



Country News GA 2021

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 28, 2021.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Esa, Alice and Melanie

Name of Country: Turkey

Name of Delegate: Özgür Salur

Topic	News
1. Professional development:	
2. Training:	<p>University courses led by MÜZTED (Turkish Music Therapy Association) president Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and board member Özgür Salur continued to be taught online because of the COVID-19 restrictions, in Hacı Bayram Veli University, Özyeğin University, Marmara University and Işık University.</p> <p>Özgür Salur contributed to Global Music Therapy Educators' Library with a supplemental training video called: 'Musical games and improvisations based on metaphors'</p>
3. Research:	<p>Turkish leg of MIDDEL research project has officially started. 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 Turkey. During the project, Turkish music therapists and qualified association members will receive training on working with elderly from foreign colleagues. Members will assist and observe music therapists on application and Turkish team led by Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz will collect and forward the research data.</p> <p>"Effect of music therapy on nursing students' first objective structured clinical exams, anxiety levels and vital signs: A randomized controlled study" written by Aslı Özyıldız and Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz has been published in Nurse Education Today.</p> <p>"Music therapy in Turkey: Historical background and current perspectives on dementia and end-of-life care" article, written by Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz has been published in Approaches: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Music Therapy</p> <p>"The Analysis Of Scientific Publications On Music Therapy In Germany (2010-2019)" article, written by Duygu Duran Orłowski has been published in Motif Academy Journal of Folklore.</p>
4. Role of music therapy in society/health care etc.	<p>Flyers on using music in social isolation have been translated to Turkish, re-designed and shared on social media by MÜZTED members.</p> <p>EMTD and WMTD have been celebrated across the country.</p> <p>MÜZTED and Müzik Terapi Akademisi has co-organized an online introductory webinar on music therapy for EMTD. Among</p>

the presenters were Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and board member / music therapist Özgür Salur.

MÜZTED and Müzik Terapi Akademisi has co-organized a panel for World Music Therapy Day, with the title Music Therapy Training with the speakers including former EMTC CR and former WFMT president Melissa Mercadal-Brotons, Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and music therapists Danny Lundmark and Özgür Salur.

For Music Therapy Day, five Turkish music therapists who live in Europe met in a panel, organized by MÜZTED member music therapist Duygu Duran Orłowski.

For Music Therapy Day, music therapist Özgür Salur presented music therapy in eTwinning project to middle school students from Italy, Lithuania, Croatia, Turkey, Greece, Tunisia.

Presentations and workshops have been conducted by MÜZTED members across the country.

Members participated in local 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 abuse EMTC logo and EMTD promotional material to promote their work. These people are known to also publish articles in which they abuse the music therapy discipline and concepts. Preparing an action protocol regarding the abuse of EMTC logo and EMTD promotional material (maybe a letter) would be very useful for protecting the objectives, reliability, dignity and the credit of EMTC and EMTD.

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