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ECA personnel changes and projects

Eszter Daróczy, ECA advisory attendees despite different time zones around the world. support the legalisation of the conductor as accepted professional in EU countries. The letter will be distributed probably next month.

We started to work on two specialised sections (research; CE promotion). The research project will be in collaboration with PAK and the CE promotion work will be together with Dr. Zsófia Kállay, conductor, Lars Mullback, Sweden and assistant lecturer, will follow her footsteps.

Overall we are pleased that all institutions are able to provide full service again. We wish strength during the up-coming next Corona wave and good luck for the rest of the year!

Happy reading.

Yours 

Beate Höß-Zenker
President ECA

An official ECA letter has been finalised to hand out to members and partners to submit to local regulatory bodies to help

In spring our annual meeting took place. We were very pleased of the numerous

WorldCerebralPalsyDay 2022



Award Winners 2022:

- Rana Zarzour - Lebanon: Idea 'Mother's Connection app'
- Arnie Slater - US: Idea 'Self-generating power wheelchair'

Over 400 tech ideas were submitted from over 40 countries. The top ideas will be presented to tech leaders in San Francisco next month with the hope to open a global challenge to bring these ideas to life. Also some of our members joined the contests. Thanks for all your great ideas to promote WCPD!

Gallery of Ideas: [Millions of Reasons \(worldcpday.org\)](https://www.worldcpday.org)

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



Observe.Describe.Measure.Compare.Interpret: A Big Step Forward

The students of the 1st postgraduate MSc course in „Konduktiver Förderung“ (KF = Conductive Education) in Austria (University for Continuing Education Krems) these days submit their disposals for the master's theses. To graduate with a Master of Science it is essential to present not only qualitative/descriptive results, but also quantitative results – facts and figures. We are observing the students and supporting them in finding an interesting and realisable scientific question. Finally all scientific results and theses will help to establish KF (CE) not only in the pedagogical field, but also in the medical-therapeutic environment. Scientific work is the best way to find recognition!

EU

ECA Annual Meeting

In May ECA held their annual meeting. Over 15 attendees from Europe, US, New Zealand to Hong Kong were present. Next to the ECA activity report, the subjects `training` and `research` were discussed in two breakout sessions. Dr. Maria Król (The Step by Step Association for help of disabled children in Zamość) informed about the challenges for disabled refugees in Poland resulting from the Ukrainian war. Ivan Su, (Sahk, Hong Kong) talked about interventions to improve physical function for children and young people with CP.

Lots of positive feedback was received regarding projects, newsletters and work. The collaboration and the common effort to gain the acceptance of the profession, was seen to be very important. New impulse and wishes for future projects arouse from member side: =>Wish to hold a CE session together at the International Conference on CP

=>Wish to support the extension of the target group of CE from CP clients to other diagnosis.
=>Wish to support the extent for individuals living for youngsters and adults.
=>Wish to rebuild the appearance of “CE” generally as an equally rooted system out of special-education AND medical-therapeutic elements, in order to secure the complex quality.
=>Wish to engage a very experienced, estimated and conductively committed physician, who should be part of the executive board of ECA, to be able to carry out a qualitative and quantitative evaluation, concerning the practice of CE.
=>Wish for more exchange and scientific European and international projects.

ECA will analyse the ideas and wishes and work with the input given. Thank you for the feedback.

IRELAND

Visit Anita Tatlow

During her holiday in Ireland Beate HöB-Zenker used the opportunity to visit one of the first colleagues, who developed conductive education over three decades together with Ivan Su, in Hongkong: The honorary conductor Anita Tatlow. Anita, over 80 years now, is living together with her husband, withdrawn nearby Dublin. She still has a big library with conductive literature, which she has collected, archived and marked with little comments during her entire life. From these comments, in this considerable collection, her book “Conductive Education for Children and teenagers with Cerebral Palsy”? evolved and was published in 2005. The book was translated into Chinese as well as into German. Anita told Beate of her first development in Hongkong of a construction kid for children to play with. Playing was not part of a further program for children with disability in those days. But it was Anita's big wish to incorporate and highlight the importance of play in the further concept in China and Hong Kong. Anita developed wooden building blocks, which resembled the world of the children in huge skyscrapers. She still keeps the first model of the skyscrapers at home.

Anita was a real pioneer in conductive education and has established the basis in literary for CE in the western world.

It was a pleasure to see and talk to Anita about her life and her 30 years of work in Hongkong.

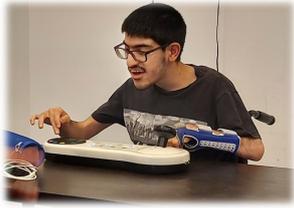
In each of her holidays, Beate HöB-Zenker tries to visit a local conductive institutions in her holiday destination.



Israel

Tsad Kadima - Now we are real Conductors!

Dr. Maria Hari's comparison between a conductor as a pedagogue standing in front of a group and a conductor in front



of an orchestra takes on a new meaning.

The Arcana, is an innovative initiative in "TSAD KADIMA". People 20-40 years old with physical disabilities for their first time in their lives play and create music! within a few months of practice, the participants from the Adult Day Center in Tsad Kadima in Jerusalem, participated in concerts for the in the community with pieces of Israeli music and jazz improvisations. The production of sounds and music with the Arcana is adapted and accessible to everyone. Even people with disabilities at the GMFCS- 5 or MACS- 5 classification level play with a

smile and great concentration. Arcana, which is basically similar to a guitar strumming that you can adjust the switches, buttons, change the direction of strumming and also play like piano, since it is an electronic instrument it is through apps on iPad or Android that one can enjoy producing sounds of different musical instruments. Some people prefer to play with the sounds of the violin, the others with the bass of an electronic guitar. It is amazing to observe and "CONDUCT" a variety of sounds by a small band working together. The library of songs have been translated into special and colourful notes is being built, from the Beatles to Mozart, such as the community of student and teachers eager to learn and adopt the project in to their systems. The Arcana project is one of many innovative projects operated by the Conductors in Tsad Kadima

Recently, we in Tsad Kadima, completed the first Conductors training in its new version – fitted to our times (Especially

Covid times) 5 students who work in Tsad Kadima's centres, accomplished 2 years of training in CE.



ECA Congratulation Certificates to 5 Graduates

Written by Avraham Colodner – Conductor and Tsad Kadima's Day Center Director Visit: [Homepage - Tsad Kadima](#)

HUNGARY

Hungary News

Diploma Ceremony

At the Diploma Award Ceremony 79 new conductors have received their certificates and become full-fledged professionals of Conductive Pedagogy in July 2022. Click [here](#).

Golden Diploma

On the 8th of September some young conductors who graduated exactly 50 years ago were awarded with a Golden Diploma. Click [here](#).

New international programme

Still in September the András Pető Faculty has launched its international Conductive Education bachelor programme taught fully in English. As a pilot programme with 3 students the aim of the faculty is to promote conductive education through our international students as ambassadors in their home countries. The faculty expect to grow the number of international students year by year

which will bring an increasing number of available conductors for hire around the world. This process also might lead to a more recognised conductor profession to benefit all. Here is a short article about our new students. Click: [Here](#)

Researchers' Night

Traditionally the András Pető Faculty took part in the Researchers' Night event on the 30th of September. With several very interesting, interactive lectures and workshops the Faculty targeted a wider audience. The topics of robotics, innovative IT methods in the teaching of science subjects, dog-therapy, education and therapy through art, the importance of early screening and development and para-fencing traditionally has special attention and high number of visitors. If you wish to know how we fared on this event in 2022 – or just want to know what happening with us - feel free to

check the article about it on our Facebook page. See [Facebook page](#)

XI. World Congress on CE

Finally we would like to raise your attention to the XI World Congress on Conductive Education which will take place on the 25th and 26th of November organized by the International Pető Association and the András Pető Faculty of Semmelweis University in hybrid format. In 2022 our event will be part of the „International 40” jubilee events of the Semmelweis University celebrating that the international education of the university has started 40 year ago. In alignment with this theme the World Congress will focus on the topic of launching an international educational programme of conductive education and – of course – gives platform to the research topics of special education, disability science and special treatments.

SWEDEN

Move & Walk cooperation / ConductMe

Cooperation: The cooperation between Move & Walk and Association Honorine Leve Toi Bayeux continues. Participants from the Swedish adult activity centre and students from the French school have met online for a game of online quiz, which was greatly appreciated by both parties and led to many laughs. The Swedish Conductor Association has continued its political lobby activities on national level with the aim

of acceptance of the conductor profession.

ConductMe: The worldwide platform for Conductive Education, now has 293 users from around the world and 13 signed partners. There are 11 masterclasses to view, 10 newsletters and publications to read and 20 podcast episodes to listen to. In addition, there are several introductions of services and job advertisements to take part of.

BELGIUM

La Cime - La Famille fully completed!

Our Secondary School in Conductive Education "La Cime -La Famille" is now fully completed. We started 3 years ago with two classes and our aim is now achieved with 6 classes! We have 50 students aged from 13 to 21 years. The pupils learn to achieve skills around 3 axes: "Autonomy- Socialization and Inclusion". We can see their progresses every day. We thank our Parent Association for making this project possible! <https://www.facebook.com/fondationE2C/> This would not have been possible without you. We thank Ester Daroczy for giving us such a great support in Conductive Education!

FRANCE

FEDERATE ENERGIES AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

At the end of 2021, the « Haute Autorité de Santé », recognizing that the care of people, children and adults, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, is neither appropriate nor sufficient, published a "Guide to Recommendations of Good Practices concerning the Rehabilitation and Rehabilitation of the motor function of the motor apparatus of people diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy". This guide, distributed to professionals and therapists, will now serve as a reference base. Wasn't Conductive Education originally created

for children with Cerebral Palsy? And yet in France, this global and specialized education system struggles to be recognized and subsidized...more than 10 centres exist throughout the territory...all looking for THE solution that will allow long-term operation and continuity of the reception of children, adolescents and adults with Cerebral Palsy

What if we could rely on our European counterparts and partners, to initiate a research dynamic, benefit from their expertise and work together to carry out

a study, gather "evidence" on the benefits of Conductive Education? Collective intelligence to go further!



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