



Minutes of the General Assembly 2022 in Berlin-Potsdam, Germany

**Sunday September 25th 15.00 – 19.00 & Monday September 26th
9.00 – 14.00**

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15.00 Convene

1. President's welcome & opening of 2022 General Assembly (GA)

2. Acknowledgement of appropriate invitation

3. Ensure quorum of meeting: 1/3rd of all Full Members must be present = 6 Members

Present members: **Austria:** Petra Aicher-Pichler; **Belgium:** Annelies Planckaert; **Cyprus:** Andrea Tziorta; **Czech Rep:** Marta Lebedova, Marina Vavrova; **Denmark:** Mette Orbaek & Mette Schmidt; **Estonia:** Terje Kaldur & Mari Mägi; **Finland:** Pauliina Jääskeläinen & Silja Mcnamara; **France:** Paula Martinez; **Germany:** Nicole Hartmann & Elin Rau; **Greece:** Angeliki Bitzaraki & Maria Arvanitaki; **Hungary:** Katalyn Szili & Katalyn Walter; **Ireland:** Noemie Cattez; **Italy:** Elena Cerruto; **Latvia:** Indra Major-Dušele & Elina Cauna-Nitavska; **Lithuania:** Raimonda Duff; The Netherlands: Kitty Veldhuis, Julia Morozova; Poland: Malgorzata Wisniewska; **Romania:** Loredana Larionescu & Sorina Petrescu; **Russia:** Nina Kanevskaja; **Spain:** Rosa Maria Rodriguez; **Sweden:** Johanna Jokela (left after coffee break); Switzerland: Ben Edri & Olivia Streater; **UK** Richard Coaten; Adda Paizi (Training Standards WG coordinator).

Quorum achieved - 29 votes present

4. Call for Chair of GA

President Vincenzo P is agreed

5. Call Minutes keeper/scribe

Sunday from 15:00 – 16:30 Richard Coaten

Sunday from 17:00 – 19:00 Julia Morozova

Monday from 9:00 – 14:00 Susan Scarth

Thanks to all colleagues supporting to write the minutes

6. Acknowledge Financial Audit Committee

Isa G. confirmed the audit committee: Katalin Szili (Hungary) and Angeliki Bitzaraki (Greece).

7. Presentation & agreement of Agenda - topics & order of discussion

8. Approval of GA 2021 Minutes – Matters arising from 2021 Minutes a true and accurate record of the Meeting

Approval with 28 votes (1 abstention)

9. Board's report - including Actions - taken & suspended

All reports have been sent to the members on Sep. 11th 2022 and are found on the EADMT website: <https://eadmt.com/general-assemblies/ga-potsdam-2022>.

President's report: Vincenzo Puxeddu presents a PowerPoint, running through main tasks and achievements of the last year (focus on communication and conference - was a great success, thanks to all who contributed, special thanks to Imke). Goals for the future should be focused on increasing EADMT's ability to support DMTs throughout Europe and develop relations with European federations of other arts therapies and other professional DMT associations around the world.

Vincenzo P announces that his term of office ends today. Thanks other board members (for making a real team), it was an honor for Vincenzo to hold this position.

Secretary's report: Imke Fiedler presents a PowerPoint running through main tasks and achievements of the last year (focus on communication, creating the profiles of EADMT delegates/deputies and conference), presents numbers of members of national associations (total 2589, number of members see attachment1).

Imke F's term of office ends today as well. She describes her years as being an enriching experience, thanks VP for being a great colleague.

Communications report: Elli Kitta presents a power point, running through 3 main focuses of the last year – conference, war crisis, media maintenance (including development of Communication Handbook). Focus for the next year: make ample use of media available and open up new possibilities; pass her experience on to the next colleague who will take the communications position on the board

10. Treasurer's report

Iza G. runs through the tasks over the year, shows detailed account of the 2021-22 and estimated budget 2022/23 (see attachments 2 and 3). There will be a person settled in Germany to support the Treasurer and the Board in making contact with a tax agency, tax clerk, notary etc.

Richard C: Iza could have next year a slide that presents income and expenditure over previous years to indicate growth and financial health of EADMT. Financial year is June 1 – Mai 31. Going through fee payment rules (fee to be paid before June 30, membership ID to be added, transfer to be covered by national association, confirmation of the payment). National associations can ask from Iza G, if they need invoice/receipt. This year 7 associations paying late.

On behalf of the board, Iza coordinated the creation of the EADMT Support Network, Elli Kita supported with the work on communication. 19 countries have joined.

11. Auditing Committee's report

Katalin Szili and Angeliki Bitzaraki approved the report

All correct

12. Discussion arising from reports

See point 9.

13. GA approval of business and activity of the Board 2021 - 2022

Applause and appreciation to all board members individually and as a team.

Approval with 28 votes (1 abstention)

Coffee Break 16:30 – 17.00

14. Membership Committee report (Indra Majore-Dūšele (Latvia) and Mette Ørbæk (Denmark)).

(The report is found on the EADMT website: <https://eadmt.com/general-assemblies/ga-potsdam-2022>)

The presentation of the annual report by Indra and Mette.

Voting for renewal of full professional membership of Latvia:

Approval with 25 votes (2 abstentions)

Question of Training Standards arised. This discussion should be conducted with TS Working Group as well as the topic on individual register of practitioners. That is for the future discussion.

Proposed plan of actions for the next year: 1) Will continue to work on changes in the renewal form to make it more user-friendly; 2) Lottery the Renewal for Austria full basic membership; 3) Communication with The Switzerland Association for dissolution of btk association and joining gpk professional association for art therapy (gpk Fachverband für Kunsttherapie). There will be a section of dance movement therapy within the gpk association and Switherland association aims to keep their membership status of Full Basic.

A suggestion by the Committe to split next renewals in 2 parts: 5 countries will be reviewd in 2025 and 4 in 2026. Lottery for the review year:

Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, UK 2025 and Greece, Poland, Russia, and Spain 2026.

15. Report of Ethical Committe

(The report is found on the EADMT website: <https://eadmt.com/general-assemblies/ga-potsdam-2022>)

The presentation by Nina Kanevskaja (Russia). The committee was working on Ethical Code and used ADTA ethical code as a reference. It might be needed to extend the group. The questionnaire about Ethical code will be shared with the delegates. Discussion included: the EADMT code doesn't need to include the actual therapeutic work, this is the task for National Association; we might want to create the guidelines, that should be included in the Ethical Code. Olivia S. (UK) shared about her research on Ethical Codes of UK, US and Australasian DMT associations and expressed her wish to join the Ethical Committee

16. Re-election of board members Izabela Guzek (Poland) treasure & Elli Kitta (Geece) – communication

Elli Kita and Iza Guzek agreed to continue on the board (for one more year).

Voting by secret ballot:

Izabela 27 votes; Elli 27 votes/elected

17. Vote for new board members to be proposed Rosa Maria Rodriguez Jimenes (Spain) & Terje Kaldur (Estonia)

Imke describes challenges with finding new board members and importance of contribution by full professional members

Rosa and Terje introduced themselves and their background.

Voting by secret ballot:

Terje 28 votes; Rosa 26 votes/elected

Congratulations to the New Board!

By the voting question arised about France being suspended due to their delayed membership fee payment. The Statues say that suspensions can be done by the Board in case the delay in payment is longer than 6 months, France can vote.

18. Acknowledgement of outgoing board members Vincenzo Puxeddu & Imke Fiedler

Reflections by Imke and Vincenzo on their (co)working, applause and acknowledgement by other participants.

Monday September 26th 9.00 – 14.00

9.00 GA convenes

19. Agenda of morning agreed

20. New Board informs GA of official roles and responsibilities

President – Rosa Maria Rodriguez Jimenez

Secretary – Terje Kaldur

Treasurer – Izabela Guzek

Communication – Elli Kita

Approved

21. Report from working groups

All reports have been sent to the members in September before the GA and are found on the EADMT website: <https://eadmt.com/general-assemblies/ga-potsdam-2022>.

Conference Working Group:

Rosa Maria Rodriguez presents a PowerPoint, running through main tasks and achievements: focusing on the communication and co-working and conference - the Board, research WG, organizations connected with the conference; shares the process of conference organization. Next steps: 1) Questionnaire for collecting participants' opinion; 2) Detailed report as a guideline that could be useful for next conferences; 3) EasyChair's Professional license expiry date is 25-11-2022 4) Publishing proceedings? Conference still is the first source of income of the EADMT so more people is needed for working actively in the group. Welcomes people to the group.

Communication Working Group

Elli Kitta presents a PowerPoint, running through main tasks and achievements (Facebook, Website, LinkedIn, Newsletter statistics is presented). The group identity was emphasized and this year the tasks were shared clearly. **Martina Vavrova (Check Rep.) will be taking over the role of the group coordinator.**

Global Affiliation Working Group

Elena Cerroto presents a PowerPoint running through main focuses of the last year: World Dance Movement Therapy Day; maintaining and developing relationships with Dance Movement Associations from across the globe, Global Affiliations Instagram account. Aims for the future: build connections to learn and share; sustain and promote the profession, embrace diversity, raise awareness, The main focus of the WG and overlapping parts with other EADMT WGs (especially Communication WG) should be discussed.

Research Working Group

Eduard Martin Colomer presents a PowerPoint, running through main tasks and achievements, focusing on main keywords: connect, exchange, initiate, collaborate, continue and working areas: re-search database on the EADMT website; PhD forum, ongoing professional learning facilities (Science Café). Future focuses: Build continuity in collecting and updating literature database, Build continuity in building the thesis database and in current platforms.

Huge acknowledgment and thanks to Rosemarie Samaritter for her work as a coordinator.

New coordinators: Antonella Monteleone (Italy) & Eduard Martin Colomer (Spain).

State Recognition Working Group

Vincenzo Puxeddu presents a PowerPoint, running through main focuses on 1) making the data from the survey on professional recognition processes 2021 more accessible (ongoing process) and 2) creating a mapping of the institutions providing DMT in various European countries (needs further planning and discussion).

Training Standard Working Group

Adda Paizi presents a PowerPoint, running through main tasks and achievements, focusing on implementation of the EADMT TS, including feedback from the Membership Committee; CPD guidelines, EADMT Stamp of Approval for European DMT programs (needs further work); discussion of EADMT TS in relation to EAP TS (additional hours) - EAP Subgroup working on EAP Questionnaire. Future tasks: to develop further CPD guidelines for adoption in 2023; to develop the Program Approval role and protocol of EADMT for adoption 2023; to clarify Cross-border working and bi-lateral agreement protocol for adoption 2023; to get feedback regarding the implementation of the TS after the completion of the programs.

Acknowledgment of great work of all the working groups.

Brunch break 11:00 – 11:30 (Working Groups are gathering)

22. Working Groups meeting: 11:30 until 13:00

13:00 GA convenes

23. Summary of working groups and actions for the upcoming year

23.1 Conference WG – Coordinator Rosa Maria Rodriguez Jimenez

Proposed plan of actions for the next year:

1. Questionnaire for conference feedback;
2. Detailed guidelines to be written for future conference team;
3. EasyChair license expires November 2022 – very useful tool, suggest re-license;
e.g. publication of conference proceedings can be done through EasyChair;
4. Issue of accessibility, diversity and inclusion to be addressed for future conferences and GA – call for Board to support this initiative with funds.

23.2 Communication WG – Coordinator Elli Kita, Martina Vavrova presenting and taking over the position

Proposed plan of actions for the next year:

1. Division of roles of coordinator and Board member;
2. Add 3 more members to group;
3. Continue managing platforms of Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and newly created Instagram.
4. Improve communication with each other;
5. Let Members of National Associations share about EADMT Listserv;
6. Continue success of Newsletter and improve collaboration with all WGs.

23.3 Research WG – Coordinator Rosemarie Samaritter, now Eduard Martin Colomer and Antonella Monteleone; Mari Mägi (Estonia) & Loredana Larionescu (Romania) presenting

Main actions:

1. New Research Database;
2. PhD Forum;
3. Science Café;

Proposed plan of actions for the next year:

4. Article to be posted on EADMT website to grow group, build continuity and enable access for those interested in beginning research activities, as well as PhDs;
5. Important to flag work of Research Group in all members countries – and facilitate communication and connection;
6. Make connections with other disciplines and invite to Science Café;
7. Encourage Artistic Enquiry;
8. Every 2nd month add news to social media.

23.4 Professional/State Recognition WG – Coordinator Vincenzo Puxeddu

Proposed plan of actions for the next year:

1. Survey to each DMT Associations to discover which institutions use DMTs – to understand National and European DMT landscape and the range of practice in each country. Necessary to consider procedure of collecting and analysing data;
2. Report to be collated based on survey data. This project means connecting to professional DMTs in each Member Association.

23.5 Training Standards WG – Coordinator Adda Paizi

Proposed plan of actions for the next year:

1. By June 2024 we should gain a good idea of how the training standards have been implemented in each Association and across their national DMT programs;
2. Important that Personal Therapy is separated out from Training Standards program requirements in Membership Form – due to difficulty for Universities to demand this. This requirement becomes a matter for the National DMT Association on registration as a DMT;
3. EAP discussion to be dropped. It is a matter for each Association to decide;
4. Feedback from Draft CPD Guidelines requested from each Association – to send to TSWG via Adda;
5. Focus on promoting DMT as a profession in its own right – through clarity of Training Standards.

23.6 Global Affiliation Group – Coordinator Shirley Mawer; Elena Cerruto presenting

Proposed plan of actions for the next year, questions for group to explore:

1. Why does a group want to participate in EADMT?
2. What do they need to receive from this affiliation?
3. How can we clarify Professional Affiliation – and NOT confuse with Communications?
4. Necessary to clarify the goals of this WG.

21.7 NEW GROUP proposal: Inclusion and Diversity Working Group – Elin R, Annelies P, Sorina P

Proposed plan of actions for the next year: To visit each group and ensure increased accessibility is addressed relevant to the group's remit.

Board's overseeing roles on Working Groups and Committees:

Ethical Committee, Conference and Research WG– Rosa Maria Rodriguez Jimenez

Membership Committee and Training Standards WG – Terje Kaldur

State Recognition WG – Izabela Guzek

Communication WG and Global Affiliation WG – Elli Kita

Dates and hosting confirmation for GA 2023

Presentation by Pauliina Jääskeläinen, website of the GA:

<https://tanssiterapia.net/eadmt-ga-2023/>

The GA is taking place in Finland Oct 7th and 8th 2023. Workshops are taking place before the GA - in the afternoon of October 6 and in the morning Oct 7.

October 5th/ &th 2024 Croatia – needs to be discussed/confirmed

14:00 End of GA

Recording Officer

Name: Susan Scarth

Signature:

President:

Name: Rosa Maria Rodriguez Jimenez

Signature: