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## Celebration, information, registration!

I am pleased to announce the ural part of our annual calendar, a big step toward awareness! / Lots of interesting articles, interviews, information and safe-the-dates are awaiting you in this edition of our NL. We had lots of registrations, still not enough! We need to reach even more people and I would like to call upon you again to distribute the NL and The WorldCerebralPalsyDay is encourage everyone to register getting bigger, becoming a nat-

**nessity to connect** with a wide range of people! Enjoy the Reading.



Yours

Beate Höß-Zenker  
President ECA

## WorldCerebralPalsyDay 2021



*„The Millions of Reasons Campaign reached 63 million people and helped spread awareness about Cerebral Palsy across the world!“*

*(Sophie Drummond, WCPD Campaign Manager)*

**Thank you to everyone who joined the celebration!**



ECA Action for WCPD: Green Homepage / Screenshot of Board

*(Note: ECA supports every other world day to do with disability, which does not call for actions as well.)*



## Master Course CE: from a students perspective

Written by: Richard Eybl-Burghardt, Vienna

I'm very proud to be one out of the fifteen students of the first master course for conductive education at the Danube University Krems and University Vienna. Although the course started just in the middle of the pandemic, we still had the opportunity to get to know each other via online-calls and interactive group-projects. It was very inspiring to exchange the topic of conductive education with other students from different backgrounds, like physiotherapists, speech therapist, social educators, orthopaedic technician or care workers.

The lectures on conductive education served as a connecting link with other topics that were completely new to me, such as neuro-orthopaedics, for example.

In my opinion the main focus of the master course will be to question the conductive education in academia and learn to interpret sources and draw new insights from them.

I'm looking forward to many more exciting topics, lectures and exchanges with other specialists at the care work for people with cerebral movement disorders. I can highly recommend this master course to graduates as it is so much more than I anticipated.

## EU ECA Meeting with European Commission



An online Meeting initiated by ECA on the subject "Conductor profession" took place at the end of September.

Present at the meeting from the European Commission were: Mrs. Strandbacke-Muhler, Policy Officer of the Unit Services Directive and Policy and Mr. Martin LeVrang, Deputy Head of the Unit Grow-Professions, Services + Skills. The meeting was also joined by a colleague of Dr. Adam Kosa MEP, Dr. Orsolya Zara.

While Hungary is already in close contact with Dr. Adam Kosa it seems important to spread the issues of legalisa-

tion of the profession to a wider range of MEP.

The overall aim of the meeting was to introduce conductive education, explain its importance with regards to furtherance, re-/habilitation and service provided for disabled and families, the benefits and success of CE. The problems countries experience with regards to the legalisation of the profession 'conductor' were explained, as well as a presentation delivered by Éva Feketéné Szabó, Vice President of ECA.

The European Commission stressed that the decision to introduce specific regu-

lated professions is the competence of the EU Member States. Each Member State may decide to regulate, or not, access to those professions, professional titles and corresponding professional activities to properly trained professionals. Such national regulation will have, nonetheless, to comply with the rules of the internal market and, in particular, the general principle of proportionality.

They offered to stay in close contact. Sweden was able to arrange a follow-up meeting due to some Swedish connections of one of the MEPs.

## ECA: The world is changing - we are part of it!

**ECA has become a partner of ConductMe.** As a partner of ConductMe, we want to secure the future of Conductive Education. Together with ConductMe, we believe that sharing knowledge is the key to a brighter future and together we can make a change by going digital.

We support the platform with information and our network. Partners of

ConductMe are conductors, organisations, institutes and businesses, working with the concept of Conductive Education. We share the same goal: Spread and strengthen Conductive Education! ECA is currently working with pressure on conductive material to be uploaded and made available for customer use.



GERMANY

## WCPD: „Millions of reasons“

„I am here, we are here, and the world should know it“ – with this message, the World Cerebral Palsy Day on October 6 should not only draw more attention to the condition. It is also intended to raise awareness of the fact that there is still a lot of catching up to do in terms of the participation of people with cerebral palsy in many areas of society. „ Reha-Care - **For full English Interview Click here:**

EN: [https://www.rehacare.com/en/Interviews/We\\_asked.../World\\_Cerebral\\_Palsy\\_Day\\_-\\_for\\_inclusion\\_and\\_social\\_participation](https://www.rehacare.com/en/Interviews/We_asked.../World_Cerebral_Palsy_Day_-_for_inclusion_and_social_participation)  
(Kurzlink: [https://www.rehacare.com/World-Cerebral-Palsy-Day2021\\_2](https://www.rehacare.com/World-Cerebral-Palsy-Day2021_2))

**Quotes Mrs. Aigner/Mr. Müller:** „For a person with a disability, the chances of finding a job are sometimes slim. Employers often prefer to pay a penalty./For the future I wish self-determination, a job, togetherness instead of antagonism, more understanding for individual needs, inclusion of all fellow human beings./I wish for more acceptance in society, more accessibility in the minds of others. But also, of course, that I could get around more easily on public transportation./The World Day is not only a day to approach each other, but it should especially draw attention to the difficulties, such as: lack of acceptance, education, equal job opportunities, better counseling through medicine and therapy, accessibility – just comprehensive equality for all people! „

The image shows the cover of REHACARE Magazine, titled "World's largest Trade Fair for Rehabilitation and Care". It features a green circular badge that says "Next Trade Fair: 14-17 Sept. 2022 More information here!". Below the magazine cover is a photograph of two people, Janine Aigner and Thomas Müller, sitting in a room. To the right of the photo is a vertical banner with the text "Leben mit Parkinson + Medizin/Therapie ++ Freude ++" and "Leben mit Demenz - MACH MIT!".

HUNGARY

## Hungary News

The latest Science and Profession online periodical of the András Pető Faculty of Semmelweis University was edited in July 2021. [https://semmelweis.hu/pak/files/2021/06/Tudom%C3%A1ny-%C3%A9s-Hivat%C3%A1s\\_2021\\_1.pdf](https://semmelweis.hu/pak/files/2021/06/Tudom%C3%A1ny-%C3%A9s-Hivat%C3%A1s_2021_1.pdf)

András Pető was born on 11 September 1893, 128 years ago. Conductors remembered him all over the world. In Hungary, his birthday was celebrated at several places in Budapest, at his tomb in Farkasrét Cemetery, at the house he lived in Stollár utca and at the András Pető Faculty. There was also a celebration in Szombathely, at the house where he was born. Article in Hungarian is on <https://semmelweis.hu/pak/2021/09/12/128-eve-szuletett-peto-andras/>



(Picture is copied from the website below)

Judit (Jutka) Kállay conductor, has left our world this September. She was the founder for Baby Development Services (Gyermek Ambulancia in Hungarian). She has worked out the conductive early intervention system for babies based on Pető's Instructions. She has led this unit for several years at the Pető Institute and she put great emphasis on teaching parents during the development of their babies. She has completed a pioneer work which was very unique at that time.

She was also a docent of the Pető College and taught Early intervention for the conductor students. The article on farewell is on: <https://semmelweis.hu/pak/2021/09/09/bucsuzunk-2>

Mária Hári Symposium was on 13 October 2021, annually organized to celebrate her birthday and her work. Conductors and rehabilitation professionals were the presenters. The topic of the symposium was: Adult Rehabilitation. Conductors, professionals from conductive services and rehabilitation were present.

Pető Day is organized on 26 November 2021 within the Celebration of the Hungarian Science programme series. International and Hungarian participants are welcome to introduce and discuss: The Implementation of Conductive Education.

Online participation will be possible. Further information on this event will be provided on the website of the Faculty: <https://semmelweis.hu/pak/2021/11/04/meghivo-a-peto-andras-tudomanyos-es-szakmai-szimposiumra/>

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Registration for participation is required on the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScchCjgAljQWaHBolJwR3aMSU24puTuP6BxMfFFanorcefEhg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScchCjgAljQWaHBolJwR3aMSU24puTuP6BxMfFFanorcefEhg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

FRANCE

## A TURNING POINT NOT TO BE MISSED FOR CE IN FRANCE !

For many years, CE has been trying to find a place in France. Many structures have emerged, on the initiative of parents and/or professionals convinced by the benefits of this pedagogy ... Many children, young adults, adults and seniors with CP have been able to benefit from this care. innovative, holistic, respectful and adapted to the skills and development potential of each individual ... Today there are 14 CE centres in France, spread across the whole of France ... the latest, in 2021, is in New Aquitaine! 9 centres are part of FEPEC and 5 others are not. / They all work for the recognition of CE and are committed to offering high-quality, individualized reception and support to the people received, involving the "conductors" and all other therapists in transdisciplinary work./Good news, in 2021: 4 CE centres were able to obtain public funds, working in collaboration with regional health agencies and in partnership with existing medico-social structures (type "IME": medico-educational institute)...at the same time it seems that France is committed to the development of a national strategy of action for CP... the opportunity to promote CE as an education system allowing comprehensive care, adapted and respectful of the needs of each individual./Mentalities and political orientations are changing... it's up to us to be convincing and professional!



SWEDEN

## Recognition and Training Schweden

**One cautious step towards recognition and training for conductor profession in Sweden.**

An application was made at the Socialdemocratical (S) Party to suggest a national investigation on the need for conductors in Sweden. The application was pathed through the first round of selection and the final decision will take place in November. Finger cross for us to succeed!

UK

## PCA activity in the UK

The PCA continues to support conductors working in the UK. The committee has organised a conductor-only workshop to be held in November. This will give conductors the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with relevance to those working in childrens' and adults' services. The PCA committee continue to provide guidance for Conductors and is currently reviewing a host of publications such as 'fitness to practice', 'working in teams' and 'online delivery of CE'. It is hoped that as CE centres and schools across the UK (re) open their doors, providing both face to face and on-line services, children, adults and their families can continue to access the help that CE offers so effectively. The PCA is proud to support conductors fulfil their professional roles especially in these challenging times.



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