



World Federation of Music Therapy
Federación Mundial de Musicoterapia

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WFMT BUZZ

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Dear WFMT Members,

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

WFMT Strategic Plan 2014-2017 Summary

In January 2013, the WFMT Council made a commitment to initiate work on the organization's strategic plan. The organizational leadership recognized the changes and growing needs of the profession of music therapy and determined to best address these required further exploration, inquiry, and intention to guide the direction of the organization. Today, I encourage you to read the WFMT Strategic Plan Summary attached in this e-mail. This report provides a discussion regarding the goals outlined for this three year term and denotes progress towards them, as well as accomplishments and revisions. Listed below are the Strategic Planning Priorities and a list of our top 10 Accomplishments.

Strategic Planning Priorities

The following were the broad strategic planning priorities that were identified. Several goals and tasks were set in each of the areas to be accomplished in the 2014-2017 term.

Produce data based information
Build community awareness
Expand use of technology for networking
Demonstrate leadership as a leading knowledge based organization
Develop revenue streams
Provide ongoing educational opportunities online
Maintain online accounting system
Establish presence at conferences around the world
Increase collaboration among council members
Establish volunteer opportunities

Top 10 Accomplishments

1. Fact sheets on a number of countries were updated. These provide information on academic programs, music therapy associations, publications, and conferences, as well as contacts.
2. New Music Therapy Videos on Research were published.
3. A Global Music Therapy Day was launched in July 2016, and each year forward an annual celebration will take place.
4. Established a WFMT presence at International Conferences related to music therapy.

5. Strengthened links with member organizations
6. Published Monthly Membership E-mails- WFMT Monthly BUZZ.
7. Planning of the 2017 World Congress of Music Therapy (WCMT).
8. Updated the Research and Ethics FAQ.
9. Planned and organized special events to celebrate WFMT 30th Anniversary.
10. Produced resources to assist countries where music therapy is less developed based on outstanding development examples of the profession in other countries, and in comparison with other allied health professions.

World Music Therapy Day 2017 Song

The WFMT received a number of submissions for consideration in selecting 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. A panel of WFMT council members is now reviewing the song submissions and will select the World Music Therapy Day 2017 song based on: catchy & inspiring tune; easy to sing & remember; and contains a motivating message. Full credit will be granted to the composer and this winner will be acknowledged on the WFMT facebook page and website.

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 continues! 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.

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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