



Country News GA 2023

Please use the following form to send us information from your country for the GA. This will help us all to prepare for the GA, and it will also enable those countries whose representatives cannot attend to let us know what is happening there in the field of music therapy. Your answers do not have to be long, but just to the point.

We would ask you to send the completed form to the core board by April 20th.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Name of Country: Türkiye

Name of Delegate: Özgür Salur

Topic	News
1. Professional development:	
2. Training:	<p>MÜZTED (Turkish Music Therapy Association) president Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and music therapist Özgür Salur continued to teach university courses towards non-music therapy students, either face to face or online, in Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli (HBV) University and Özyeğin University.</p> <p>Music therapist Yeşim Saltık conducted online lessons of Introduction of Turkish Music at ArteZ University of Arts.</p>
3. Research:	<p>Data collection in the Turkish leg of MIDDEL research project has finished.</p> <p>Music Interventions for Dementia and Depression in Elderly care (MIDDEL) is an international cluster-randomised trial project and have partners in Norway, Netherlands, Germany, UK, Australia and Türkiye.</p> <p>Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and her team are leading the Türkiye branch of the project and are collecting and forwarding the research data.</p> <p>An international symposium regarding the MIDDEL project has been organized in Ankara by MÜZTED, Müzik Terapi Akademisi and HBV, with the participations of Christian Gold, Monika Geretsegger and Yeşim Saltık.</p>
4. Role of music therapy in society/health care etc.	<p>Several large earthquakes have hit 11 cities of Türkiye and created a huge need for psycho-social support. MÜZTED is offering free online supervision sessions from Turkish music therapists Yeşim Saltık and Salih Gülbay to musicians and others who went to the earthquake field about using music experiences.</p> <p>MÜZTED, HATORUM and Serbian Music Therapy Association organized the conference: "Mental Health and Natural Disaster" by music therapist and EMTC Serbian Country Representative Dr. Ranka Radulović.</p>

Music therapist Salih Gülbay and Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz held an online discussion on “Offering Music Experiences in the Field of Earthquake.”

Müzik Terapi Akademisi held an online discussion on “Using Music in Disaster Interventions” with Özgür Salur.

EMTD and WMTD have been celebrated across the country.

An international online panel has been organized by MIDDEL, MÜZTED, Müzik Terapi Akademisi and HBV, with the participations of Monika Geretsegger, Yeşim Saltık and Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz.

Yeşim Saltık and Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz held a workshop about music therapy and music interventions for Alzheimer's disease at the VIII. Congress of Intelligence and Talent, organized by Turkish Intelligence Foundation.

Yeşim Saltık has completed 7-month volunteer work at Ankara Children's Hospital Palliative Care Unit.

Yeşim Saltık made an online presentation: Music Therapy: Practice & Research in Özyeğin University

Yeşim Saltık presented on “Cultural Sensitive Music Therapy “ at the Congress - Migrants in dementia care.

Yeşim Saltık and Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz presented “Introduction to Music Therapy “ at the Güven Hospital, Ankara.

Presentations and workshops have been conducted by MÜZTED members Yeşim Saltık, Salih Gülbay, Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and Özgür Salur online and across the country.

MÜZTED members participated in local and international academic and educational events, presentations, seminars, symposia, conferences, local tv and radio shows to promote music therapy.

5. Questions/Requests for Core Board/Board or GA:

We believe that setting up minimum / optimum training standards and maybe a certification system would help us and other countries to start a decent training program, a lot.

Also, it has been sadly observed that some non-music therapists who are known to publish articles in which they abuse the music therapy discipline and concepts, are reaching out to colleagues worldwide for collaboration.

Preparing a communication database where names of the abusers are held could be very useful for protecting the objectives, reliability, dignity and the credit of EMTc. This way, whenever a colleague receives an international offer, they can check out this database for having more information about the sender.

Thank you for your support and we're looking forward to future collaborations.