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Born 130 years ago: Prof. Dr. András Pető!

2023, a commemorative year! Dr. András Pető was born 130 years ago and we are proud to be part of the continuance, development and spread of his exceptional work!

Unfortunately we see over the years that the enthusiasm of volunteers, to work on the implementation of CE, eases and that young successors are missing to continue the immense achievements, made for CE in conquering the world. We are in severe need (!) for young followers, who contribute with their experiences, new ideas and digital know-how to continue to path the way for CE. Young

parents and professionals: Become volunteers and help!

Today we congratulate both German conductive associations, who celebrate their 25th jubilee this year, the BKF Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Pető e.V. and the Konduktorenverband (see page 2)!

What's new: We have issued a proposal to broaden the rehabilitation client list of disorders other than CP, anchored in the conductor curriculum, together with Ivan Su, colleague from our partner SAHK, Hong-Kong. We worked together with ConductMe and our CE Promoters

on the programming of the Chat Forum for our ECA CE promotion and at present the ECA board is preparing an international round table with discussions and questions via ConductMe.

Please distribute our newsletter, also to all parents in your associations and take a moment to think who else we can reach out there.

Yours



Beate Höß-Zenker

President ECA

DIARY DATES

Save the date!



ECA international round table discussion with open questions

17th May - 17.00-18.30 hrs via ConductMe live

25-Year-Jubilee Conference Conductive Associations Germany

1st – 2nd October at EVHN Nuernberg, Germany
(Programm will be published on ECA /BKF Homepage)

World Cerebral Palsy Day - 6th October

Xth Jubilee in Germany!

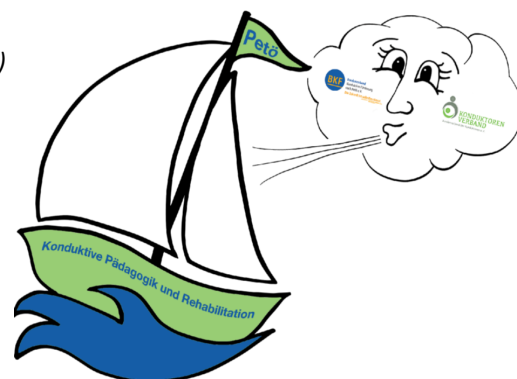
Info: [World Cerebral Palsy Day – October 6th \(worldcpday.org\)](https://www.worldcpday.org)

EACD

24th - 27th March in Ljubljana

World Congress Conductive Education 2025

Contact: Zsófia Vona (vona.zsofia@semmelweis-univ.hu) should you wish to host the congress



AUSTRIA

Final sprint for "Zerti KF" – 3rd certificate course of CE

20 students of the certificate course of CE at the University of Vienna have reached the home-straight to their certificate. 2 semesters with various input have already been completed positively by almost all participants. The students have heard diverse lectures. They have participated in workshops, personal experience, sitting in on classes / internships. They have gained knowledge and a deeper insight (basing on their own profession) into CE, the wider target group (e.g. people with severe and profound disabilities and autism-ASD), special and inclusive education/pedagogy, stretching and mobilization according to Dr. Pfaffenrot, neuro-rehabilitation, communication and cooperation with parents, families and relatives, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), sports + recreational offers, ... - to look / think outside their own boxes. Fortunately, the four focus weeks could again be largely held in person, of course also online or hybrid. Each locally week was organized in close cooperation with different conductive institutions in Austria / Germany: 1st: with Keil Therapy Institute and Helga-Keil-Bastendorff Private Foundation in Vienna/AT; 2nd: with Pfennigparade Phoenix School and Daycare Center and FortSchritt Bayern in Munich and Starnberg/Ger; 4th: with Haus KoMeT in Niebüll/Ger. In May 2023 the last exams will be completed and the certificates will be awarded. Then the cooperation with the University of Vienna/AT will end and the certificate course will be transferred to the University for Continuing Education in Krems/AT. We would like to thank all students, lecturers, practical instructors and cooperation partners for their commitment and the professional and competent cooperation about the three certificate courses. Thank you so much! We will miss the cooperation and exchange as part of the "Zerti".

Warmest greetings with "heart, brain, hand & humor – Aha!"

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MSc Conductive Education starts for the second time

The Master's Program "Konduktive Förderung" (Conductive Education) at University for Continuing Education Krems in cooperation with Helga Keil-Bastendorff Foundation will commence for the third time in autumn 2023. It is aimed at conductive experienced professionals in the fields of education, therapy, rehabilitation, the social sector and nursing who wish to work academically or take on teaching and leadership roles. In addition, there is currently a Certified Program in development – analogous to the Certificate Program at the University of Vienna. **Webinar 8.5.2023 - Click here:** <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/infokf>

Cooperation: Erasmus Project + Blended Intensive Program (BIP)

The Semmelweis University Pető András Faculty, Donau University Krems and Evangelische Hochschule Nuernberg have agreed on a cooperation for students from 2023-2025. Annually they want to offer a summer school and a virtual module for students at each of the three partner universities. The first summer school with the title 'from practice to science' will take place on 23.-29.09.2023 in Krems. Students and Lecturer of the three universities will work together, will exchange their experiences and collect research findings. We are very excited to hear about their exchange and look forward to the mutual work of the project!

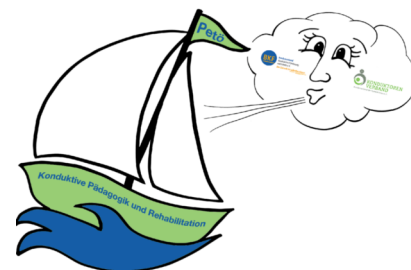
GERMANY

25 years: BKF & Konduktorenverband!

30 years ago CE was brought to Germany by parents. A documentation was radiated by public TV ARD, about the complex rehabilitation - the Pető-System. Parents were overwhelmed by the concept and 8 conductive principles, which build the basis of the pedagogy. Conductors were imported, parent initiatives founded. To path the way and represent parents and Hungarian conductors with their political issues, the Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Pető and Konduktorenverband were founded in Nürn-

berg in 1998. Since than the associations have grown: The BKF today counts 30+, the Konduktorenverband 60+ members. Both associations work hand in hand to achieve political goals, to secure the future rehabilitation and services. In October the associations celebrate their duration of 25 years with a jubilee congress at the Protestant College EVHN.

A 2-day program with the title: "Past - Present & Future" will be presented together with the students of the study course with focus on CE.



"Our conductive boat is brought forward from East to West to conquer Germany."

Detailed Jubilee-Congress Program: [Calendar - ECA \(european-conductive-association.org\)](http://Calendar-ECA(european-conductive-association.org))

POLAND Refugee Housing Ukraine: Thank you for your help! Stiftung Hilfsverein Nymphenburg, ECA & Pfennigparade

The Step by Step Association for Disabled Children in Zamość has supported Ukrainian refugees, especially children with disabilities, since the first days of Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The aid consisted of organising short stays of several days with the provision of decent, adapted living conditions (in the Association's facilities), food, clothing, medical assistance and finding and transporting them to their destinations. In response to a letter (also included in the ECA Newsletter) asking for help with a project to build two container mini-housing facilities for Ukrainian refugee-families with disabled children, the Association received financial and in-kind assistance from all over the world. Among the donors were the Taiwanese delegation, Rotary Clubs from the USA, Germany (Hanau), Spain and many entrepreneurs and individuals. 4 cottages were built in Biało-brzegi and 7 cottages in Bondyrz (8 cottages of 36 m² each and 3 cottages of 54 m² each). Thanks to the recommendation of our friends from the ECA and Pfennigparade in Munich (Beate Höß-Zenker and Ernst-Albrecht von Moreau), the President of the Association was able to present the project to Prince Ludwig von Bayern. As a result, the Association received from the Stiftung Hilfsverein Nymphenburg a grant of 40,000 euros, which enabled the construction and furnishing of 1 container of 54m². On 16

December 2022, representatives of the ECA and Pfennigparade participated in the form of an online Charity Evening entitled Together for Hope, during which the Association raised funds to further help Ukraine. The guests from Ukraine present at the event expressed their heartfelt thanks for their help. Five families currently live in the cottages. 10 children with disabilities attend the Association's special school. Housing, food and other needs are paid for with funds from the Polish government, the State Found of Rehabilitation and the Rotary Club of Hanau.



Donated Refugee Container house



Donor Board in Container Village

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HongKong

Diamond Jubilee Anniversary SAHK and Its Organisational Culture

CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

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The late Dr Erik Kvan and the late Dr Marion Fang were the pioneers who brought Conductive Education (CE) to the then "The Spastics Association of Hong Kong" in the 80s. Founded in 1963, "Spastics Association" has been renamed to SAHK in 2008 in accordance with its expanding service scope and targets to meet the market needs. This year, we are celebrating our Diamond Jubilee. In the past 4 decades, we have undertaken an evolutionary journey to embed CE in our organisational culture.

We have renewed and strengthened our belief in CE that is playing a vital role in our quest for the vision to be a world class rehabilitation organisation. We integrate the distinctive pedagogical system with various therapeutic techniques to cater for a wider range of people with motor and sensory disabilities. Thanks to the launching of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) by WHO in 2001, we found its global acceptance a leverage to articulate with the mainstream healthcare professionals the unique contribution of CE in (re)habilitation. On the way forward, we envisage to form alliances with the CE World to develop

certification courses for the teachers and therapists here in HK.



The kick-off ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee anniversary of SAHK had the privilege to have the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, Mr John Lee, as the officiating Guest of Honour of the Ceremony that was held on 2 March 2023.



HUNGARY

Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty

Pető 130 Dr. András Pető, the great professor was born exactly 130 years ago. As an official opening ceremony for the commemorative year the András Pető Faculty opened the Pető Research Room on the 8th of March. This new space will provide a venue for further research- and professional-discussions about conductive pedagogy and Pető himself. Feel free to review and take part in the further programs of the Pető 130 commemorative year. Here you can check out the photos and read our Deand, Andrea Zsebe PhD. thoughts about the opening ceremony. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/andrea-zsebe-phd_pet%C5%91-130-pet%C5%91-130-a-mai-trendnek-megfelel%C5%91-activity-7039662092936691712-nuWe?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Renovations The András Pető Faculty have achieved its next goal with the renovation of 350 m² of its facility in building A of Kútvolgyi campus. Classrooms, dressing rooms, community spaces and most importantly the whole service area got new interior. It means that our children came back from summer holiday to a completely renovated kindergarten, our international families bring their children into renewed development rooms and the PAREOO is also offers a much more cosy space for the babies and the elderly people. This is a huge milestone in our life as we never before had such opportunity and financial support to develop our facilities. While the article is in Hungarian, feel free to check the gallery about the hand-over ceremony here: <https://semmelweis.hu/hirek/2022/11/25/atadtak-a-peto-andras-kar-kutvolgyi-uti-epuletenek-megujitott-tereit/>

EUniWell EUniWell is an alliance of European universities working together on different research topics. We are proud to tell that András Pető Faculty of Semmelweis University is part of this alliance on the topic of Teacher Education. As all participating universities representing a sector or profession of teacher training we – of course – representing the conductors as an equally independent and important profession in special education. While the initial phase of the project was the theoretical groundworking now, in the second phase we had the opportunity to send our students to our partners to take part in some short intensive courses. Our conductor students have met with their peers in Cologne, Firenze and Murcia and they worked together on various projects regarding teacher training. They gained both great professional and student life experience! Pető degree, encourage them to apply!

Master programme We are proud to tell you that the accreditation and launch of the new Neurorehabilitation Specialist MSc programme has been accepted by the authorities. This new master programme offers a second cycle degree not just for conductors but for many partner professions as well. International applications can be also accepted as the programme will start both in English and Hungarian language. Soon we will share more information!



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