



ECA Newsletter

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Welcome & goodbye ECA board members!

Following the ECA general assembly and the ECA board elections in November 2024, I have the pleasure in welcoming our new ECA board. We are delighted that amongst the newly elected colleagues, we also welcome new faces who are eager to work with us voluntarily. We are looking forward to grow closely together in the new team. At the same time, we have to say goodbye to our long-term ECA colleagues who will dearly be missed: Eva Szabo will focus on her extensive work

at the Pető Institute and our dear Betz Tautscher-Fak has stepped down for her well deserved retirement. Betz will dearly be missed but not out of sight. Thank you so much, dear Betz, for everything you did for ECA since the beginning in 2004 (also see page 3)!

This year our focus will be on growing together in the new team and setting new goals.

The first important meeting we have been working towards is the EACD Congress in

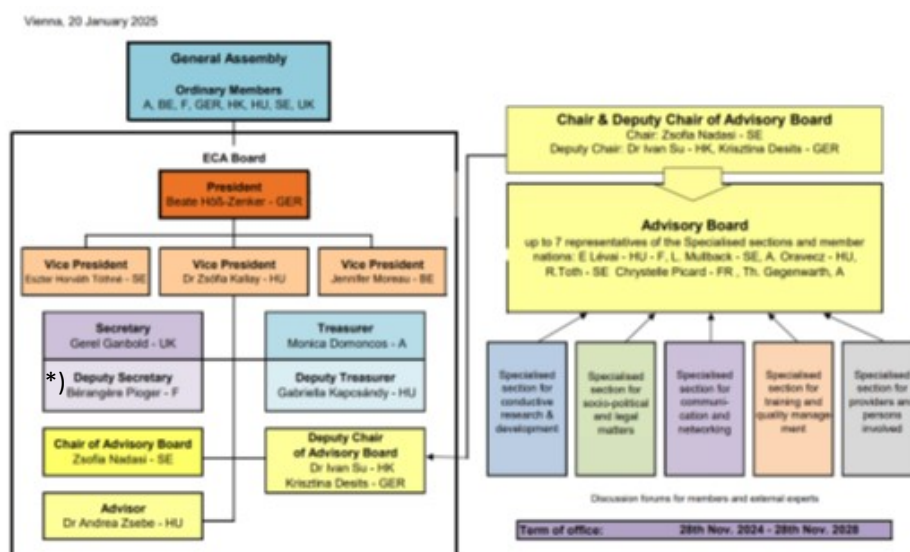
Germany, Heidelberg. We will host an ECA Board meeting onsite and strengthen our network during this important event.

Also a new EU project application has been brought on its way and we are hoping to get a positive answer in June and win the project to start in September.

Yours

Beate Höß-Zenker
President ECA

ECA Organigram & functions 2025



French representation:

*) Bérange Pioger has taken on the French country representation, due to a sudden relocation to Hungary of Eleonora Lévai. Mrs. Lévai will support us instead, as representative, on the ECA Advisory Board going forward. This swap guarantees a representation in each country.

Save the date!

- REHAB 22.5.-24.5. European congress for rehabilitation, therapy care & inclusion Karlsruhe - Germany
- EACD & IAACD: 24.-28.6. Heidelberg - Germany www.eacd-iaacd2025.org
Warm-up: Video Clips „International Voices on Childhood-onset disabilities“
EACD & IAACD Photo Competition: "Inclusion in Everyday Life"
Post your photo with "EACDIAACD2025photo"
- Program: [Pre-conference](#) | [EACD & IAACD Main conference](#) | [EACD & IAACD](#)
- RehaCare: 17.-20.9. International trade fair for rehabilitation & care Germany – Duesseldorf www.rehacare.com



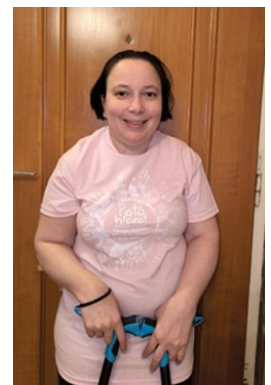
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CE Promoter: Rózsa Gergely

My name is Rózsa Gergely. From 1989 to 1997, I was a resident student at the Pető Institute (now: Semmelweis University Pető András Conductive Practice Primary School and Boarding School). From the very first moment, I was embraced by a loving environment. *What I am most grateful for is that I got a "family from Conductive Education."* During those eight years, I learned all the essential skills I needed to cope with daily challenges. Now I live in Budapest with my family, including my nineteen-year-old son. I work as an administrator for a company that employs individuals with disabilities.

A few days ago, I received a great honor. One of my beloved conductors invited me to speak to the students at the Semmelweis University Conductive Practice Vocational School, sharing my experiences and insights about life outside. I gladly accepted the kind invitation for this motivational speech. They welcomed me warmly. Seeing the sparkles in the eyes of the younger CE students was a great experience. I do hope I could help present generation of CE students with some useful advice how to carry on after the protective boarding school life. My encounter with Conductive Education began ...

Read my full story here: [Stories - ECA](#)

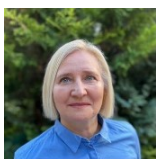


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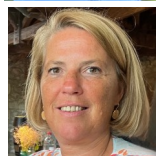
Introduction of new ECA faces on ECA Board



A: Monika Domanokos Institute Keil -Vienna MScConductor / primary school teacher with 25 years of international experience; worked at Pető Institute/HU, Stick 'n' Step Foundation/UK, Fortschritt Bayern/ GER. Since 8 yrs Keil Institute/Vienna, Austria. Since July 2023 responsible for professional and organizational management in the fields of special education and integration. Member of Austrian Conductor Association.



HU: Gabriella Kapcsándy Semmelweis University Pető András Faculty Budapest: Lecturer at András Pető Faculty Institute of Conductive Education Extensive experience in conductive pedagogy; complemented by knowledge and practice in inclusive education. 10 yrs of professional experience in conductor and teacher training.



F: Bérange Pioger For over 14 years, Bérange Pioger has been practicing CE with her daughter Honorine. She co-founded the CEC of Bayeux in 2012 and the FEPEC in 2014. In 2022, the CEC of Bayeux was officially recognized and funded by the French authorities, with the mission of becoming a resource center for CE. Bérange Pioger is now mandated to expand this innovative approach across France.



UK: Gerel Ganbold MA Special and Inclusive Education 2024-2025 Institute of Education, UCL, London United Kingdom. BA in Conductive Education and Pre-School Teacher 2018-2023 András Pető Faculty, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary



HONG KONG: Dr Ivan Yuen-wang Su, Head of Professional and Program Development at SAHK and Director of the SAHK Institute of Rehabilitation Practice. He has served adults with childhood-onset disorders and community-dwelling survivors of chronic disease for over 30 years. His expertise lies in community rehabilitation and primary healthcare.

Thank you, dear Betz!



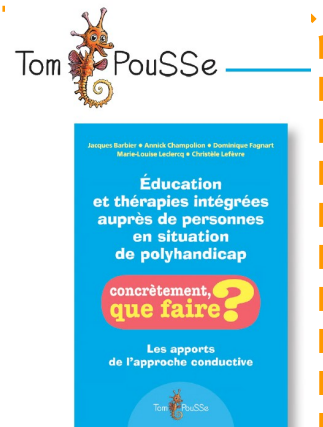
Our long-term board member, Betz Tautscher-Fak, has now retired. Betz was one of the ECA founding members in 2004. As a qualified physiotherapist, academic multiple therapy conductor, Honorary Conductor of the PAF, Betz worked more than 35 years in the area of conductive education. Until 2012 she worked at the Therapie Institut Keil, Vienna and since 2013 at the general management of the Helga Keil-Bastendorff private foundation. Despite her lecturer activities, she managed various academic university courses at the University of Vienna and Krems. Betz has been in several board member functions and contributed immensely with her expertise and management skills. Most of the EU Projects since 2000 were organised and worked out by Betz. Thank you, dear Betz, dear friend and colleague, you will be missed a lot. We will stay in contact! Enjoy your retirement!

BELGIUM/FRANCE

First book in French language

A first book in French—congratulation by the President Beate Höß-Zenker - on this topic, an innovative approach to supporting people with multiple disabilities challenges some existing practices, yet it offers a new perspective and brings hope. The authors of this book, all field practitioners, specialists in multiple disabilities, and members of the ABPC, AFPC, and Envoludia, have reflected on the possible contributions of CE, originally designed for people with cerebral palsy. **Belgian Association for Conductive Education**, which aims to recognize and spread the principles of conductive education, encourage reflection on the topic, and support ongoing experiences. **AFPC**: French Association for Conductive Education, which aims to raise awareness of and promote conductive education in France.

Envoludia: An association of families that brings together 22 establishments and services in France for children, adolescents, and adults with cerebral palsy and multiple disabilities. Some of these use the conductive approach as their educational concept.



Application for EU Project: “CoCo” CE cooperation for Inclusion of people with Disabilities

The University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK), Austria and Foundation Pfennigparade as co-leader have sent in an application for a new EU project. This project directly aligns with the priority for increased inclusion and diversity of children with disabilities in all fields of education, training, youth and sport by developing and piloting a European curriculum on conductive education. Cooperating partners in this potential project are: ECA, EVHN Nueremberg, Move & Walk, Sweden. Associated partners are Nice, UK, Tsad Kadima. CoCo should it be granted and o ahead, has a grant amount of EUR 400.000, will rund for 3 years with a starting date of Sept 1, 2025. Keep your fingers crossed that the project will be granted.

SWEDEN

Swedish News

Our advocacy efforts in Sweden are progressing on several fronts. We are continuing our series of seminars at the Swedish Parliament (Riksdagen) to highlight conductive education – a method aimed at stimulating development to optimize intellectual maturity and the ability to learn. In March, we held a seminar titled “Movement as a Key to Success in Swedish Schools and Healthcare”, and we are planning a follow-up seminar in September.

We are also preparing for our participation in Almedalen Week, a major democratic forum in Sweden where politicians, media, and organizations meet. Our upcoming event is called “How Do We Create Movement for All – Regardless of Physical Ability?”

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Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty

Pető András Scientific and Professional Symposium The Pető András Scientific and Professional Symposium took place on 28th of November, 2024. At the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. György Purebl spoke about the need to renew university curricula, followed by a roundtable discussion on curriculum development at the faculty. The Pedagogy and Psychology comprehensive-examination notes were also presented. Presentations were given on the topics of breathing, pedagogy, psychology, and conductive education. Students from the Szabadka off-campus program took their oaths in front of Dr. Balázs Hankó Minister of Culture and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Béla Merkely, Rector of Semmelweis University and Mr. Árpád Fremond, President of Alliance of Hungarian in Vojvodina. In the afternoon program, the winners of the Pető András – Hári Mária Mentor Program presented their work, followed by the faculty's TDK conference.



Scientific Session During the Scientific Session of András Pető Faculty, Dr. Péter Szluka, Director of the Semmelweis Central Library, gave a presentation on our University's publication strategy and plagiarism screening opportunities. Following this, two faculty-researcher, conductor colleagues presented their PhD research.



Kenesei Dorottya: "Investigating the Effectiveness of Different Therapeutical Modalities in Cerebral Palsy: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis"

Szabó Gábor: "Educational Science Aspects of the Situation of Early Childhood Intervention/Early Development in Hungary – The History of Early Development in a Professionalization Theory Approach."

New daytime activity center The Pető András Faculty is excited to announce the opening of its new daytime activity center, dedicated to providing comprehensive services for adults with motor disabilities. Our center focuses on enhancing quality of life through specialized movement therapy and fostering independent living skills. We offer a range of programs designed to empower individuals, promoting both physical and personal development. Our team of experienced professionals is committed to creating a supportive and engaging environment where participants can thrive. We believe in the potential of every individual and are dedicated to helping them achieve their goals.

Announcement of the ALUMNI meeting at 21./22. of June—a wonderful program is offered by PAF—hopefully many conductors all around the world could participate in Budapest.



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