

## Country News GA 2024

**Name of Country:** Türkiye

**Name of Delegate:** Özgür Salur

Topic	News
1. Professional development:	
2. Training:	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.
3. Research:	<p>MIDDEL research project is completed.</p> <p>Music Interventions for Dementia and Depression in Elderly care (MIDDEL) was an international cluster-randomised trial project and had partners in Norway, Netherlands, Germany, UK, Australia and Türkiye.</p> <p>Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and her team led the Türkiye branch of the project and collected and forwarded the research data.</p> <p>Findings of MIDDEL project and its financial evaluation are expected to be published in multiple journals in near future.</p>
4. Role of music therapy in society/health care etc.	<p>Turkish music therapists held a session in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Infant, Child and Adolescent Psychology Congress, chaired by MÜZTED president Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz around the theme: "Destructiveness":</p> <p>Özgür Salur presented on "Music Therapy and Other Uses of Music in Healthcare",</p> <p>Ezgi Yargıcı presented on "Music Therapy in NICU Care",</p> <p>Büşra Turna presented on "Destructiveness in Children from a Psychodynamic Perspective",</p> <p>Salih Gülbay presented on "Musical Interventions with Adolescents".</p> <p>Özgür Salur presented on "Using Music and Mindfulness in Self-Care" at the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of Neurogenetics &amp; Metabolism.</p> <p>Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz co-wrote the chapter "Music Interventions in Turkish-Islamic Culture and Music Therapy in Our Day" in the book "Türk Müziği – Müzikoloji ve Müzik Araştırmacılığı Vol. VI."</p>

EMTD has been celebrated across the country.

- Elizabeth Coombes presented on “Music for Wellbeing” in an online event organized by Müzik Terapi Akademisi.

- Music therapy student Ayşe Ünügür interviewed Verena Hopfner about “Challenges for Music Therapists in Multicultural Settings” in a bilingual online event organized by Ayşe Ünügür & Müzik Terapi Akademisi.

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 competent training program. We're looking forward to the final results of the Training Standards Action group.

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.

As suggested before, 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.