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ECA Year in Review 2023



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Dear ECA Members,
dear friends of Conductive Education!



With 2023, a jubilee year is ending. It seems destiny that Dr. András Pető's 130th, Maria Hári's 100th birthday, the 25th jubilee of the German associations, Bundesverband Konduktive Förderung nach Pető e.V. and the German Conductors Association as well as the diamond jubilee of SAHK, Hong Kong, fell all into the same year! A pedagogy hard-won, spread beyond borders by parents, gained ground, further developed and modernised by professionals. A milestone reached, a vision ahead of us. Thank you Prof. Dr. Pető and all who have worked so hard!

Following the arrangement through ECA and Pfennigparade, of a 40,000 Euro donation from Stiftung Hilfsverein Nymphenburg to the Step by Step Association, to build refugee houses, we were invited to a charity evening entitled „Hope” in December. In spring we held a meeting with members and conductors to discuss international conductor career possibilities. Together with Ivan Su, SAHK, a letter, with the contents to extend the academic conductor study course curriculum, in terms of broadening the area of application for conductive education, was sent to the Pető Faculty. The application of CE going forward shall also be valid for autism spectrum disorder. The awareness letter, to support political acceptance, is signed. Plans have been compiled with the EVHN, Pető Faculty, University Krems and University of Birmingham for new cooperations: The Pető Faculty, University for development Krems and EVHN have agreed on a cooperation for students from 2023-2025. Annually they want to offer summer school plus virtual modules for students. An alliance named *EuniWell* to work on different research topics is on its way. Erasmus+ programmes and partnerships are in process: students were sent for internships to Centre d'Education Conductive du Gard, France and FortSchritt Bayern, Germany. We are pleased to provide international experience to students and show the beauty of the profession 'conductor'. During the 25-yr jubilee congress in Nuremberg in Germany new connections in politics evolved. For WCPD we took a wonderful picture with over 100 participants in green clothing. Sadly, in the middle of the year we received the bad news of the death of Anita Brigitta Tatlow and Dr. Ildikó Pásztorne Tass. Both will remain in our hearts and have added to the spread of CE. We are pleased that our CE promoters, Lars Mullback, SE, and Adrienn Oravec, HU, started their CE forum. We welcome and invite all people with disabilities to share their stories, news and achievements to substantiate our work and make it more authentic.



We offered the API/Pető Faculty our support for the organisation of the World Congress CE, which aims to take place in 2-3 years. We are pleased to have acquired Italy, Orizzonte Autonomia Onlus, as new member country for ECA. The conductor shortage has created the most headache to members and evolved to an urgent issue that needs addressing! We are currently working on a letter for a plea to stock up the student spaces at the Pető Faculty in particular in different languages. This enterprise will take a lot of preparation for the Pető Faculty, should they agree and have capacity.

We thank all members, partners and colleagues for
wish for peace in the world.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours

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their loyalty and support and



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