

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ECA Year in Review 2022

Dear ECA Members, dear Friends of Conductive Education,

After a good start to the year and setting the main strategy goals, all hope that workload would get back to its normal pace, was shattered by the beginning of the war. Yet, a *new* wave of work began: Parcels packed, money collected, transport to the Ukraine organized, refugees brought to us, integrated, supported and cared for, in our institutions. Our member, The Step-by-Step Association for Help to Disabled Children in Zamosc, Poland, built a container camp within weeks for disabled refugees. Together with Pfennigparade, ECA was able to identify a donor to finance the construction of two housing containers, after the plea for help from Poland in our spring newsletter. We pay our greatest respect to Dr. Maria Król, Executive Board, and her staff for this immense humanitarian project for people with disabilities. Thank you so much!

In spring we welcomed Tiger Szabolcs, who took over from Eszter Daróczy, following her retirement from PAK. After months of working together, we already value him as great support to the ECA board. In May we held our Annual Meeting with over 15 attendees from various countries and were grateful for all the positive feedback, but more importantly the new impulses given. After we heard of the successful new CE training program, in Israel, and Tsad Kadima's courage to establish the training possibility, we honored the young graduates with an ECA certificate and presents. We would be delighted to see more of these training programs around the world to work against conductor shortage. World-CP-Day was a successful campaign again and many of us took part in the award for accessible technology solutions. ECA participated with the therapeutic programmable Ichó ball. We also saw that our new member, CPossible, participated with 2 tech-ideas, and we wish them furthermore good luck with the development and growing of their parent initiative. In autumn we signed the contract with ConductMe. A big focus this year lay on the build-up of specialized CE sections. The text for our homepage in the section *CE promotion* is ready, we are now waiting for the programming of the forum, provided by ConductMe. Lars Mullback and Dr. Adrienn Oravec will oversee the project together with one of our colleagues. We were sad to hear that Eszter Daróczy is also withdrawing from the ECA Board. Dr. Zsófia Kállay has followed her footsteps. At the XI. WCCE several of our board members again held presentations. During a business breakfast and the final ECA Board Meeting of the year in Budapest, we agreed on working closer together in terms of the exchange of students, EU projects and the widening of the conductor training curriculum. Thank you especially to Prof. Dr. A. Zsebe and Prof. Dr. E. Szabò for the successful WCCE and the huge work of preparation. The next WCCE will probably be held in Poland 2025.

A year full of projects, ending with new evolving possibilities for Conductive Education in Europe.

We thank our members for their support and collaboration and wish everyone a Merry X-Mas, a Happy New Year and PEACE and HAPPINESS in the world.

Yours
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