



Minutes of the General Assembly 2024 in Tallinn, Estonia

Saturday October 5th 10:00 – 18:00 &
Sunday October 6th 10:00 – 15:00 local time (CET+1)

Saturday / October 5 2024, 10:00 – 18:00

10:00 GA Convenes

1. President's welcome & opening of 2024 General Assembly (GA)

President is thanking the Estonian Association for hosting the GA and thanking for the wonderful workshops. Estonian Association welcoming everyone to the GA in present and on Zoom. Some countries are in difficulty situations, Anat Yariv (Israel), Olga Savchenko (Ukraine) is online, and Nina Kanevskaia (Russia) will be tomorrow online.

2. Movement welcome with Estonian music leaded by the president to arrive to the GA hall and to connect or bodies and others.

3. Acknowledgement of appropriate invitation

Conformed.

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

Present members:

Petra Aicher-Pichler (Austria); Annelies Planckaert (Belgium); Melita Peranic (Croatia); Andrea Tziorta & Maria Yerole mou (Cyprus); Magdalena Takacova & Jana Markova (Czech Rep); mette Orbaek (Denmark); Mari Mägi & Kaire Bachmann (Estonia); Silja Mcnamara & Kaia Kella (Finland); Elin Rau (Grrmany); Maria Arvanitaki (Greece); Katalin Szili & Katalin Walter (Hungary); Rachele Preda & Monica Re (Italy); Solvita Zemite & Martins Etkins (Latvia); Raimonda Duff & Margarita Gedvilaite-Kordusiene (Lithuania); Maartje Jaspers (the Netherlands); Malgorzata Wisniewska & Hanna Stralkowska (Poland); Irina Tepuru & Sorina Petrescu (Romania); Carolina Jimenes (Spain); Ben Edri (Switzerland) Richard Coaten & Janette McDonald (UK).

In addition: Adda Paizi (Training Standards Working Group coordinator); Antonella Monteleone (Research Working Group coordinator); Vincenzo Puxeddu (State Recognition Working Group coordinator); Julia Morozova (Conference Working Group Coordinator).
Ben Edri asking about voting regarding Switzerland - they can vote until their membership is being decided.

Anat Yariv (Israel) and Olha Savchenko (Ukraine) are participating online due to the complicated situation in their countries and they can vote (except in the secret ballot vote for the Board).

Welcome to the new delegates/deputies: Rachele, Solvita, Hanna, Maartje, Kaisa, Margarita, Melita, Maria /Cyprus), Magdalena, Jana, Maria (Creece).

Quorum ensured, 29 votes counted

5. Call for Chair of GA (president unless otherwise agreed)

President Rosa Maria Rodríguez Jiménez is agreed.)

6. Call Minutes keepers

Silja McNamara (Finland) in the morning 5.10 (Saturday,
Carolina Jimenes (Spain) in the afternoon 5.10 (Saturday),
Elin Rau (Germany) on 6.10 (Sunday).

7. Acknowledge Financial Audit Committee

Izabela Guzek confirmed the financial audit committee: Katalin Szili (Hungary) and Rachele Preda (Italy).

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

9. Approval of GA 2023 Minutes – Matters arising from 2023 Minutes, a true and accurate record of the Meeting

Approval with 29 votes

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

All reports have been sent to the members before the GA.

President's report (Rosa María Rodríguez-Jiménez, Spain)

We continue with so many challenges around Europe and some National Associations have found it difficult to remain connected, we are trying to give our best support and see how our community could give them support.

Rosa has attended 9 online meetings, one face-to-face meeting in Madrid, in April 2024, stayed in communication by emails/messenger with group & committee coordinators. She has participated in three on-line meetings with the consortium of the European Arts Therapies Associations. They prepared an abstract for a panel in ECARTE. The aim was to encourage discussion about recognition

and visibility of arts therapies. The abstract was accepted so prepared together a PPT, thanking Indra and Terje for the support. Sabine Koch presented on behalf Rosa as She was not able to attend in Gent (September 2024). Thanking Sabine for her help.

Erasmus + project has taken lot of time and recourses (aspects of law, project requirements, contracts). Pre-team was formed with Antonella Monteleone, Rosemarie Samaritter and Rosa. There has been lots of problematic steps to move forward, many things and tasks to complete. Regular meetings with the board to prepare and launching in February 29th 2024. Preparing a calls for jobs and revising 42 CVs, interviewing candidates together with the Board, final selection of the team. The project has involved regular meetings with INRCA and all the consortium. A questionnaire for DMT experts in collaboration with Antonella Monteleone, Rosemarie Samaritter. Drafting a budget and maintaining further negotiations to get it finished. Participating in diffusion activities; ECARTE and next EADMT conference 2025. This project has involved a lot of not knowing, however, it has been a great opportunity for the EADMT. Rosa is thanking a lot of people.

Secretary report (Terje Kaldur, Estonia)

The year has been challenging lots of new things to learn, new tasks, all together the board has gathered lots of new knowledge, capacity moving forwards: To do the formal change of the board has been challenging in language and legal aspects - notary, court) (EADMT is registered in Germany, we don't have a German speaking board member). Waiting for final confirmation from Germany. Erasmus + has had issues we could not foresee that needed more time and recourses than expected (interviews and contracts, meetings with WG members etc.). Other main activities have been organizing the GA part of the organizing team); gathering membership forms, general board activities and cooperation. Future directions: EADMT conference in Vilnius, Erasmus + project. Terje is thanking everyone.

Communications report (Indra Majore-Duše, Latvia)

Indra has had her first year of being in the Board, thanks to Elli Kita – the handbook has been very helpful and thanks to communication group (Andrea Tziorta). Main activities have been Erasmus + project; interviews and contracts, meetings with WG members. Works has included regular communication with delegates/deputies, DMT practitioners and students looking for information, exchange projects, job offers etc. communicating with professional associations in Europe and USA. Indra is managing three email addresses. Do not open the emails from gmail.com, it is always eadtm.com. Indra is warning about scam emails we have been receiving lately (however, research group and ethics committee have Gmail as their contact!). Indra's main activities has included feeding

the webpage, keeping information up to date. Opening the conference page. Future: 5th EADMT conference in Vilnius, and Erasmus + project. Thanking for trust and cooperation.

11. Erasmus+ Project introducing DanceCare Erasmus + KA220 project

Rosa María Rodríguez-Jiménez and Andrea Tziorta presenting

More on the new website:

<https://dancecare-project.eu>

Describing the project in where DMT and conscious movement are as innovative tools in emotional education. Aim to develop apply and test a body-mind training programme for formal and non-formal caregivers working with elderly. Being a part of the project makes us more visible in European institutions and showing our importance in working in mental health and care environment. This is a step towards more professional association. The proposal was originally sent to EADMT to be read and some small changes were made. As an Association we wanted to participate also in the research part of the project and results, this was pushed in the proposal. All the results will be open to EADMT as well to all the people in the consortium. Rosa showed the schedule and content of the project (WorkPackages). Pilot sites for the project was decided by INRCA, not by EADMT. This is a mixed methods study. This is all still in process, trying to incorporate more implicit knowledge in the project. 42 applicants applied to work in this project, the breakdown of countries of applicants was shown. The team has been now formed. The team of EADMT Erasmus + project is introduced.

Rosa introduces the budget.

They are in (work package) WP2, in recruiting 10 experts for focus groups, hiring 2-3 more experts for design. Timeline of Erasmus + project introduced.

Andrea introduces the WP2-preparation and design of the DanceCare training. The programme will be open for all to use on the programme's website to use same methodology with different groups to make further research data. All the work that is done can be seen on Instagram, webpage, Facebook, LinkedIn. Information can be found also in the latest newsletter.

Anyone who wants to contribute has experience working with elderly, then contact Marloes van Houten (mrls.vanhouten@gmail.com) Andrea.

Jeannette (UK) asking: Are we restricting the research on elderly as there are many care givers of younger people? Rosa: INRCA institute works with elderly so, therefore, the research focus group is only elderly for now.

Anat (Israel) is asking: Where is the psychotherapy aspect in this project? Rosa explains: first proposal was to make a list of activities, but we don't do just physical activity, that's the reason why in the first

questionnaire we asked from the professionals how they actually work, what is their theoretical and methodological background (DMT is a fundamental approach, not just a set of exercises).

12. Treasurer's report (Izabela Guzek, Poland)

Treasurer's report and budgets were sent to the members by e-mail before the GA.

Izabela's last report as treasurer. DanceCare project has really been the main focus this year and there have been different challenges coming with it.

Opening sub-bank account for a project (as it has different budget). Having to solve financial aspects and tax consequences for EADMT, establishing cooperation with a new tax agency ACCONSIS in Munich, hopefully they will also do the finances of EADMT as they are able to communicate in English. EADMT does not pay VAT from the Erasmus + project – no profit. Cooperation with the project's financial controller Adel for the project.

General activities: bank account services, making transfers, checking fee payments and issuing debit notes, contact with the accountant etc. Showing the EADMT budget and explaining about the budget. The Association hosting a GA receives 1300€ to cover costs. If the cost goes over the limit, after discussion with the Board, the rest of the costs can be reimbursed (proposal will be voted).

Going through the estimated budget. Showing what we will potentially spend and the end balance of May 2025. Richard (UK) asking: Has it been considered that the costs have risen? Iza replies that we have only one meeting face-to-face instead of previous 2 meetings, we try to keep meetings cheap.

Mette (Denmark) is asking: Should we increase the membership fees? Board replies: probably at some point, as it has never changed, so it will be something to discuss soon.

Izabela explains that Latvia, Lithuania, and Austria have paid some money towards the solidarity fund. 18 members paid in time, rest have paid late. One has not paid yet due to difficulties. Iza wants to reflect her years shortly. All the papers are in order and it's a good moment to step down as a new tax agency is also getting involved. There will be changes in court to change the actual treasurer of EADMT. Iza is taking with her the supportive international environment. She reflects her time being on the Board as an experience of cultural diversity. Iza is thanking everyone!

13. Auditing Committee's report

Auditing committee approves the report.

All correct

14. Discussion arising from reports

Elin (Germany) wants to thank the Board for all the effort and working together whilst struggling with many issues, so a big thanks to the board!

15. GA approval of business and activity of the Board 2023 - 2024

Approval with 29 votes

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

16. Rules of procedures change – proposal for financial refund for the GA

Proposals was sent to the members by e-mail before the GA.

The change voted (in red):

15.3 The Association hosting the General Assembly receives 1300 EUR to cover the costs of organizing the General Assembly, including: renting a space for the meeting, providing coffee breaks and lunch for the participants and accommodation for the board members. *If the costs of holding a General Assembly do not fall within this limit, the hosting Association, after consultation and approval of the EADMT Board, will be reimbursed for the costs incurred and paid. The hosting Association will provide invoices or other accounting evidence of the costs incurred.*

Approval with 29 votes

17. Working Group Guidelines

Working Group Guidelines document was sent to members before the GA.

Approval with 29 votes

Anat (Israel): Asks if any DMT who wants to join EADMT working groups? People are more than welcome to; the groups are open to join in.

LUNCH 13:00 - 14:30

UK Richard and Jeannette will speak to ADMP UK as they believe some solidarity funds should come from the UK. They will take this idea to UK and respond.

18. Membership Committee Report

Report was sent to the members by the email before the GA.

Coordination of the reviewing process for a) Belgium b) Slovenia c) Switzerland d) Estonia

A. Belgium

- Completed forms from Israel. France had difficulties to do the process regarding resources. MSC did the second review.
- All the documentation conforms that Belgium fulfills the requirements for basic full membership level and MSC recommends voting Belgium to continue as a Basic Full Member.

Approval with 28 votes

B. Slovenia

- Completed forms from both reviewing countries (Ukraine and Finland) and all the documentation confirming that they fulfill the requirements for basic full membership level.
- MSC recommends voting Slovenia to continue as a Basic Full Member.

Approval with 29 votes

C. Switzerland

There have been many organizational changes in Switzerland. From the 2021/22 report this change was already in process. Communication with The Swiss 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 Swiss association aims to keep their membership status of full basic.)

- Continuing this communication, MSC has held a meeting with Ben Edri, the delegate from Switzerland.
- Today the situation is that the section of Dance Movement Therapy is no longer able to fulfill the requirements and cannot document what is necessary to stay a Basic Full Member fEADMT. It is particularly paragraph 2 in the review form that is the issue.
- MSC recommends: As Switzerland can't fulfill the requirements for Basic Full Membership, they remain a member at the Associate Membership level.

Approval with 28 votes

Switzerland doesn't have votes now, so from 29 to 28 votes.

D. Estonia

- The review process has been done by the Polish association and the Membership Committee as Russia could not manage to complete the process.
- Documentation confirms fulfilling the requirements for professional full membership level with some conditions regarding supplementing or adapting to a small extent.
- MSC recommends voting Estonia to stay as a professional member until the next review.

Approval with 26 votes

Conducting the application process for basic full membership of **Croatia**.

- MSC has received a completed application form from Croatia and all the documentation confirming that they fulfill the requirements for basic full membership level.
- MSC recommend voting Croatia to become Basic Full Member of EADMT.

The membership committee has worked on

- Updating documents so all the same documents at the webpage are similar. Some still miss being exchanged. This is handed over to the communication, which needs technical support to do this.
- The terms of the renewal document have been updated.
- Contact the TSWG for feedback and guidance on certain requirements.

The membership committee has sent a proposal to the board as follows:

- The workload has been extensive and in communication with the board MSc wants to extend the the committee to four people. Melita Peranic steps out. Time to think for others to take this opportunity to learn and contribute.
- Changing in the renewal terms (proposal presented) to devide workload more evenly (3 contries per year max, after that 5 year term continues).

Approval with 28 votes

- If a review country cannot do the review process another country will be asked to do it instead of the membership committee (back-up reviewers).

Tasks for next year:

- Coordinate the renewal process for professional full membership designated for 2025
- Coordinate the renewal process for basic full membership designated for 2025
- Preparing a document that overview the country's involvement in the reviewing process.
- Update the membership renewal overview document

• **Lottery for 2025 review process**

Professional members:

Germany: reviewers are *Hungary and Greece (Latvia as back up)*

The Netherlands: reviewers *Spain and Italy (Austria back up)*

Basic Full Members:

Israel: reviewers France and Czech Republic (as they were absent) (Croatia as back up)

19. Ethical Committee Report

Presented by Elin Rau

Since previous GA, in Helsinki, Elin Rau joined Diana and Nina in the discussions concerning the Ethics Committee. The members met online on April 23rd, May 24th and July 12th.

Diana Seabra (Portugal) steps down from committee (read from the report), Nina Kavenskaia (Russia) will continue).

Proposal to approve Elin Rau (Germany; who has been shadowing the committee) as a new member of the Ethics committee was sent to the members by e-mail before the GA.

Approval with 28 votes

- New e-mail: ethics.eadmt@gmail.com.
- To review EADMT ethical code Include more general concerns such as: war crisis, natural disaster, sustainability, pandemics, diversity. This revision is ongoing and requires further work to ensure that the language in the code of ethics addresses issues specific to a European context.

Elin: different names (Dance Therapy, Dance Movement Therapy, Psychotherapy). When the code of ethics mentions that national associations must protect the title "Dance Movement Therapist," are we being specific about that exact title.

- Create ethical guidelines for the conference working group,
 - Sent out the survey to the national associations. A survey was sent out to Indra, to be sent out to all national associations. We got 8 responses from the following countries: Germany, Latvia, Austria, Italy, Finland, Poland, Switzerland and Portugal. To resend the form and ask for participation
- Solvita (Latvia): couldn't we have eadmt.com e-mails only (gmail is not safe)? Indra: is because of the money: we have used all account numbers available.

Slight change in the AGENDA, we advance to point 21. -23. (point 20. Is left after those points)

21. Re-election of a board member Rosa Maria Rodriguez (president) (secret ballot, online members can't vote)

26 votes/elected

22. Re-election of a board member Terje Kaldur (secretary) (secret ballot, online members can't vote)

26 votes/elected

23. Election of a new board member proposed (treasurer position) Petra Aicher-Pilcher (secret ballot, online members can't vote)
Petra introduced her selves and their background.

24 votes/elected (2 abstentions)

20. Acknowledgement of outgoing board member izabela Guzek
President thanks Iza for all her work and the board gives her a gift. Iza: already said some words, really touched now. Pleasure working and having so many experiences in those 12 years.

Austria doesn't have votes now, so from 28 to 26 votes.

24. Reports from working groups: (~ 10 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for questions)
All reports have been sent to the members by email before the GA.

Communication Working Group
Presented by Andrea Tziorta

During this year our social media platforms helped a lot with sharing the news of the EADMT being an Erasmus+ partner but mostly with finding the team that would work on the project under the EADMT and also with disseminating the questionnaire for the project. Save the date announcement about the conference in Lithuania and the call for papers is already posted. Next year CWG mainly focuses on promoting the conference, help the process of registrations etc, Meetings were carried out on Google Meet which is a platform connected to the official group's address wgcom.eadmt@gmail.com. There were 8 meetings organized and additional communication happened mostly via emails. Andrea thanks the whole group for all their wonderful work, ideas and passion. Important collaboration was with Indra as Communication person on the Board. This year's work was in theme of new ideas and carrying on with the existing platforms. CWG will keep maintaining Facebook (more European followers), YouTube, Instagram and Linked-in (people from all over the world). DMT is also a forbidden drug, lots of comments in social media, FB was blocked twice.

They have to moderate comments. Using more #dancemovementtherapy instead of #dmt or #eadmt
CWG help: sending material, pictures, videos, everything welcome.

Research Working Group
Presented by Antonella Monteleone and Silja McNamara

Throughout the year some new members joined the EADMT research working group (Alenka Simoncic and Elien Matthijs) and others left (Rozelien Callaerts and Nira Shahaf). All new members need to be introduced, and they decided with which team (database/science café/facebook group) are more capable to collaborate. The larger group met twice, from January until September. In between the small teams

met as well self-steering in their activities, but with less frequently. 3 meetings between November 2023 and September 2024, Small teams short meetings. Meeting with the board in June 2024, To contact and meet professionals who are active in research (research mapping).

Main goal is to be a link for other researchers, promote inclusion, exchange, collaboration.

Website database is not working so much (maybe it is a double job, there are other indexed databases). *PhD forum* is working slowly (FB forum, some changes planned). *Science café*- also some changes are planned. *New Actions*: contact with WHO research series on health benefits of the arts and social media visibility (show the research in social media). Organizing a meeting point for researchers (if it is not possible in Vilnius then in next conference).

Break 16:00 – 16:30

Reports from working groups continue

Training Standards Working Group

Presented by Adda Paizi

Qualitative element of TS and competencies. Working in this project to clarify:

- EADMT Training Standards adopted in 2017
- the questionnaire for membership renewal
- Letter of Confirmation replacing stamp of Approval (idea).

Competences project: Review the Report sent by mail and the “EADMT Training Standards Criteria (2017)”. This is connected to competences to training standards. We have used Bloom’s Taxonomy (explained in the report).

Read highlighted points in appendix 2

60	Subject Areas	Essentials (Clusters 1-4) 57 ECTS: 456/570 hours and Electives 3 ECTS (24-30 hours)
	Clusters 1 - 4 + Electives Conversion ECTS 1 ECTS = 8-10 Face to Face hours	Cluster 1 35 ECTS 280–350 Face to Face hours 1.1. Movement Observation and Assessment – must include LBMS (may include other in-depth tools), Experiential Anatomy that includes Somatic Practice 12 ECTS = 96-120 hrs 1.2. DMT History and Theory (to include European History) 3 ECTS = 24-30 hrs 1.3. DMT frameworks, approaches, methods, applications e.g. psychodynamic, person-centered, humanistic, social constructivist, systemic; creative, expressive; specific populations, issues, & considerations (Issues of diversity & ethics etc) 20 ECTS = 160- 200 hrs 1.4. Assessment tools, Goal-setting, treatment planning, contra-indications Cluster 2 8 ECTS 64-80 Face to Face hours 2.1. Groups: a) Group dynamics b) DMT group skills c) Group Process/Interpersonal Learning Group 2.2. 1:1 Skills Cluster 3 10 ECTS 80-100 Face to Face hours 3.1. History of psychotherapy and therapeutic models: incl. theories of creativity, healing, self–psychology, developmental psychology, neurobiology, social pedagogic applications 5 ECTS = 40-50 hrs 3.2. Psycho-pathology: physical and mental health, disability 5 ECTS = 40-50 hrs

Informs about the CHECKLIST for European universities, Colleges of education, School of Arts Therapies etc. that provide accredited and/or recognized DMT professional training programmes.

Also, read appendix 4 about the Proposal authored by Training Standards Working Group, regarding the recognition of training programmes.

A *Letter of Confirmation* to be offered to DMT programmes allowing a programme to use the EADMT logo to attract student applications.

There is a lot of material and documents and questions, each member needs to read the documents and the board with the TSWG informs about the further (decisions in next GA).

Conference Working Group

Presented by Julia Morozova

Thanks to Richard for writing the beautiful text for the Conference page

Platform which met with requirements: Oxford Abstracts, we have a full package that includes registration, presentation's info, and certificates (makes it easier to have an abstract book).

Suggested keynote speaker candidates and discussion in the WG, later presented to the Board and approved. *Confirmed:* Prof. Rosemarie Samaritter (Netherlands, Codarts) and Prof. Marija Jakubauskienė (Lithuania) Vilnius University.

More reviewers wanted! Double blind review procedure (101 applications). We need 40 reviewers.

Local organizing group. Raimonda, agreed the location and venue. Hybrid conference and missing some details about the technical streaming team. Budget: getting approval from the Board

Timeline:

Deadline for proposals 30.09.2024

Reviewing process until 30.11.2024

Decisions announced 15.12.2024

Presenters confirmed 30.12.2024

The programme finalized and published by 30.01.2025

Registration opened - 1.02.2025

Conference 12-14.09.2025

101 submissions is the highest number ever (46 workshop submissions, 32 oral presentations, 7 posters, 9 film presentations, 7 performances. Visibility- 37; Vitality - 32; Vision - 32

Sorina, as an artist, partner with Down Syndrome Association arises a question of accessibility for people with special needs and if the deadline could be extended for special needs performers for performances?

Julia: We have to manage with contradictory needs - people want more workshops, and less parallels (most proposals were for WS).

Discussion on performances, amount of them, decision, quality – final decisions made based on whole/full program.

State Recognition Working Group

Presented by Vincenzo Puxxedu and Carolina Jimenes

SRWG work consisted in refining our survey on the mapping of places and institutions offering DMT in Europe and its launch in some member countries. For this, our working group met online on a monthly basis. A researcher who could play an advisory and support role was involved - Prof. Dr. Marianna Siino of the University of Palermo. The initial questionnaire was reorganized into two separate questionnaires: the first one addressed to all registered DMT professionals aimed at identifying the places of institutional practice and those of private practice and the second for institutions to collect a range of information on DMT practice, type of users, etc. The survey foresees two distinct time steps: 1st The administration of the questionnaire 1 to DMTs professions and 2nd, on the basis of the list of places of practice, the administration of the questionnaire 2 to institutions, followed by data processing and publication and dissemination of the list.

A survey of DMT professionals is currently underway in a number of countries that first showed their interest and readiness for this first phase: Belgium Italy Czech Republic UK Hungary The questionnaire in English has been translated into some national languages to facilitate comprehension and compilation (Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary). Time schedule is found in the report.

Global Affiliation WG

Shirley and Anat are present online, the group is searching for directions to move towards.

Rosa: This group was created to attend to a specific task. This task is completed and the next step could be rethink/organize the group (also important not to make contacts in parallel (for example with Communication WG) to avoid confusion). The Board has some ideas. Indra: the meeting with the group will be organized.

18:00 End of Day

Sunday / October 6th 2024 10:00 – 15:00

10:00 GA convenes

Agenda of morning agreed

The board announces that music, which is used with working with patients with dementia can be send to Andrea Tziorta for the Dance Care Project from Erasmus +.

Terje creates the GD folder where everyone can upload the photos and videos from the GA.

Rosa: anyone who wants to step out for the Membership committee? No more volunteers - they will try to make personal invitations.

25. New Board informs GA of official roles and responsibilities

Rosa-Maria Rodriguez - president

Terje Kaldur - secretary

Indra Majore - Dušele - communication

Petra Aicher-Pichler - treasurer

Approved

Working Groups meetings 10:30 - 11:45 (with coffee time)

It's a possibility for the new delegates, deputies to have a look into WGs.

Reminder: Please read emails when receiving from Working groups and Committees!

11:45

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

Communication Working Group

Andrea Tziorta

Focus on the conference; arrange annual responsibilities to support the conference. Get ready to support conference campaign promotion. Get ready to promote to members and associations! In example: ... P.s.: There will be conference... # adding!

Julia: clarifying roles for members, budget, reviewing the programme. End of the year: program will come out! Make promotion juicy and attractive.

Conference Working Group

Julia Mozorova

They are about checking the budget, and continuing reviewing, the program should be ready by the end of year, then the registration. The keynotes are confirmed. Starting to promote.

Research Working Group

Antonella Montelone and Silja McNamara

Glad of having new members, with energy, goals and active. Worked on this idea of trying to reach researchers in different countries and also new young professionals interested in research (would like to be published). The idea is reaching the professional researcher, new, younger people and professionals, to be published. Preparing a letter for next conference. Database team: peer

reviewed articles in your country to use for recognition. Delegates and deputies - please help us to get to your NA members.

Training Standards Working Group

Adda Paizzi

Before the next GA organizing the online café, discussing about the training standards and competence based approach. Meeting also with full basic members to clarify and support them to move to full professional status. Last year the questionnaire was sent out, will send it again – please fill it in. .

Happy to announce new members: Magdalena Takacova (Czech Rep) and Maartje Jaspers (Netherlands)

State Recognition WG

Vincenzo Puxeddu

Happy to meet face to face: tax code vat; different ways of recognition; struggle how to align it with the different therapies. Recognition can be also different for the therapist who work in private practice, in multidisciplinary teams etc (Netherlands, Latvia and Finland). Talked about campaign with videos to motivate, map with dots; there will be a cooperation with communication group.

Membership Committee

Mette Orbaek

Productive meeting, easier to have more people - Melita Peranic (Croatia) joined the Committee and Rachele Preda (Italy) is considering to join as well.

Ethics Committee

Yesterday Diana stepped out; Nina (participated online), Solvita and Sorina joined the WG today. We need to represent EU, we have been based in ADTA's ethic code and we feel that we need to empower. Who is empowering us? Do we control NA ethical conduct? The board controls them? If we need a lawyer, should she/he be German? Is there a budget?

Iza: the committee was created to solve ethical problems. Remember the main aim. You only have three members, the others who have joined today are helpers.

Please fill the survey and send us your ethical guidelines in NA. Susan Scarth offered her help. We need a clear definition and clarification with the board, to have a clear motivation.

27. Collaborative discussion on hybrid GA perspectives

Up until now hybrid has been offered only for countries which are in war/crisis situations and are exceptions.

There are different aspects (legal – German law for voting, change of statutes as now we can't do secret voting online; , technical and social) to consider.

Discussion in small groups (4-5) for 15 min. Try to have answers for each question.

1. What are the advantages of HGA?
2. What are the disadvantages of HGA?
3. If your country is hosting the GA, what do you need to consider for hosting a hybrid GA?

Each group should put the answers in the website slido.com. The board presents the cloud document with the compilation of answers (going to shared with the participants).

Points discussed outside the cloud doc.

- If associations have the choice of not funding travel expenses (if it is not an obligation);
- It might heighten privilege of countries which can afford being present and the ones which not (privileged countries face to face and less privileged online) causing separation;
- Possibility find a rhythm of live/hybrid GA.
- German law and statutes regard voting
- Financial issues

Lot's of discussion came up.

Sorina (Romania): Would be important to think through what is the purpose of the GA and what is important/valuable for the participants. What is board's vision? Board: this is our decision.

Jeannete (UK): That is why we are here, it's all there written on the board (there was info about WG and committees on the board)ha, that is a work in progress. The goal is to expand DMT.

Maartje (NL): For me it is important to know what to take back to Netherlands in terms of funding coming to GA. Gathering is important in this context, it can't be done online only.

Rosa: the work we are doing here is mostly not for ourselves but for each NA so we can bring something back, or make something together (community). The common objectives were formulated back down in 2010 when it was created.

Mette (Denmark): For next GA - imagining technical demand for it as we will host in 2026.

Iza: That is what we have done this year. Only delegates in exception are seen.

Sorina (Romania): if the needs are changing the strategy needs to be redefined. I am here, part of the new generation. I am not acquainted with the goals, project, etc. Strategy needs to be revised in every NGO or Association. See the motivation and adapt the events based on needs, motivation, etc.

Richard: Responding to that, about strategy and business. We have to be very careful, EADMT have come out with values relating to cross country communications; very difficult work. It is not easy to know where we are going, it is not always clear nor easy to be inclusive and open to diversity. Be careful when we talk about vision, strategy and mission and business terms in order to respect and consider deep values of respect. Respecting host countries. If I go back to my colleagues and say that we have closed completely a hybrid format they will be very upset.

Discussion continued.

28. Reminder of place and dates for the Conference 2025 12.-14. September Lithuania, Vilnius

29. Place and Date GA 2-4th of October 2026 Denmark

Confirmed. GA in 2026 in Cyprus. Austria is also willing to host.

Thank you to host country Estonia and the organizing team!

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15:00 End of Day

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