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## ECA calling Europe and beyond!

Thank you all for following us and reading our ECA Newsletter.

First of all I am delighted to



WELCOME ISRAEL  
Tsad Kadima,

as yet another (!) new country member on board of ECA!

In the recent months our ECA bees have been very busy bees indeed and I am proud to present today the first ECA brochure to the world, which we will attach to this newsletter. With this brochure we are hoping to convince more people for the need to stand united. 2500 issues have been printed, ready to conquer the world.



Please download Brochure on:  
[www.conductiveeducation.eu](http://www.conductiveeducation.eu)

The ECA is meeting for a first board meeting in 2019 this month, joined by Dr. Andrea Zsebe/Dean of the Semmelweis University. On the very top of our agenda, for this coming year, we set ourselves the target of creating a new ECA homepage, which we are aiming to finish in a couple of months. Along with this project I am also pleased to say that this new homepage will become barrier-free and is built by a fabulous IT-team of disabled people. The ECA homepage will run under a new domain and will go online later this year.

I am much looking forward to its relaunch.

Without your membership fees this project would not be possible – a BIG `thank you` to all our members!

For the moment, we would like you to be patient with us for a more detailed homepage than the current, out-of-date, old one.

Today I also have great pleasure to congratulate Hanni and Peter von Quadt on the 25th anniversary of their conductive association Fortschritt in Starnberg/Germany.

In the beginning of the 90ies the von Quads discovered CE in Hungary for their disabled son, who consequently learned to walk and lead an independent life.

Hanni and Peter von Quadt were the beginning of Conductive Education in Germany. Thank you both for bringing Conductive Education to Germany and all your continuing hard work and thank you for supporting ECA!

Beate Höß-Zenker  
President ECA

DIARY DATES

## Save the date!



● Acena Conference, US 13 - 15 September 2019

For more information see: [www.acenaconference.org](http://www.acenaconference.org)



● 10th CE World Congress, Budapest 24 - 26 May 2020

The Congress will soon have its own website where further information will be provided.

SPECIAL

## GILL MAGUIRE

### An encomium



Written by **Andrew Sutton**

On 1 March Gill Maguire announced that she will no longer be publishing new items on her blog *Conductive Education Information*. Read here her full announcement, including the reasons that she gives for this decision (phrased with characteristic gentleness):

<http://e-conduction.org/ceinformation/?fbclid=IwAR1JqrUYz2qDlrKMV4nl2YMsFYQJ3nUcj0CoxWcvoXK8l4rQG1M-n5P0txl>

For public response to her announcement, see also here:

<https://www.facebook.com/conductive.world/posts/10217596931705374enessill>

Gill began working within the CE movement in 1986, initially as a volunteer then from 1991 appointed as Librarian for the Foundation for Conductive Education, to work towards the Foundation's mandated objective:

'...the development and advancement of the science and skill of conductive education and especially the teaching thereof'

Gill created the National Library of Conductive Education according to the practices and standards expected of an academic institution dedicated to a future in which CE was expected to grow in importance as a topic of professional, academic and popular concern around the world. And she took her first steps into editing and publishing.

For those who shared her aspiration for an informed, interconnected knowledge base for CE, Gill and her role became an integral part of the CE movement. Then from 2009, with Gill's unexpected early retirement, she continued and expanded her activities for CE, now as a personal commitment to the cause, in roles that have included Joint Editor of Conductive Education Press:

<http://www.blurb.co.uk/user/cepress>

Over the long years of her attentive involvement Gill has built up a remarkable knowledge of published and unpublished sources on CE, and a wide knowledge of people and institutions involved around the world (including of where some of CE's bodies are buried).

Some of her knowledge will be shared further in a forthcoming work of reference from Conductive Education Press, to take forward into the uncertain future her blog's telling epigraph:

'Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. When we enquire into any subject, the first thing we have to do is to know what books have treated of it. This leads us to look at catalogues, and at the backs of books in libraries.'

(Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784)

Meanwhile, though Gill has discontinued her blog, she continues actively involved with CE in other roles, such as maintaining the online Virtual Library of Conductive Education:

<http://www.e-conduction.org/virtual-library-catalogue/>

And of course she continues happy as ever to help with reasonable individual requests for information.

# Introduction of Tsad Kadima



ISRAEL

Day care centers + nurseries



Tsad Kadima („a step forward“ in Hebrew), an award winning Israeli non-profit organization, founded in 1987 by parents to children born with physical disabilities who took their children’s future into their hands and established Tsad Kadima to bring to Israel a unique life changing educational approach to help them reach their full potential and independence and participate into the community at large.

preschool and school, day centers for adults to preparation for community residence and functional independence.

Tsad Kadimas goal is to enable the person with physical disabilities to become actively involved in everyday activities, reach a level of functional independence and participate into the community.

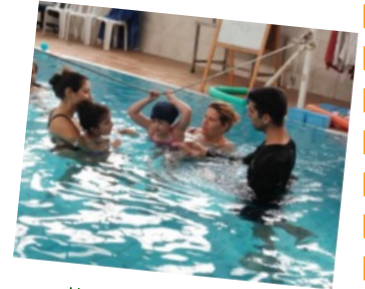
Tsad Kadima has trained in collaboration with the Petö Institute around 90 Israeli conductors, and operates together with the Levinsky College of Education, the Center for Conductive Education and Cerebral Palsy Studies.

Tsad Kadima operates and provides various services for infants, children and adults with physical disabilities and their extended families throughout Israel, from early intervention,

Rehabilitative special education school



Independence in specially adapted training apartments



Hydrotherapy

AUSTRIA

## CE at Universities in Austria



In Austria the CE courses on university level are developing into an important branch of professional further education. The first Certificate Course in Conductive Education has finished. The participants from Austria and Germany are the first to receive a certificate by the University of Vienna. It qualifies them to work in a con-

ductive setting as part of a trans-disciplinary team. In October 2019 the course will start for the second time: <https://www.postgraduatecenter.at/konduktivefoerderung>

New and unique is the possibility of a Master of Science Course in Conductive Education. It will start in December 2019 at Danube University

Krems and can be attended after the successful completion of the Certificate Course (or an equivalent).

<https://www.donau-uni.ac.at/de/studium/konduktive-foerderung/index.php>

BELGIUM

## The Queen Mathilde was at „La Famille“!



The highlight of this schoolyear was without any doubt the visit of her Majesty Queen Mathilde at "La Famille", Brussels. A great occasion to share the principals and benefits of Conductive Education. Queen Mathilde is a psychologist and speech therapist. She discovered

how CE integrates new technologies such as 'Eyegaze and Alternative Communication devices' in class. She showed a lot of interest and had questions about inclusion and family support with special attention towards siblings. This exciting day ended with a visit to 'La Famille Day

Center For Adults'. Queen Mathilde congratulated the eldest of our previous students. This was a great honor!



GERMANY

## „A Common Language in Schools“

### An Erasmus+ Project to implement ICF in school.

A common language in school" provides concrete tools for professionals who work with pupils with developmental difficulties in schools. It introduces ICF (International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health, WHO, 2001) as common language to describe individual

learning situation of a child and enables ability-based holistic trans-disciplinary assessments and planning processes.

The project is implemented by 10 partners from 4 European countries (Austria, Germany, Republic of Northern Macedonia, Turkey) under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Manfred Pretis. It started

on September 1, 2018 and will last until August 31, 2021.

*For more information on the project, meetings and partners go to:*

[www.icf-school.eu](http://www.icf-school.eu)



### 2019 Congress

The Focus CP and reha-KIND congress „life with CP“, children rehabilitation and all along going interdisciplinary subjects took place during the first February week in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany in German language.

The congress was a high profile interdisciplinary congress for scientific advanced training, exchange and networking with an additional, along side running professional exhibition. The congress ran under the leadership of the two congress

presidents, professor Florian Heinen, from LMU Munich and Professor Walter Strobl from Vienna. It combined high scientific quality and professional quality from medical supply over to therapy, practical implementation of supply and rehabilitation techniques. The interdisciplinary and open character was formative and invited all participants, experts and families to a multi professional dialog.

An interesting program was presented with 150 speakers from all

professional sites. The congress offered in particular, 60 presenters in a professional exhibition, aimed at affected people and families. Amongst the stands ECA also represented themselves with their work for disabled people and promoted their work.

HUNGARY

## National sports competition for children

21 March is the day of the Hungarian Paraspport – for calling the attention of the sport activities and achievements of the people with disability.

The School of András Pető Faculty of the Semmelweis University and the Pető Sport Association organised a national competition on this day.

The Hungarian Paralympic Committee and the National Association of Students with Disability were supported and participated

in the event. The secretary of the Asian Paralympic Association was also present.

Children competed in the following sports:

Adaptive rowing, wheelchair fencing, boccia, arm wrestling.

Prizes to the winners were given by those young people who, started their sport activities with the support of conductive education at the Pető Institute, and by now, they are successful adults in different sports and the members

of the Hungarian National Paralympic Team.



boccia



arm wrestling



award winning ceremony



wheelchair fencing



SWEDEN

## News from Sweden:

Swedish Conductor Association had several contacts with the Swedish Educational Department and some universities for example: Gothenburg University to establish a Conductor BA program in Sweden. There are many aspects to consider that is why the dialogue goes quite slowly. We are going to continue to report as soon as we have results. Anette and Lars Mullback are writing a series of 4 books. The stories are about children with

special needs and are including the philosophy of Conductive Education with the slogan "Yes You can!". The first book, Ebba's and Hugo's triple-trick is out in the stores soon (in Swedish).

UK

## Multi-disciplinary conductor training



Over the past few years NICE, Birmingham, have been delivering this course in Finland, Sweden and Canada and are now embarking on delivering in the UK and Australia.

A large percentage of CE centres employ a range of professionals to deliver their services. There are a significant number of existing professionals (teachers/therapists) delivering CE sessions but without the opportunity to access training and qualifications in the field. This course is targeted for these people – professionals who have already dedicated their career to CE and want to develop the same skills as under-graduate conductors. This has led to the term MD conductor.

The multi-disciplinary conductor will be able to work in collaboration with the conductor to develop deductive practice through schools/centres.

We are very excited about this new course and the opportunities it presents to offer some excellent practitioners a chance to qualify in CE. A chance to follow their passion in CE and develop the skills required to move CE forward and ensure that all practitioners delivering CE will have appropriate training and qualifications in the future. This arm of training now brings CE in line with other professions and offers an exciting new opportunity to ensure a high quality level of delivery in the future.

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Picture of the first three UK professionals undertaking the course

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