

## Summary research committee for newsletter EADMT May 2021

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### **Mission and Vision:**

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The EADMT research committee formulated a mission statement for the EADMT website. For the year 2020/2021 our motto for this year's tasks was:

**connect - create - collect - exchange - collaborate**

The mission statement introduced the following basic ideas:

The aim of the EADMT research group/committee is to support and promote knowledge development [on research] in the field of DMT. The activities of the EADMT research group seek to connect interested parties and offer opportunities for networking and dialogue on research for DMT professionals.

EADMT research committee aims at contributing to the circle of knowledge development on DMT related topics by

- supporting EADMT members on their collaboration on European projects to create knowledge,
- adopting available knowledge by offering access to and distribute available research resources.
- participating in the scientific committee for the bi-annual conference by reviewing calls and conference submissions.

### **Output year 2020/2021**

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During the 2020 GA the EADMT research committee presented their plans for the year 20/21 in a couple of action domains:

*Databases | PhD researchers | Research seminars | European collaboration.*

The members of the research committee have been working towards realisation of the goals that were set for each of these domains. While working, there also came up some new tasks and sometimes unforeseen workload occurred. Thanks to the enormous effort of the members of the working group, we had a very productive year.

We had four online meetings for the whole group, with in between many sub-group meetings.

#### **Research database on the EADMT website:**

The procedures for the thesis database were finalised. The structure to integrate a theses database on the new website was created. The submission procedures were communicated with the EADMT board. After the board's consent, the National committees have been informed about the new possibility for DMT to submit the information on their research. Within the research working group we have agreed upon procedures to follow up on, screening and publication of submissions. Elina Cauna-Ņitavska and Eduard Martin Colomer have taken this part under their specific focus.

#### **Literature database on the EADMT website:**

In course of the renewal of the EADMT website, the literature database was re-organised. Categories were updated and the material was made easier accessible by adding where possible the DOI numbers. The new literature database was published with the launch of the new website.

#### **PhD forum**

To facilitate communications and connections between DMT researchers, we created a facebook group, "Dance Movement Therapy Researchers". Two members of the working group, Ana Coimbra Oliveira and Pauliina Jääskeläinen together with Elli Kita are coordinating this group and online announcements. There are currently 81 members in this group. Some online meetings have already been realised, with the aim to

connect with each other and exchange on research-related topics. We are planning to continue these activities.

### **Ongoing professional learning facilities**

During the GA in 2020 first discussions started on how to create ongoing learning and exchange between DMT and researchers. The working group has chosen to organise an online event, where DMT can meet, connect, and discuss around research-related topics. Three members of the working group, Antonella Monteleone, Terje Kaldur and Rosemarie Samaritter have been preparing and realising the *DMT Science Café*.

On this idea, we also have been connecting to our international colleagues and found a strong resonance in the American Association ADTA and the Australasian Association DTAA. The plan is to organise the *DMT Science Café* alternately between the three associations. We hope that this will support international collaboration and connections between DMT researchers.

The first online DMT Science Café took place on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

There was a vivid interest from the international community to participate in the event, with 64 participants in the Zoom connection. Prof. Dr. Sabine Koch presented on the concept of embodiment in relation to DMT research. The presentation was followed by animated discussions between the sixty-four participants on related topics in the breakout rooms. We plan to continue this format in collaboration with international colleagues from the research groups of the American Association for Dance Therapy and the Australasian Association for Dance Therapy. A next DMT Science Café will be organized by the American colleagues and after that by the AustralAsian colleagues. This way we hope to provide a global platform for research related ideas in the field of DMT.

### **Other topics discussed**

During our meetings we have been discussing options for European collaboration in research studies. Due to the COVID situation the idea of researchers visiting projects that are conducted in other European countries, was not further followed up. However, in the future, we will re-open the discussion and inventory if there is interest among European researchers to organise research visits. Funding possibilities seem available through the European Erasmus Programmes and for the Baltics, Nordplus.

There has been exchange with the EADMT conference group on the call for papers for the next conference and review criteria for the submissions. Also, some members of the research committee would be willing to join the conference's scientific committee for reviewing the submissions.

### **Current members of the research committee**

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**Chair:** Rosemarie Samaritter

For the EADMT research working group,  
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Rotterdam, September 2021

