



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 exciting updates!

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.

World Congress of Music Therapy, Tsukuba, Japan

The countdown has begun! Don't forget to mark your calendars for the WCMT 2017 Congress to be held in Tsukuba, Japan, July 4-8, 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.

Here are five highlights of the congress events:

1. There are 4 pre-congress seminars where you can earn CMTE credits for the maintenance of the MT-BC Credential: First Sounds: Rhythm, Breath & Lullaby NICU Music Therapy Training, Music Therapy and Palliative Care for Pediatric Cancer Patients and Their Families, How Music Helps: in music therapy and everyday life, & It All Begins with the Music.
2. There are 4 Spotlight Sessions featuring 4 panels of experts on the following topics: Music Therapy and Wellbeing of Older Adults, Music Therapy and Trauma Work, Research of Music Therapy & Music in Music Therapy and the Cultural Context.
3. A dynamic line up of cultural events including: Flower Arrangement, Tea Ceremony, & Calligraphy.
4. An online edition of the WFMT journal *Music Therapy Today* dedicated to the Proceedings of the WCMT 2017.

5. A number of events for students, including a free pre-congress seminar, poster session and jamming time.

WFMT Assembly of Student Delegates

The WFMT Assembly of Student Delegates seeks to promote the exchange of ideas and information among students by increasing global participation and cooperation, raising awareness of WFMT, and representing the student voice to the WFMT Council. Have you had the opportunity to check out some of the great blogs posted? If not, what are you waiting for? At this link, you will find some interesting pieces and updates. <http://www.wfmt.info/wfmt-for-students/assembly-of-student-delegates/>

We look forward to welcoming a new group of motivated students into WFMT service as part of the 2017-2020 WFMT Assembly of Student Delegates. Please read the ASD Handbook to discover eligibility requirements for Student Delegates, to review roles and expectations, and to learn how to nominate an outstanding student for this exciting leadership opportunity. http://www.wfmt.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2016-Handbook_WFMT-ASD.pdf

According to the nomination procedure outlined in the Handbook, nominations may be made by WFMT Council members, Music Therapy Educators and WFMT Student Delegates (as part of a member organization or as an individual member), and self-nomination. Nominated students must be student members of WFMT at the time of appointment (as part of a member organization or as an individual member). The link to apply for a WFMT individual student membership is <http://www.wfmt.info/wfmt-membership/membership-application/>

The call for nominations has been extended to March 31, 2017, 6pm (EST). Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered! Inquiries may be directed to Annabelle Brault, WFMT Executive Assistant, at assistant@wfmt.info. Please consider nominating a deserving student today at the following link. <http://www.wfmt.info/wfmt-for-students/assembly-of-student-delegates/2017-2020-wfmt-assembly-of-student-delegates-nominations/> (please note the dates have not been updated, but the form is still active)

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/>

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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