

# ECA Newsletter

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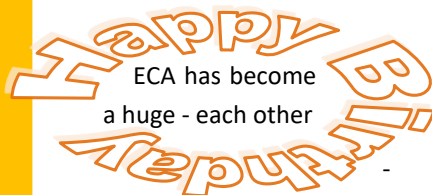
## ECAs 20 year success story



Dear ECA member, dear CE friends!

This year we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of ECA! With today 22 institutional members, additional private members and 3 partners, spread over 15 countries world-wide,



ECA has become a huge - each other - supporting global CE network in 20 years of history! We congratulate Helga Keil-Bastendorff our founder and visionary! An incredible achievement!

Today we also congratulate

our member Orizzonte Autonomia in Italy who have, after an enormous amount of work, converted now into a foundation!



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Congratulations also go to the Petö School in Niederaudorf/Germany, (founded by Rita Mechtl + Bettina Brühl) who celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a congress this March. The re-named Petö School is an incredible example of lived inclusion. The school educates a wide range

of even severe disabilities with its cleverly devised education concept for children with and without disability. A showcase for future education - worth visiting! The school cooperates since the beginning with the founding body of the on-site day care centre, Pfennigparade Phoenix GmbH.

The success story of ECA shows that it is worth putting once heart into a great enterprise. Only in a strong conductive network it becomes a "Mission possible"!

Yours

Beate Höß-Zenker  
President ECA

## Save the dates!

- EACD & IAACD 2024: 29.5.-1.6.2024 Bruges - Belgium
- EACD & IAACD 2025: 24.-28.6.2025 Heidelberg - Germany  
Abstract submission: until June 16, 2024:  
[Abstract Submission | EACD & IAACD \(eacd-iaacd2025.org\)](https://www.eacd-iaacd2025.org)  
Weekly Video Clips „International Voices on Childhood-onset disabilities“ [International Voices | EACD & IAACD \(eacd-iaacd2025.org\)](https://www.eacd-iaacd2025.org)
- RehaCare: 25.-28.9. International trade fair for rehabilitation & care Germany – Düsseldorf [www.rehacare.com](https://www.rehacare.com)
- World CP Day: 6.10. [www.worldcpday.org](https://www.worldcpday.org) international celebration
- ConSozial: 16.-17.10. Nuremberg - Germany [www.consozial.de](https://www.consozial.de)
- FortSchritt Bayern gGmbH, Germany: 30th anniversary 6.11. [www.fortschritt-bayern.de](https://www.fortschritt-bayern.de)



AUSTRIA

## MSc “Konduktive Förderung” at University for Continuing Education Krems – new graduates, new scientific theses

This spring 3 students concluded their studies with the defense of their master theses. Very interesting research issues were presented:

Laura Forster: Therapy Fatigue in Young Adults with Infantile Cerebral Palsy: Causes and Strategies for Overcoming it in Conductive Rehabilitation

Sebastian Vitti: Development of a Conductive Learning Program for Eye Control – Impact on the Use of Eye-Controlled Communication Devices for Adolescents with ICP Aged Fourteen to Seventeen

Sigrid Anibas: Therapeutic Approaches in the Treatment of Spastic Pes Equinus in Conductive Rehabilitation, Illuminating Conservative Treatment Methods – A Scoping Review

Susanne Schulz: The added value of motivation in the CE rehabilitation process (thesis not available in the library)

All theses are written in German language and are available at the library of the University. The remaining students are expected to submit their master's theses by the summer.

The 2nd round of the MSc course is currently in its 2nd semester.

Interested persons also have the option of acquiring and certifying lectures and modules as micro credentials. With the exception of one English block, all lectures are currently in German language.

The cooperation between the foundation (H. Keil-Bastendorff Stiftung) and the university (University for Continuing Education, Krems) will be expanded even further: in future, the practice-oriented, basic introductory courses will also be organized jointly. We are grateful for this valuable and fruitful cooperation!

BELGIUM & FRANCE

## Conductive Associations Conference Day near Paris

France and Belgium Conductive associations organized a conference day near Paris in March. This was a great occasion to share new practices and collaborations in France and Belgium. Agenda points were:

- Implementation of a Conductive Approach for children with multiple disabilities , ‘Les Hortillons’ France
- French Conductive Parent Association, 10 th year anniversary and prospects, ‘Fepec’ France.
- From internships to a Conductive Education Center, professionalization of the project while keeping the involvement of the parents, ‘CEC Evoludo’ Belgium
- Management of behavioural disorders with a "Conductive" approach, ‘Envoludia’ France
- Long term support from the Regional Health Agency, CEC ‘La Maison Escargot’ France
- Implementation of Conductive Education in a Specialized Secondary School; autonomy and inclusion, ‘La Cime-La Famille’ Belgium

Training in Conductive Education, collaborations and prospects, ‘Fil Conducteur’ Belgium



GERMANY

## MSc Course at Pfennigparade Phoenix, Munich

The MSc students of the University for Continuing Education Krems, also visited Pfennigparade Phoenix GmbH in Munich at the beginning of March for a five day MSc course. Lectures were held by Kriztina Desits with examples of structural elements. Elisabeth Pitz gave an insight into ICF and complex rehabilitation. Michaela Sommer informed about medical-therapeutic basics of movement. Daniela Fülle demonstrated practice in inclusive schools and cognitive development and Sebastian Vitti presented communication in complex settings. The audience were master students of whom many are currently doing the certificate course in Krems, also 3 employees of Pfennigparade participated via the micro credential program. Thorsten Gegenwarth, Helga-Keil-Bastendorff Stiftung, accompanied the students group.



## ECA - 20 Year Anniversary!

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ECA is an umbrella organisation uniting conductive institutions to collectively work for the recognition and spread of CE. The ECA has taken leadership of CE and we work together with the András Petö Faculty to achieve our common goals in the areas of awareness, recognition, quality and training.

ECA was founded 2004 at the Petö Institute in Budapest by Helga Keil-Bastendorff of Institute Keil in Vienna/Austria, together with representatives from Germany, Hungary, Sweden and UK. Helga Keil was a visionary and very early recognised the necessity of an international representation for the growing needs of the conductive community. ECA Presidents since its foundation were Helga Keil-Bastendorff and Beate Höß-Zenker of Pfennigparade Phoenix GmbH in Munich/Germany.

Despite different cultures and perceptions, it has been achieved that all member countries, together with the Petö Institute, today respect and accept one another, emboss the cooperation and maintain the quality of CE.

Through an immense effort in 20 years and brought forward by parents and professionals, who work voluntary on the board of ECA, it was possible to build an amazing global network of experts in education, politics, and medicine together with our clients.

Often, we are asked: Why should conductive services become member of ECA, what is their benefit? The answer is simple: Only in a strong conductive network it becomes a “Mission possible”!

We thank our members for their membership and friendship, their support and the close collaboration.

We thank our parents who don't become tired of promoting CE and showing the benefits and impact that a conductive life style has on their independence.

We thank our partners, for their engagement and ideas.

We thank the Petö Institute for their cooperation and input.

We thank our parents and professionals who work voluntary for the ECA board and do all the work.

We thank Helga Keil-Bastendorff our founder and visionary.

For the future:

It is our duty to identify young people who are willing to continue our work and let the boat not sink.

**Happy Birthday ECA!**

ISRAEL

## 10 Years of Stepping Forward: A Time to Reflect on Goals

Upon entering my position as CEO of Tsad Kadima, 10 years ago, I set two main goals:

### 1. Strengthening the CE approach as Tsad Kadima's leading methodology

After so many years (37), the uniqueness of the CE approach cannot be taken for granted and requires a fresh perspective.

The training program that we operated for about 30 years in partnership with the Peto Institute needed to adjust itself to current needs.

About 4 years ago, we embarked on a new program, which is more concise and

based mainly on the students' practical experience.

### 2. Expanding the organization to new areas

About a decade ago, Tsad Kadima began developing programs and frameworks for young adults. We opened day centers, enabling the organization to continue supporting children who have become adults.

The principles of CE are reflected in strengthening the abilities for independence in the community, developing social skills, and learning new subjects.

We at Tsad Kadima invite our partners

and colleagues in the field of CE to join us in thinking together about the further development of the approach in the coming years.

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HUNGARY

## Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty

EUniWell project – The Semmelweis University is a founding member of the European University for Well-Being (EUniWell) which is a higher educational alliance of European universities working together on different research topics. The András Pető Faculty, led by Dr. Ibolya Turi, took part in the project, which examined the welfare of teachers in the participating countries. Other partners in the project were the University of Florence, the University of Cologne, and the University of Murcia. The work resulted in a scientific article, titled: Sustainability, health care, well-being, and inclusion: toward new professional standards for the teachers of the future.

Renovation at Villányi Street - The Villányi Street campus of András Pető Faculty just opened its new wing for students and colleagues alike. A huge renovation project went underway during the last semester as a result, students in primary and vocational schools can now develop through conductive pedagogy in renewed student spaces, renovated classrooms, and a modern infrastructure. The new wing of the building was opened on the 22nd of January by Dr. Béla Merkely, Rector, Andrea Zsebe PhD, Dean, and Éva Feketéné-Szabó PhD, Vice-rector. You can read about the ceremony here.

The new master's program has been launched – The András Pető Faculty is happy to announce that its new master's program, Neurorehabilitation Specialist MSc now available in Hungarian language and it will be available in English language from 2025. This master's program will provide an opportunity not only for conductors to graduate from a higher level of education but also for many allied professionals to gain a better understanding of neuromuscular rehabilitation and at the same time an insight into conductive pedagogy. It is important, that the MSc program is not a new conductive pedagogy training program as its content is based heavily on medical expertise. If you would like to find out more about this brand new program, we will soon be hosting a podcast discussion with Andrea Zsebe PhD in conversation with the program leader, Prof. Dr. András Fogarasi.

Successful Erasmus + project with Chile - The András Pető Faculty of Semmelweis University recently concluded a successful Erasmus+ project in collaboration with the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. The project brought three Chilean professors, Cecilia Assael, Jaime Balladares, and Maria Rosa Lissi, to Budapest to give lectures to Hungarian students. The lectures were centered on the topics of psychology, education, and special education. You can read more info about their visit here.



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