



World Federation of Music Therapy
Federación Mundial de Musicoterapia

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WFMT BUZZ

From the Desk of Dr. Amy Clements-Cortes

Dear WFMT Members,

Greetings from the WFMT! Please take a few minutes to read some news updates!

2017 WFMT Elections: Call for Nominations

The time for 2017-2020 WFMT Council member elections is nearly here! Please take time to review the proposed Council slate of candidates http://www.wfmt.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/WFMT-Slate-of-Candidates-2017-2020_January-2017.pdf to learn more about those currently nominated for Council positions. Members of WFMT have the right to nominate candidates for Council. Please complete the following procedures to do so:

1. Learn about the Officers' and Commission Chairs' tasks, skills, and time commitment by reviewing the Council job descriptions
2. Choose your candidate, fill out, and submit the online nomination form online
3. Have your candidate fill out and submit the online candidate form

You can find all this information at the following link <http://www.wfmt.info/leadership-2014-2017/2017-2020-council-elections/>

Congratulations to the 2017 WFMT World Congress Scholarship Recipients

WFMT is pleased to offer 10 Student Scholarships for the 2017 World Congress of Music Therapy (WCMT)! Each scholarship includes one full-time participation early bird registration for July 5-8, 2017 at the student rate of 11,000 Japanese Yen.

There were a large number of applications. Thank you to all students who took the time to prepare their applications, and to all music therapy professionals for writing support letters for these applications. Please join me in congratulating the 2017 recipients.

Bernadette Cajigal (*Australia*)
Xing Yi Cheong (*UK studies, Malaysia home country*)
Jessica Hariwijaya (*Indonesia*)
Thomas McGrath (*Australia*)
Lazaro Nascimento (*Brazil*)
Marija Pranjić (*UK studies, Croatia home country*)

Jonathan Tang (*USA studies, Singapore home country*)
Stephen Venkatarangam (*Canada*)
Hugo Wong (*UK studies, Hong Kong home country*)
Natsumi Yamada (*USA*)

An additional thank you, to the following members of the WFMT Council who served on the Student Scholarship Review Committee.

Dr. Amy Clements-Cortes (WFMT President, Reviewer)
Dr. Annie Heiderscheit (WFMT Past President, Reviewer)
Ms. Jen Spivey (WFMT Secretary/Treasurer, Administration of Applications and Review Process)
Ms. Jeanette Milford (WFMT Regional Liaison, Reviewer)
Ms. Angela Harrison (WFMT Regional Liaison, Reviewer)

WFMT Membership

Now is the time for your organization and for individual members to renew their WFMT memberships. Please find information and membership application forms at the following link.
<http://www.wfmt.info/wfmt-membership/membership-application/>

Organizational members: be sure to renew your membership and register your authorized voting representative with Jen Spivey, WFMT Secretary/Treasurer, by **5 July 2017, 12pm JST** (3am UTC/GMT). Organizational representatives need to attend the WFMT General Business Meeting in person in order to cast a vote on behalf of their organizations. Representatives who are unable to attend may cast their vote online four weeks before the Federation's General Business Meeting by contacting secretary@wfmt.info.

WFMT Website Updates for February

Be sure to visit the WFMT website www.wfmt.info for the following updates released each week in February.

- 1 Feb: *President Presents* - membership highlight <http://www.wfmt.info/leadership-2014-2017/2017-2020-council-elections/>)
- 8 Feb: *2 Assembly of Student Delegates blog posts* (student accommodation options at WCMT & participating in a WCMT pdf presentation)+ a PR student video)
- 15 Feb: *Eastern Mediterranean Regional Liaison blog post*
- 22 Feb: *Research video with Ania Bukowska* (already posted in WFMT YouTube channel)

Calling all Songwriters!

Submit your original lyrics and music for consideration as the next World Music Therapy Day song. The winning song will be a part of the opening ceremony at the 15th World Congress of Music Therapy in Tsukuba, Japan. #WorldMTDay2017 is a celebration of music therapy around the globe, so keep that in mind as you write. A panel of WFMT council members will review the song submissions and select the World Music Therapy Day 2017 song based on: catchy & inspiring tune; easy to sing & remember; and contains a motivating message.

Send submissions to publicrelations@wfmt.info. Please include a video or audio recording and lyrics (in English) for the song. The winner agrees to give WFMT permission to post the song on the WFMT website and social media outlets so music therapists can learn the song to sing on #WorldMTDay2017, July 4, 2017. Full credit will be granted to the composer and this winner will be acknowledged on the WFMT facebook page and website. **Submissions are due by March 1, 2017.**

Global Events Calendar

If you would like to submit an event for the Global Music Therapy Events Calendar, please send the information to Jen Spivey, Secretary/Treasurer at secretary@wfmt.info and, please take a moment to check out the events listed <http://www.wfmt.info/resource-centers/events-center/global-calendar-2/>

WCMT July 2017

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the WCMT 2017 Congress to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, July 3-8, 2017. Visit www.wcmt2017.com for more information. Take note: 2017-2020 WFMT Individual Professional and Associate members are eligible for a discount on their congress registration. This is an individual WFMT membership benefit.

Feedback

If you have feedback, comments or questions that you would like to share please e-mail the respective Commission Chair, Regional Liaison, or me. We will do our best to respond in a few days.

Warmly,

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