



# ECA Newsletter

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## ECA news and welcome Italy!



Dear ECA member dear friends,  
with great shock we hear about the terror attacks on our partner country Israel. We stand united with our friends and our thoughts are with all Israelis and our member Tsad Kadima in these fearful times. We hope and pray for a fast reinstalment of peace. ♥

We hear of more sad news and have two losses to mourn: Anita Brigitta Tatlow, 88, and Dr. Ildikó Pásztorne Tass, 62, passed away. We are deeply heart-stricken. We send our condolences to their families and loved ones. Both have

been important figures in our field of CE and they will be missed dearly by all of us.

In terms of business, the German associations BKF Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Petö and the Konduktorenverband celebrated their 25th jubilee in Germany, supported by ECA. Together with our colleagues from APF, Institute Keil and many German associations and families we were present at this milestone event. During the congress we built up further connections to German politicians, which we will follow up on through the cause of next year.

We are pleased to have finalised our CE promotion forum and are keen to also work on the other 4 specialised sections in due cause. Please also read the special report included in this newsletter edition. At last we welcome Italy as a new member, Orri-zonte Autonomia Onlus! How wonderful to have you on board of ECA. Our network grows, which is important to reach our collective goals!

Yours,

Beate Höb-Zenker  
President ECA



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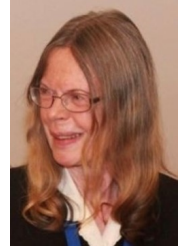
25 Year Jubilee Congress of German Associations, Nuremberg, Germany on 1st - 2nd Oct



*In loving memory, we will dearly miss you*

**Anita Brigitta Tatlow, 88 + 14th July, 2023**

Conductor, honorary conductor, physiotherapist, writer and teacher, board member of the International Pető Association.



*“What I love the most in Conductive Education is the game playing with the children”*

**Dr. Ildikó Pásztorne Tass, 62 + 2nd Oct, 2023**

Conductor, teacher, Head of the Rehabilitation and Health Care Department at the Semmelweis University’s Pető András Faculty .



**AUSTRIA**

**Conductive further education: new possibilities on University level**

Krems, Austria: The first student finished the MSc level in September 2023, in spring 2024 the rest of the students will have the defence of their master theses. This is a big step for CE in the German speaking Europe! We will report in the spring Newsletter about the exciting topics, scientific questions and ambitious theses!

For the second run of the course there is a wonderful possibility for the partner institutions: they can send their staff to select thematic blocks - with duration of some days or only some hours. They are offered in form of „micro credentials“(MCDs) – the ECTS cr. can be certified and credited e.g. for a later master’s degree.



Examples of thematic blocks:

Medical-therapeutic foundations of CE, Neuro-orthopedics and ICF, Conductive sensory approach (for children with Autism), Conductive sports, Management, ...

We are looking forward to an exciting start in November 2023!

[.Universitätslehrgang Konduktive Förderung - Universität für Weiterbildung Krems \(donau-uni.ac.at\)](https://www.donau-uni.ac.at)

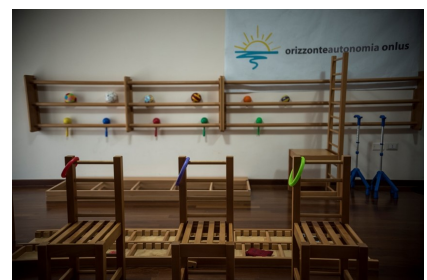
**ITALY**

**Welcome Italy! Introduction**



The Orizzonte Autonomia Onlus association has been operating since 2012. It was founded on the initiative of Giulia Fesce, Andrea’s Mom, a child with cerebral palsy, for sharing Conductive Education benefits with other families. Since its foundation the organization has focused on the developmental age, following in a stable and continuous way children and teenagers from various areas in Italy. The main activity of this organization is to realize individual or group ses-

sions of Conductive Education, aimed at the greatest possible use of residual capacities and at the achievement of the highest level of autonomy achievable. At the same time we work a lot to support all families with children with special needs with projects for siblings, parents, home programs, school programs, summer camps, recreational and inclusive activities, commitment to recognize the role of the caregiver.



Visit us: [Orizzonte Autonomia – Centro di Conduktive Education](https://www.orizzonteautonomia.org)

EUROPE



## Our new CE promotion forum

### "We are Conductive Education fans - we need each other!"

Call for people who benefit from Conductive Education. ECA has nominated Adrienn Oravecz and Lars Mullback, two ECA advisory board representatives, to promote Conductive Education for ECA. They both live and work with Cerebral Palsy.

Read what they have to say about Conductive Education, join them in our forum and tell your own story!

#### Adrien Oravecz, Hungary

Researcher, English Teacher

*"The Petö method helped not only my life, but also my family's life, I could even reach my doctoral level!"*



#### Lars Mullback, Sweden

Film producer, journalist, author  
Honorary Conductor

*"Conductive Education is so important for us to be able to coop with our lives!"*



ECA is an organization for professionals, working for official recognition of Conductive Education. This is fantastic and important especially for us, who like Conductive Education with Cerebral Palsy and for our families.

We, Adrienn Oravecz and Lars Mullback, living with Cerebral Palsy. We think this work by ECA could be more efficient if we, who benefit from Conductive Education, supported it by telling our stories and explaining why Conductive Education is so important for us, to be able to coop with our lives.

What do you think about Conductive Education and about your disability?

What are your dreams, for yourself, and for people with cerebral palsy as a community?

We started this project here on the ECA website and installed a forum on the ECA partner homepage ConductMe, where you can tell your own story. If you send in your story we check with you, if we can publish it. If you want to write some more short- or comment posts already made, you can write directly in the Forum under the topic "My story".

Read more and join the forum:

[www.european-conductive-association.org](http://www.european-conductive-association.org)

HUNGARY

## Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty

#### András Pető Faculty

András Pető Memory Wall

As part of the 130 Jubilee year of András Pető, the Faculty has officially unveiled the András Pető Memory Wall. A modern, stylish and at the same time scholarly exhibition that presents the most important stages of András Pető's career.

#### Hári 100

This year also features the Hári 100 Commemorative Year. As part of it, the Faculty will publish a special issue of the Tudomány és Hivatás newspaper focusing on the great leader of our institution.

Members and partners of ECA are all invited to submit an article about Mária Hári, see the call for application.

<https://semmelweis.hu/pak/en/2023/10/06/hari-maria-special-issue-call-for-application/>

#### Erasmus + partnerships in progress

Thanks to the Erasmus + mobility project the András Pető Faculty has sent out 3 students for 4 mobilities in the last few months. Two mobilities with internship purposes has already been done: one of our students visited the Centre d'Education Conductive du Gard in France, and the other one the Fortschritt Bayern in Germany. This student now studying at

the Evangelische Hochschule in Nürnberg with a mobility for studies project while our third student is doing her internship with Fortschritt Bayern in these days. Providing international experience for our students during their studies is a very important priority for us and we are lucky to have great partners to follow





SWEDEN / UK

## Seminar at Swedish Parliament

On September 27th, we had the opportunity to participate in a seminar at the Swedish Parliament with the theme "Movement is a Right - for Everyone Except the Mobility Impaired." The purpose of the seminar was to shed light on the injustices surrounding the mobility impaired individuals' right to movement and how it is deprioritized by the Swedish welfare system.

There were several speakers during this seminar with different perspectives:

Mats Wiking and Malin Danielsson, both Members of the Swedish Parliament.

Ingrid Liljeroth, a psychologist, lecturer, special educator, and author of several books on Conductive Education, talked about how society's attitude towards the mobility impaired has changed over the past decades.

Dr. Melanie M. Brown, a Conductive Education consultant and Chair of the Professional Conductors Association (UK), discussed Conductive Education internationally from a UK perspective and emphasized the importance of this educational method for the overall development of mobility impaired individuals as individuals.

Two families were also present, sharing their thoughts and experiences with Conductive Education and its impact on their lives.

Finally, Eszter Horváth Tóthné, a certified Conductor, CEO of Move & Walk, and Vice President of ECA, spoke about her experiences with Conductive Education in Sweden and the challenges of having to import other conductors/workforce with Conductive Education competence from abroad due to the lack of equivalent education in Sweden.

The speakers resonated with the audience, mostly consisting of Members of Parliament and regional politicians, and we received very positive feedback. The work continues to gain acceptance for the Conductor profession in Sweden and to spread awareness about Conductive Education so that more people can benefit from this concept and reach their full potential.



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## Conductive Education & Rehabilitation writes history with the BKF Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Petö & the Bundesverband der in Deutschland tätigen KonduktorInnen



In 1998 parents, conductors, pedagogical and therapeutic professionals founded representations of interests in Kassel and Nuremberg, to enable a life with self-determination and participation for children with disabilities. They placed the foundation stone for the entry of conductive pedagogy and rehabilitation in many institutions in Germany!



*Foundation of BKF, Kassel 1998 by Peter von Quadt and engaged parents and German Conductor Association in Nürnberg 1998*

The 25-year jubilee celebration of the Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Petö and the Konduktorenverband took place on 1-2 October in Germany, Nuremberg. Professional, informative and internationally well attended - what an amazing success!

Almost one year of preparation work went into the lovingly organised and presented event. Personalities and lecturers in the field of conduction, specialized education, medicine, therapy and public life, informed with presentations, lectures, information, posters, discussions and video messages.

Marita Holper, Chairperson of the Bundesverbandes Konduktive Förderung nach Petö e.V. and Zsuzsanna Hadházi, board member of the Konduktorenverband and Krisztina Desits, Teacher at the EVHN opened the congress Sunday. Daniela Ludwig, Member of Parliament, and patron of the BKF sent her greetings with message to the guests via video. „I am deeply impressed how independent the children and teenagers become with conductive education. Conduction and inclusion belong inextricably together”, she said.

Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Brigitte Bürkle, Vice President at EVHN, welcomed the scientific program on the congress Monday. Councilor Michael Ziegler, in representation of the mayor, Marcus König, of Nuremberg, talked about the still missing acceptance of the conductor profession and urged politics for a quick action in this matter for the well-being of the disabled. He also talked about the missing personnel and called it “an ongoing crisis in



kindergarten and in the caring sector. We are at a limit and there is no relief in sight, politics has a distinguished share of the responsibility and in particular a duty to guide us out of this crisis”, he said.

Next to professionals, families, disabled people, students and representatives of conductive associations, were guests as well as many important well know lecturers. Prof. Dr. Dieter Lotz, former head of department specialized education (SE) EVHN, Prof. Dr. Walter Strobl, University Krems, Prof. Dr. Birgit Mayer-Lewis, head of department SE EVHN as well as Dr. Zsofia Kallay, PAF, were key speakers. Prof. Dr. K. Weber, German pioneer of CE since 1988 and author of many reference books, unfortunately had to cancel her attendance due to illness, as well as the PT and senior conductor, Helga Keil-Bastendorff, founder of the Helga Keil Bastendorff foundation, Vienna. She sent an important statement to current subjects. Ernst Albrecht von Moreau, CEO, Beate Höß-Zenker and Susanne Schönwälder, both managing directors, represented the foundation Pfenningparade and Phoenix, which support the academic study program at the EVHN with focus on CE and inclusion, for 5 years as one of the biggest institutions of conductive education in Germany. Tatijana von Quadt, CEO of FortSchritt Starnberg, represented Peter and Hanni von Quadt, founders of the German parents associations.

Representatives of the Semmelweis University, András Pető Faculty and representatives of the Helga Keil Bastendorff Stiftung were speakers and presented current ideas for future study programs and cooperations between Hungary, Austria and Germany. Scientific work and findings of effectiveness were an important part of the congress. Possible master studies in pedagogy, rehabilitation and care were brought into focus. Next to professional lectures and workshops, also stage discussions with people with disability and colleagues on the subject “Cooperation at Universities” and “Why CE” took place.

Dr.Zsofia Kallay und Szabolcs Tiger of the András Pető Faculty impressed with innovative presentations towards new suggestions of future cooperation.

The “Golden Pető Chair” was presented as a sign of special earnings in CE by BKF board member and ECA President Beate Höß-Zenker to Rike Bock, physiotherapist, PTK/specialized teacher, lecturer, writer and Katalin Örfalfy, senior conductor of the Pető Institute and longtime professional supervisor in Germany. The by now 85-year-old lady was touched by the honour and held a wonderful speech.



Accompanied by the event a big poster gallery was presented: members, associations, personal data sheets of people with disability and scientific posters were shown in an impressive way. The conductor association organized a “favourite aid” corner for conductors and therapists to exchange their experiences and findings. Elisabeth Pitz, Ptk/specialized teacher, BKF board member, organized an interesting “scientific corner” with actual BA and MA thesis’ in relation to CE and her own workshop. Good catering was organized together with 25<sup>th</sup> jubilee cake – everybody enjoyed it. After the congress program a little sightseeing tour and a festive meal with networking party were part of the event.

On Monday the organisers and guests came together for a photo shooting in preparation for World CP Day which has its own jubilee in Germany in 2023 – 10 years! The shooting took place with many green balloons and a self-made green balloon arch and green dress code.

This was a successful event in good atmosphere with many well-known faces, exchange, ideas and faith for the future and further milestones in Conductive Education in Germany and Austria. We thank all our guests, lectures, the EVHN and the organization team of both associations.

*BKF Board: Daniela Fülle, Krisztina Desits, Robert Kratzer, Zsuzsa Hadhazi, Beate Höß-Zenker, Marita Holper, Tatijana von Quadt, Elisabeth Pitz, (new election 10/2023)*

*Left: further congress participants from all over Germany*

