



World Federation of Music Therapy  
Federación Mundial de Musicoterapia

**April 2017**

**WFMT BUZZ**

**From the Desk of Dr. Amy Clements-Cortes**

Dear WFMT Members,

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

**Call for Recommendations for 2017-2020 Regional Liaisons**

As we near the 2017 **WCMT** in Tsukuba Japan, the WFMT is looking to fill four Regional Liaison vacancies for the 2017-2020 term: Australia/New Zealand, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, and North America. We invite all current 2014-2017 WFMT members to identify qualified colleagues and collaborate with them on submitting the candidate form below by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11pm (EST)**. Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered. Appointed candidates will be notified by the WFMT President following Council discussion at the 2017 WCMT.

**Please take time to:**

1. Learn about the Regional Liaisons' tasks, skills, and time commitment by reviewing the **Council job descriptions**;
2. Choose your candidate and confirm residence in a country within the region to be represented (view listing [here](#)); and
3. Collaborate with your candidate to submit the online nomination form, available on the WFMT website at the following link <http://www.wfmt.info/2017/03/22/call-for-recommendations-for-2017-2020-regional-liaisons/>

Per WFMT Bylaws Article V, Section 5.2:

The Regional Liaisons are appointed by the Officers of the Council and Chairpersons of the Commissions at the Federation's Council meeting before the World Congress. The appointed Regional Liaisons must reside in the region they represent. All WFMT members are eligible to suggest a candidate of their region to the WFMT Council by a given date. The Regional Liaison will serve a three-year term and may be re-appointed for one further term of three years.

**Deadline Extension: 2017-2020 Assembly of Student Delegates Nominations**

Worried that you missed your chance to nominate a deserving student for the 2017-2020 WFMT Assembly of Student Delegates? Not to worry; we have extended the deadline for nominations. Be sure to submit yours today!

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 ([click here](#)) 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. 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/>. All nominations must be submitted by **April 30, 2017, 6pm** (EST). (Please note: this is an extension of the original deadline!) Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered! **Click here** to submit a nomination now! Inquiries may be directed to Annabelle Brault, WFMT Executive Assistant, at [assistant@wfmt.info](mailto:assistant@wfmt.info).

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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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