



World Federation of Music Therapy
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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 our news updates!

WCMT Tsukuba, Japan, July 4-8th, 2017

I hope to see many wonderful colleagues at the World Congress of Music Therapy (WCMT) this month in Tsukuba, Japan. I can't wait to sing our #WorldMTDay song with you on July 4, 2017. The sheet music is attached again to this email, so you can practice☺ Thank you, Ms. Tessa Milford-Behn, for our #WorldMTDay2017 poster design!

I look forward to running the Triennial WFMT Business Meeting and overseeing the election of the new 2017-2020 WFMT Council Members during the congress. I am equally thrilled to present the WFMT Recognition Rewards and Student Scholarships at the Opening Ceremony.

The organizers have been working around the clock to make the congress a truly dynamic and unforgettable educational, cultural, musical and social time together. Visit www.wcmt2017.com for all the information. There is such an amazing lineup of spotlight sessions, pre-congress workshops, concurrent sessions, posters and times to get together and celebrate.

I am excited to share that the WCMT Proceedings are now posted for your reading pleasure. <http://wcmt2017.com/en/proceedings/index.html> This is the Special Edition of *Music Therapy Today*, the WFMT 2017 journal. It was an honour to co-edit this edition alongside Dr. Melissa Mercadal-Brotons. Here is a direct link to download.

<http://wcmt2017.com/en/proceedings/pdf/WFMT-Vol.13-1.pdf>

WFMT Annual Report

I can't believe it has been 3 years since I became the President of the WFMT. I am so proud of the 2014-2017 WFMT Council for the numerous accomplishments made during the past 3 years towards advancing the discipline of music therapy as a science and art. Below you will see a short list of some WFMT highlights from the past fiscal year. This year, was the final year where the WFMT focused on completing the tasks and goals outlined in the 3-year strategic plan. A final strategic planning report has been prepared and is posted on the WFMT website for your review. <http://www.wfmt.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2017-Strategic-Planning-Report-FINAL.pdf> A complete WFMT Annual Report for July 2016-June 2017 is also posted.

<http://www.wfmt.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2017-WFMT-Annual-Report.pdf>

Highlights from July 2016 to June 2017 include:

July 2016	WFMT Annual Business meeting in Vienna, Austria WFMT Council presentation <i>Highlights of the World Federation of Music Therapy 2014-2017 Council</i> at the European Congress of Music Therapy (ECMT), Vienna, Austria. First WorldMT Day Song is sung at the ECMT
August 2016	Triennial WFMT Award Winners are selected by the WFMT Council after the period of nominations closed in May 2016. Winners are notified and will be announced at the WCMT 2017
September 2016	Strategic Plan year three priorities identified and respective projects begun Dr. Clements-Cortes presents about the WFMT at the JMTA Annual Conference in Sendai, Japan and also meets with the WCMT Organizing team and continues planning for the WCMT 2017
October 2016	WFMT online Council meeting held 2017 WCMT Student Scholarship Winners Announced
November 2016	Council presentation <i>Celebrating the Growth of Music Therapy Around the World</i> , Global Perspectives session participation, at the American Music Therapy Association Conference, Sandusky, Ohio. WFMT Announces call for WCMT Professional Scholarships
December 2016	2016 Edition of Music Therapy Today (MTT) is published on the WFMT website Nominations open for the Assembly of Student Delegates 2017-2020 Council positions
January 2017	WFMT Slate of Candidates Announced on the WFMT website and call for further nominations to serve the WFMT Council
February 2017	WFMT Announces a Call for expressions of interest to serve the WFMT in the role of Regional Liaisons for the 2017-2020 term New research video posted on the WFMT Website: Music Therapy Research Around the World: Interview with Dr. Ania Bukowska
March 2017	Quarterly online Council meeting Council members presented on the WFMT at various regional and local conferences
April 2017	Second WorldMTDay Awareness Day Song Contest Winner selected
May 2017	WFMT Strategic plan summary prepared and distributed to Individual and Organizational Members as well as presented in a President Presents blog for May 2017
June 2017	WFMT Annual report prepared
Ongoing	Website (www.wfmt.info) updated monthly with <i>President Presents</i> , Regional Liaison, Student, and news blogs; country fact sheets, and Global Calendar events WFMT Monthly Buzz emails to members & maintenance of active social media presence

It's not too late: Join the WFMT Today!

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. **FYI:** The time has now passed for representatives who are unable to attend to cast their vote before the Federation's General Business Meeting.

WFMT Triennial General Business Meeting

The WFMT Business Meeting will take place Tsukuba, Japan on Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. During this meeting the WFMT Bylaw suggested revisions will be looked at, and the Elections for the new 2017-2020 WFMT Council will take place. If you have not had an opportunity to do so, I encourage you to review the Slate of Candidates document on the WFMT Website. http://www.wfmt.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/WFMT-Slate-of-Candidates-2017-2020_January-2017.pdf

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.

Signing Off

It has been an honour and privilege to serve the WFMT the past three years as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed dialoguing and meeting music therapists in person and virtually from our 8 global regions, while working to advance the discipline of music therapy. I have sent out 35 Monthly Buzz emails since I became President, and today is my last one. I hope you will continue to engage with the WFMT as we continue our work. I am pleased to continue to serve the WFMT in the role as Past-President for the 2017-2020 term.

Warmly,
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