



Country News GA 2022

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 30,2022.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Esa, Alice and Melanie

Name of Country:

Name of Delegate:

Topic	News
1. Professional development:	
2. Training:	MÜZTED (Turkish Music Therapy Association) president Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and board member 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>Turkish leg of MIDDEL research project is going as planned despite some difficulties regarding COVID-19.</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 Turkey.</p> <p>Music therapist Yeşim Saltık came to Turkey to work as the music therapist in the project and she also taught the musical intervention protocol to choir conductors.</p> <p>Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz and her team are leading the Turkey branch of the project and are collecting and forwarding the research data.</p> <p>Müzik Terapi Akademisi website has been redesigned as a music therapy research portal to help scholars and future music therapists. It includes Turkish articles, an ethical guide, videos, infographics, digital flyers, legal documents, book suggestions, a case study, yearly country news, supervision opportunities and links to national and international book publishers, journals, social media sources, institutions and authorities. Müzik Terapi Akademisi has also started sending weekly e-newsletters that cover music therapy and music & medicine news around the world.</p> <p>The article “Exploring the Use of Hip Hop-Based Music Therapy to Address Trauma in Asylum Seeker and Unaccompanied Minor Migrant Youth” written by music therapist Salih Gülbay has been published in Voices.</p> <p>A review article of the book: “Trauma Sensitive Mindfulness” by L. Treleaven written by music therapist Özgür Salur has been published in Approaches: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Music Therapy.</p>

4. Role of music therapy in society/health care etc.

EMTD and WMTD have been celebrated across the country.

MÜZTED, Ondokuz Mayıs University, Ankara HBV University and Müzik Terapi Akademisi organized a WMTD panel: "Parts from Lives of Music Therapists" from 5 music therapists from UK, Turkey, Spain, Holland, Germany.

Among the organizers and presenters were Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz, Duygu Duran Orłowski, Yeşim Saltık, Salih Gülbay, Giorgos Tsiris and Özgür Salur.

MÜZTED and its members gave a 2-day educational seminar on music therapy and music interventions to addiction-prevention organization HAKDER's members consisting of health personnel.

Among the organizers and presenters were Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz, Salih Gülbay, Danny Lundmark, Özgür Salur, Asena Akan.

MÜZTED members made presentations about music therapy at the International Kocaeli Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress.

Among the presenters were Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz, Yeşim Saltık, Salih Gülbay, Duygu Duran Orłowski, Özgür Salur, Melissa Mercadal Brotons, Annie Heiderscheit and Annemieke Vink.

In Azerbaijan International Conference of Music Therapy, a Aksana Kavaliova, Burçin Uçaner Çifdalöz, Duygu Duran Orłowski and Özgür Salur presented music therapy.

For World Mental Health Day, Özgür Salur gave a presentation about music therapy in Psikolpark Symposium.

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

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 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.