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*ECA Team*



## ECA YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

**Dear ECA Members, dear friends of Conductive Education!**

Time has become fast-moving; digitalization, artificial intelligence, and new programs overwhelm us. The workload is steadily increasing, and we must ensure that we find time for interpersonal relationships and reflection. Listening is important!

**In 2024** we have intensified our collaboration with the Petö Faculty, we met several times this year. Through the ECA awareness letter, CE was brought into the focus of politicians (Sweden and Germany), other countries will follow. The promotion of CE was advanced through our inclusive advisory board team, more CE fans found. Our network and influence is growing. The conductor curriculum in HU was expanded and now includes further diagnoses other than Cerebral Palsy. ECA urged the APF to act against the conductor shortage, which resulted in a new training initiative: This training is a distance learning program with practical components at local associations in the home countries and furthers the exchange of students. Together with the APF, we started to launch a new marketing campaign which we will continue to work on next year. Potential new members in Luxemburg and the Netherlands were contacted. We close the year with the ECA board member elections during the General Assembly last November, alongside the Petö Day, in Budapest. Many new young professionals volunteered to work with us and for the first time we had plenty of candidates to choose from, also thanks to lots of marketing up-front. The newly elected colleagues will bring new vibes, ideas, and momentum to our work. With a new Board member representative in Hong Kong, the ECA board now operates beyond Europe! I am happy that ECA is getting more professional with the expertise of its team, the collaborations between the countries, contacts and digitalization. A memorable anniversary year is coming to an end.

**In 2025**, the EACD in Heidelberg will be a major networking event, and we will be present with presentations and meetings. The installation of further training cooperations at Semmelweis University and Krems University, the Code of Honor and rights and protection of woman with disability will be part of our agenda. We hope that the new APF distance learning course will be embraced by our members. Further CE promoters shall be identified. The World Congress on CE will be hosted by Move and Walk, Sweden, in 2027. These congresses always mark a milestone and we are delighted that Sweden has taken on the organization and financial challenge to host this major event. Thanks to all the active people accompanying us and especially to the "old" board members of the last 4 years.

Merry x-mas to you and your family!

Yours Beate Höß-Zenker in the name of the whole Board  
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