

# **ECA Newsletter**

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### **Activities and news of ECA**

With the terrible developments in Ukraine we experience an immense support by staff, children and parents, which has also increased the

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work load even further. Disabled transports are being organised, projects of solidarity in groups created, parcels in particular for children with handicap packed.

#### Thanks to everyone!

ECA is currently organising an annual meeting in May with members and partners. The meeting will be a two hour online conference to present ECA activities and exchange the developments in our countries.

We are also working on our collaboration and the partnership with ConductMe and are hoping to finish it end of April. The ECA introduction paper is ready to up-load.

An awareness letter has been drafted, which we want to make available to our members and partners, to use as a template letter serving to point out the urgency of the legalisation of the conductor as a profession and highlight the problems conductive services experience around the world. Almost weekly we receive desperate job offers for

conductors, which cannot be filled, this reflects the devastating situation outside of Hungary!

We are also in the process of forming a working group for our first project this year, together with some colleagues of our advisory board. The project will involve the promotion of Conductive Education seen through the eye of disabled persons. We are looking forward to report about the developments of the project in our next newsletter. Have a good read.

Yours

Beate Allen

Beate Höß-Zenker President ECA

# DIARY DATES Save the date!

 European Academy of Childhood disability "Networking knowledge into action" 18th-21th May 2022 in Barcelona Info visit: www.eacd2022.com

Contact: admin@eacd.org

- 11th World Congress Conductive Education
  Online one day conference on 25th November 2022
  Organised by Semmelweis University, Budapest
  Info visit: www.semmelweis.hu
- Word Cerebral Palsy Day on 6th October 2022
  Info visit: World CP Day October 6th



#### AUSTRIA Start of 3rd postgraduate course in CE

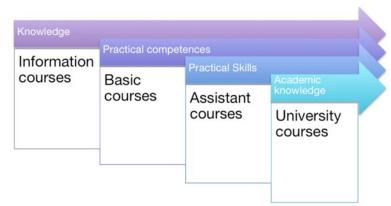


We are very pleased to inform you that the 3rd certificate course in CE at the University of Vienna has started at the end of March 2022. 21 students from various conductive and curative education institutions in Austria and Germany participate and will learn conductive, pedagogical, therapeutic contents during two semesters. Aim is to integrate the newly acquired knowledge into their practical work. The course is organised in 4 blocks of lectures and will be performed live, online and hybrid. The beginning took place in Vienna in close cooperation with the Institute Keil GmbH. In May the participants come to Bavaria. Lectures and observations of practice are organised in the Conductive Centers of Pfennigparade Phoenix Schulen und Kitas GmbH and Fortschritt Bayern GmbH. The 3rd block in autumn is offered online - the students come together in local learning groups. Finally the last block takes place in cooperation with Haus KOMET eV of R. Albers, Psychologist, on the Northern Sea.

Internships in various institutions, knowledge checks and an intensive theory-practice-transfer round off the course. Subsequently, graduates of the certificate course can participate in the Master's program of CE (MSc) at Danube University Krems.

Dr. Maria Dinold, Daniela Fülle, Dipl. PÄD.

### CE training and courses at different levels in Austria



In 2012 Together - Constructive - Conductive, a European Grundtvig partnership was finalized and a handbook published (LINK to project: https://european-conductiveassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ Grundtvig Handbook.pdf

After 10 years of planning, discussing, organising, arguing and applying finally courses at all levels, which had been defined by the consortium of partners within the partnership, can now be offered to all professionals and assistants who work or aim to work in the field of CE. Cooperation partners are University of Vienna, Danube University Krems and Helga Keil-Bastendorff Privatstiftung.

# GERMANY

## A Song for peace in German sign language

"Come, we're going to peace":

The current situation in Ukraine also concerns the children, youngsters and adults at Phoenix GmbH, CE Centre, in Munich. A large wave of support has spread. Many donations were collected in a short period of time. Thanks a lot to all the helpful people, parents, children, staff and friends.

The children also wanted to set an example and so we took part in a great inclusive project by #singfinger on Instagram.

"Komm, wir zieh'n in den Frieden" - In a great team effort a peace song for Have a look at the wonderful result and Ukraine from Udo Lindenberg was rec- 'go to peace' with us: orded and performed by children and staff in sign language.

https://youtu.be/V9DApQiy2Y0



Remain healthy, let's stand together and get through this time peacefully!

**Greetings from Phoenix** (www.phoenix-kf.de)

Daniela Fülle, CE-Day Care Roswitha Schlüter, CE School Elisabeth Faermann, CE Rehabilitation Anett Pinter, CE Assistance Service Beate Höß-Zenker, CEO

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# POLAND

## Maria Król: Helping disabled children from Ukraine!

Dear Friends,

Due to the escalating refugee crisis, We have at our disposal large plots A traditional transfer may be made, during which 2 million refugees ha- of land with access to electricity below the transfer data: ve already entered Poland, inclu- and water (next to our centres) in ding thousands of people with disa- Białobrzegi 57 near Zamość (2 bilities and their families, the hectares) and in Bondyrz near Kras- 6 a Peowiaków street Association has taken on a number nobrod (2.64 hectares), where we of new challenges. / Since February could quickly build living containers 28th we have been making our fa- and supply them with electricity, cilities available, created at the ex- water and sewage. pense of limited space for our Po- considerable material lish participants, for short-term (equipment) and human resources stays of disabled Ukrainians after (over 300 employees and volunthey cross the border. / We provide teers). We are raising funds to help rest, food, clothing, necessary me- refugees from Ukraine, from which dical and social assistance, etc. and we would be able to maintain the facilitate finding destinations and operating costs of this infrastructransportation to them. / We also ture and all costs of functioning. / collect/purchase food, medicine, Obtaining a grant or donation hygiene items, etc. and forward would enable us to purchase and them to Ukraine. / But now the ti- install (along with supplying electrime has come to take the next step city, water and sewage) appropriain helping refugees with disabilities te, adjusted, heated containers and their families. In Poland there equipped with bathrooms. / The are not enough long-term places estimated cost of a container for 2 for them to stay, and the societies families with disabled people and a of Western Europe and the world shared bathroom (the most econohave not been open enough so far mical version) is more than 60 to accept refugees, especially pe- 000.00 PLN. / With this request, ople with disabilities (with their the Association appeals to many families). We are still looking for communities in Poland, Europe and new possibilities. / For the most the world, hoping to create a houpart, families of people with disabi- sing container settlement thanks to lities, given the inconvenience of international solidarity. / We will distant travel, declare their desire put country/donor names on the to stay as close as possible to the houses. We hope there will be Polish-Ukrainian border. They also many! / Once the war is over and hope to return quickly after the Ukraine is rebuilt and the refugees war is over and Ukraine is rebuilt. / have returned to their homes, the Poland will be forced to create sett- infrastructure of the settlement lements for refugees. / Our Associ- will be used to house adults with ation, responding to the needs of disabilities from Poland who are disabled refugees and their fami- struggling with homelessness and lies, is determined to create for lack of care after the death of their them long-term accommodation in parents/guardians. adapted conditions.

We have resources

'The step by step' Association for help to disabled children in Zamosc.

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Yours faithfully,

Maria Król M.D. President of Association

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The 'Step by Step' Association for Help to Disabled Children

in Zamosc

# Belgium conductive training

For possible translation errors we can not be held responsible.

It has been quite a long time since we could give trainings in good conditions! Due to the Covid situation we had to cancel several weeks. We could maintain some by visioconference but practice was impossible to provide.

We are so happy to be able to meet again and provide trainings to professionals in Belgium and France. Last week was a great success!

Online program: www.filconducteur.be



# HUNGARY Scientific Programmes at András Pető Faculty

The latest Science and Profession online periodical of the András Pető Faculty of Semmelweis University was edited in January 2022 https://semmelweis.hu/pak/files/2022/01/Tudomany-es-Hivatas 2021 2.pdf.

The scientific programmes has continued at the András Pető Faculty. The clinical and other researches initiated by the faculty will be introduced. 2 Hungarian conductors are participating in the Doctorial School of Theoretical and Translational Medicine programme of the Semmelweis University.

Semmelweis University has organized a very special day focusing on the para-sports on the 22th of February. During this event all members of the university – students, lecturers, administrators included – had the opportunity to try some parasport activities such as adaptive rowing, boccia, parafencing. The event was opened by Dr. Béla Merkely, Rector and László Szabó, president of the Hungarian Parasport Olimpic Committee. The event happened on the Hungarian Day of Parasport and as in the recent years was organised by the András Pető Faculty of the university.

## **SWEDEN** Conductive Ecudation Awareness week

For the first time received "Conductive Education Awareness Week" publicity on social media in Sweden. We have organised lectures and discussions about Conductive Education in several new places within the country.

After a first successful meeting between representatives of a Swedish and a French CE centre, young participants of the Association Honorine Leve Toi Bayeux, France and Move & Walk, Sweden met again online. It was fantastic to see how well these young people felt in the digital space and they have plans for what they will do next time!

