email, photos, video, how to handle, how to play and learn with the children. Solidarity amongst parents and professionals as well is huge. The teams of the daycare-groups spend their time with the clients in the sheltered living groups. Students of the conductive courses do distance learning. And for summer we plan an intensive course for children and young people in order to make up for the "lost time". Stay healthy everybody! Make the best of it!

GERMANY

## Meeting with Hungarian Consulate



The ECA had an important 2 hourly meeting with the Hungarian Consulate, Mrs. Nogradi, in Germany. The purpose of the meeting was to inform about the developments of CE on a national and international level and to outlay its problems and needs for people with movement disorders.

We talked about how far CE has spread since its beginning, mile-

stones, the vital need to increase conductor training in Germany as well as world-wide, inclusion, digitalisation, the work of ECA and other professional associations, that work enthusiastically for awareness and legal recognition.

The main goal of the meeting was to discuss a possible support from the Hungarian Consulate in bringing the

acceptance and legalisation of the profession` conductor` further. We also asked for help with the establishment of a proper conductor training course at the EVHN in Nürnberg and possibly the establishment of more training facilities in other parts of Germany.

The legal acceptance of the profession 'Conductor' and its special training rather than the training "Heilpädagogie with focus on conductive education" in future is of crucial importance to conductive education and its survival and quality.

The meeting was very positive, we agreed on a close collaboration going forward. Mrs. Nogradi was highly impressed with the success reached so far and the effort, which has been put into the development of conductive programs and inclusion, despite all



obstacles (funding, conductor shortage, acceptance, language-barriers).

The Hungarian Consulate has offered their support and might be able to make some connections on behalf and for ECA in Berlin and consequently at the European Parliament.

Further meetings are contemplated. Flyers will be distributed and promotion supported by the Consulate.

Another little step forward. 😊

## Corona: Situation of students, staff, families

Universities and schools in Germany are closed. The EVHN has switched to distance study courses. In particular the practice semester faces big challenges. Many students move from the closed children schools into the area housing. They are given research tasks to work on practice related texts in easy language. Tasks are to prepare little homework units for families and clients to continue furtherance of

movement abilities for clients. Staff of the Verein für Menschen mit Körperbehinderung as well as the Phoenix Schulen und Kitas GmbH will go into short time work and receive only a percentage of their net income starting at the end of April. Funding will become difficult as the insurance companies only pay if services on clients take place. Donors are having economic problems themselves.

Parents are faced with home office, having to deal with bored disabled children and intense home schooling and required help for siblings. Planned operations and furtherance cancelled. Many worried about finances. The situation can lead at times to excessive demand, overloading and aggressions in sometimes small flats. Not to mention the fear caused by fake news and the situation.

HUNGARY



## 6th National Cerebral Palsy Conference

The András Pető Faculty was one of the organiser of the 6th National Cerebral palsy Conference which was held on 31 January and 1st February 2020. National and international professionals gave presentation and the participating professionals had fruitful discussions.

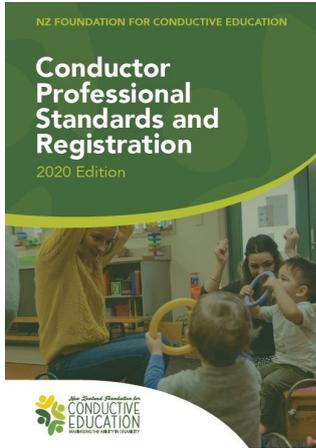
The Semmelweis University is still celebrating its foundation of 250 years. Health Days are organised with different topics mostly in public health issues - screening, diagnostic procedures etc. The András Pető Faculty was participating in the programmes on 8 February 2020 - Early intervention by conductive education, the role of dog therapy in conductive education, music and art talent management in conductive education and adult conductive education were promoted at our Faculty.



NEW ZEALAND

## Greetings from NFZCE - What's on top in NZ?

In 2020 the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education are pleased to be rolling out the implementa-



tion of Conductor Professional Standards which will raise the profession of Conductors/CE and provide a level of consistency across the country.

A research document - State of the Evidence Traffic Lights 2019: Systemic Review of Interventions for Preventing and Treating Children with Cerebral Palsy has recently come to our attention which highlights a complete lack of robust international research on CE. This is something that none of us can rectify on our own but should be top of the agenda for institutions who train Conductors. Research

would go a long way to ensuring that Governments around the world will either commence or continue to fund CE. How can the CE international community help facilitate this?

Ongoing professional learning and development is important for all professions and NZFCE have engaged with the Andras Pető Faculty around developing a PD programme, livestreamed for graduate Conductors. We look forward to this being available.

Stay safe everyone.

**REMEMBER: World Cerebral Palsy Day 6th Oct, 2020**  
**Don't forget to send in your application for WCPD Award!!!**

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