



EADMT President Report 2022-2023

Since the last GA we have had a period of transition from the new board that has taken up the great work previously done with respect and desire for continuity. We are learning how work together. I must say that I feel a high spirit of collaboration and respect. I greatly appreciate the help of Elli and Iza in the transition time.

The year is marked by the war in Ukraine, which continues to generate enormous pain and suffering, as well as the various natural disasters in different countries. All this calls us to our individual and collective responsibility as a community working for the well-being and mental health of people.

The deaths of Janet Adler and Amanda Kougioufa have undoubtedly shaken our hearts. I would like to take this opportunity to write a special thank you to Amanda for all the work she did for EADMT, as delegate from Greece and part of the conference organising committee for several years.

Regarding the specific tasks done by myself:

- Attendance to six on-line board meetings, mails and messenger conversations and one face to face meeting in Corfú (Greece) in June 2023 where we had also the opportunity to maintain rich meetings with the coordinators of the different groups and committee, work on different proposals and prepare the agenda for the next GA.
- Attendance to some meetings with the conference and research groups and ethics committee.
- Communication with delegates of some national associations which need extra support.
- Checking the storage system (Dropbox or Google Drive) for all the documentation of the EADMT. I have proposed a structure. The organization of the material will be one of the tasks in the next months.
- Preparation of different communications: New Year wishes, newsletter and Janet Adler and Amanda Kougioufa 'deaths.
- Documentation: draft of the support letter about recognition for the full professional associations.
- Attendance to the 1st European Arts Therapies Associations' Summit (8 March 2023). Next meeting the 19th September – To enhance Arts therapies visibility.

In fact, we are working together to present a joined proposal to ECARTE (Gent, 11th-14th September 2024). Next meeting (10th October, 19.00-20.00)

- ERASMUS +: In December 2022, INRCA, the National Institute of Health and Sciences on Ageing contacted us to offering proposing us participation as partner in a Call of ERASMUS +. Due to the deadlines, it was no possible to wait until the next GA to share about that, so in conversations with the board and research group we decided to accept the proposal. We created a small group, formed by Antonella Monteleone (co-coordinator of the research group), Rosemarie Samaritter and myself, both of us with experience in international research projects. We participated in the proposal. If the project is successful, we will have to create a procedure for financial management and organizing tasks under the transparency and open opportunities principles.

Several meetings and discussions were maintained until the date in which the proposal was registered in the European Union Platform.

Here there is some data of the project (a summary is attached to this document):

- Legal name: European Association of Dance Movement Therapy
Organisation ID: E10321536
 - Submission information
 - Form ID: KA220-ADU-60F17D49
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 - Submission date (dd/mm/yyyy): 20/03/2023
- On-line participation in the American Dance Therapy Association's 2023 *International Panel*, entitled "The Challenges of Leadership in Dance Therapy Associations Around the World" with a text and a video. The other associations (could be national or bigger as you can see) will be: Greece, Germany, Spain, United States (in-person), Russia, Australasia (in-person), United Kingdom (in-person), Indian, Czech Republic. Dr. Miriam Roskin Berger will be the Panel chair.

My goal for the coming year is to continue working to strengthen our community networks and the recognition of the profession, as well as to promote research in the field. I am happy that, at Elli's proposal, we will facilitate a time of collective exchange and reflection between the different working groups during the next GA. I think it will be enriching for everyone and will generate new energy and constructive ideas.