



October 2022 Monthly Buzz

As members of the Planning Committee of the 2023 World Congress of Music Therapy, we are excited to share with you some information about the 17th World Congress of Music Therapy that is going to take place in the beautiful city of Vancouver, Canada, July 24-29, 2023.

The site of each congress is determined by a bid process undertaken by the World Federation of Music Therapy (WFMT) Council six years in advance, and the WCMT is hosted by a WFMT organizational member in conjunction with a local host. The 2023 WFMT organizational member is the Canadian Association for Music Therapy, and it has a representative (congress convenor) on the Council of the WFMT during the term the World Congress is going to take place.

This is a special event and a unique opportunity to reconnect in-person with colleagues from around the globe although the Congress will be offered in a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual attendance options to make the event as accessible as possible for as many people as possible.

The Planning committee is composed of a group of dynamic professionals, members of the CAMT as well as representatives of the WFMT Council, and professionals from the International Conference Services (ICP) who guide us through all the details and logistics of the Organization of a World Congress by offering the expertise and creative solutions to its different components (marketing, financials, program, social and cultural events, congress venue, lodging options).

The Planning Committee has already met during this entire year 2022, and from now until the date of the event, we are going to meet monthly to make sure that all the details are under control and we can offer a unique and memorable event.

We want to advance that the topics and presenters of the four spotlight sessions have already been confirmed. We are excited to inform you that these sessions will have a representation of a wide variety of regions of the WFMT so that we can get a very broad and global perspective on the following topics:

1. The future of research in music therapy: topics & methodologies

2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Music Therapy
3. The future of music and music therapy in healthcare
4. Telehealth in Music therapy

We hope you will join us in the 17th World Congress of Music Therapy! We are looking forward to learning about music therapy practices and research trends from around the globe. It is an opportunity to grow together!

Melissa Mercadal-Brotons, PhD, MT-BC, SMTAE—Past-President WFMT

Aksana Kavaliova, Certified Music Therapist, MTA—Secretary WFMT