



EADMT President Report 2023-2024

The last year has been a busy year. We have made efforts to maintain the connection and support to associations with difficulties, especially those involved in conflicts and war that are generating so much suffering.

This year has mainly been dedicated to the visibility of our profession at international level, through the Erasmus + project and the activation of the international group of Creative Therapies and the participation in ECARTE. The DanceCare Erasmus + Project gives us recognition and visibility in European institutions, development of a training programme from which many people across Europe can benefit, and a stimulus in research related to long-term care. The interest of our entire community in the project (through applications to be on the team and numerous messages of support) has touched me and confirmed our decision to participate.

Main focus of my activities this year:

- Attendance to nine on-line Board meetings, mails and messenger conversations and one face to face meeting in Madrid (Spain) in April 2024.
- Communication by mail and on-line meetings with group & committee coordinators.
- Attendance to meetings with conference & research groups and ethics committee.
- Preparation of communications: New Year wishes and newsletter September 2024.
- Participation in three on-line meetings with the consortium of the European Arts Therapies Associations. We 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 we prepared together a PPT, thanks Indra and Terje for the support. Sabine Koch presented on behalf myself because I was not able to attend in Gent (September 2024). Thanks Sabine for your help!!

Much of my dedication during this year has been related to the DanceCare Erasmus + Project. In the last report I mentioned that EADMT participated as partner in a Call of ERASMUS + KA220 Long Term Education. In January 2024, we knew that the proposal was accepted and will be funded by European Commission. Since that moment, I have dedicated most of my time to make this project a reality. Information about the project has been included in the Newsletter of this year. During the GA 2024 a presentation will be done for all the delegates and deputies. The main tasks that I have carried out in relation to the Erasmus project have been:

- Participation in the final proposal and administrative tasks regarding EADMT being a partner in an Erasmus + for the first time.

- Regular meetings with INRCA and all the consortium (until the team for the project was created). Kick-off meeting was the 6th February 2024.
- Preparing and launched (29th February 2024) of a call job. Managing and revision of the 42 CV received. Interviewing candidates together with the board. Final selection of the team (consult the Newsletter for checking it).
- Preparing the questionnaire for DMT experts in collaboration with Antonella Monteleone and Rosemarie Samaritter. Thanks to both of you!!
- Drafting the budget and maintaining further negotiations to get it finished.
- Preparing the work agreements and maintaining numerous meetings with team members, external advisers and IRNCA about the project content and finances.
- Following the project with regular communication with the Research and Education Team Manager.
- Participating in diffusion activities: ECARTE and next EADMT Conference 2025.

This has been a challenge for all the community and specially for the board. Being the first project of this magnitude in which EADMT participates, and not having a legal or finance department, we have gone through doubts, uncertainties and sometimes fears, trying to follow the proper channels, taking care of EADMT and the whole team. At the same time the issues that have been emerged as the financial aspects, tax implications, legal consideration, liability insurance, etc., are moving EADMT to a more professional association.

I would like to thank the enormous support received from my fellow board members. Special thanks to Indra and Terje for their support in times of peak workloads that were difficult to manage and to Iza for all her rigorous work in finding answers to tax queries. Thanks to Susanne Bender for all the legal advice and Manuel Carmona (a fellow researcher who is specialized in managing large international projects) for budgeting advice. Many other people are making this possible through horizontal and collaborative work. Thanks to everyone!!

My goal for the coming year is to continue working to strength the recognition and visibility of the profession, as well as to promote research in the field. Furthermore, I intend to contribute to make EADMT a more professional association.

I would like to continue working so that, in a world with so many wars, difficulties and misunderstandings, our association remains a space of open inclusion, understanding and peace.

Thank you for your trust

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