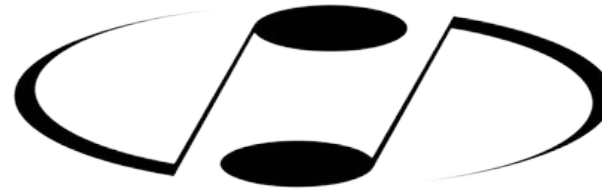


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World Federation of Music Therapy

Dear WFMT members,

Happy World Music Therapy Week!!!

During this past week, individuals, practitioners, and organizations across the globe came together to celebrate the incredible power of music in healing, well-being, and human connection! As this truly inspiring week gradually comes to a close, I'd like to capture some highlights for us to reflect on.

WFMT Photo Competition 2025

We were particularly thrilled by the enthusiastic participation in the **World Music Therapy Photo Contest 2025**. We received nearly 90 photo submissions from around the world and over 1,200 people casted votes for their favorite images. With the newly introduced theme "*Meaningful*

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resilience. A huge thank you to everyone who shared their visual stories, and congratulations to our winners this year!

To enjoy the winning photos once again, you can visit our website at the link below:

[Find out the Winners of the Photo Competition!](#)

World Music Therapy Toolkit

Another highlight of the week was the launch of the **World Music Therapy Toolkit!** This invaluable resource, designed and compiled by the Public Relations Commission and the Assembly of Student Delegates, aims to support individuals, professionals, and organizations in raising awareness and promoting the field of music therapy worldwide. It provides accessible information, practical tools, and **ready-to-use materials** to facilitate engagement, outreach, and advocacy efforts across diverse audiences. Whether you're a seasoned professional, a student, or simply curious, the toolkit offers a wealth of resources to explore. You can access the toolkit with the link below:

[Access the toolkit about World Music Therapy Week](#)

As part of our Global Community, your voice matters!

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Adding another significant dimension to the week was the launch of the global survey:

"Evaluating Music Therapy Practice Statuses and Trends Worldwide: A Decade Later.", a study conducted by Dr. Petra Kern and Dr. Daniel Tague in collaboration with the WFMT Clinical Practice Commission. Mr. Puchong Chimpiboon, Chair of the Clinical Practice Commission will share with us more about this exciting project below:

Exploring Global Music Therapy: A Follow-Up Study After 10 Years
By Puchong Chimpiboon, Chair of the WFMT Clinical Practice Commission

As Chair of the **WFMT Clinical Practice Commission** and a proud collaborator on this initiative, I am pleased to share an exciting global project during #WorldMusicTherapyWeek that aligns closely with our mission to support innovation, collaboration, and excellence in music therapy practice around the world.

We are supporting the follow-up survey study titled **"Evaluating Music Therapy Practice Statuses and Trends Worldwide: A Decade Later."** Building on the original WFMT global survey conducted in 2016, this IRB-approved study—led by **Dr. Petra Kern** and **Dr. Daniel Tague**—aims to:

- Understand global changes and emerging trends in music therapy
- Inform workforce preparation and professional development
- Address knowledge and skill gaps to support future training and education

The survey is now **live**, and we warmly invite **all active, practicing music therapists** to participate. Your input is essential to ensure diverse voices and practices are represented in this historic, longitudinal study.

 **If you take one survey this year, let it be this one.**

 Just 20 minutes of your time.

This initiative reflects the core goals of the Clinical Practice Commission—to advance music therapy through meaningful global collaboration and high standards in clinical work.

We look forward to sharing updates as we continue working together to move the profession forward—worldwide.

Puchon Chimpiboon

Chair of the Clinical Practice Commission
World Federation of Music Therapy

Beyond these key events, we saw a fantastic array of webinars, workshops, and local initiatives that further amplified the message of music therapy's benefits. Thank you to all the organizers and participants who contributed their time and passion to making this week a resounding success!

Let's continue to build on this momentum, championing the benefits of music therapy and working together to expand its reach worldwide.

With gratitude and appreciation,

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