Come and join the world's biggest music therapy conference, for the first time in Asia.

I hope everyone in music therapy is well and happy. During this month, we will email every registered individual to confirm the registration and hotel confirmation. I encourage people who have not sent us registration applications or payments yet to complete the process for this month.

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Chair, the 13th World Congress of Music Therapy

You might have heard of the political tension between North and South Korea and worried about how that would affect the July Congress. Rest assured though that the majority of South Korea is unaffected by the event. In all honesty, citizens of South Korea maintain their daily life as usual, although we do talk about what is happening in North Korea. Even now, South Korea is a popular tourist site that ensures the protection of any traveler. In short, you should not worry about any of the politics between North and South Korea, or any issues of safety, when you come to the World Congress of Music Therapy in July.

For your information

1. **Timeline**
   - May 31, 2011: Early Bird Registration Ends (Fees: US$200 for Professional, $100 for Student)
   - After June 1: Onsite Registration: US$230 for Professional, $100 for Student

2. **Special Pre-congress Seminars**
   - As we have previously announced, there will be 4 special pre-congress institutes. Please reserve your space accordingly if you plan to participate. There will be an additional fee of USD80 for each 6 hour seminar. Registration will be limited to 20-40 seats per session.
   =>Click Here

3. **More information on the Cultural Highlights?**
   - Tour buses will be leaving the Congress Venue (Sookmyung Women's University) to each destination. Some trips will require fees and have limited availability.

   For the tour, you will need to sign up at the congress registration desk upon arriving. You may visit each place to see some pictures of the attractions. => Click Here.

4. **Tent Space for Free**
   - We will install 10 tents just in front of the main congress hall. Tents will be loaned according to the attending numbers of each country. The size of the tents are about 3x2 meters with a high ceiling. Each tent will have one table with four chairs, but no electricity. We will provide free cool beverages during the congress. We are also able to loan some big ethnic instruments if you wish to present music from your culture during the Congress.
5. **Reserve Your School Exhibition Booth!**

We would like to invite your school to the 2011 World Congress of Music Therapy in Seoul, Korea. We have a current estimate of more than 1300 music therapy enthusiasts for the congress. Among them, there will about 600 Koreans, 200 Japanese, and 200 Chinese.

Many students are seeking information on where to go for studying and what schools offer degree programs in music therapy. Therefore, the World Congress will not only be a great place to explore myriad presentations on music therapy, but also to advertise for your school's degree programs. => Click Here

6. **Hotel Information**

The address of congress venue (SookMyung Women's University) is: Seoul, Yongsan-gu, Chungpa-dong 2 ka

**Best Western Premiere** - ($95-105/night) * +

The most reasonable rate you would pay for your hotel is what we are able to contract with the Best Western Premiere Seoul Garden Hotel. You will be paying 95,000won for a single bed, 105,000won for double beds, 105,000won for one King size bed per night. (US$1 is about 1130won.) It takes a maximum of ten minutes to reach the congress venue and the hotel offers complementary shuttle service. However, a taxi to the venue will also be only 3000won. Taxi fairs do not require tip and it is the same price regardless of the number of passengers. Also, you would only need to tell the taxi driver "Sookmyung Women's University," and they would be able to bring you to the congress venue. [Hotel website] http://seoulgarden.co.kr

You do not need to contact this hotel directly. We will reserve your rooms under your name for the best price possible. You can pay for your rooms upon arrival in the hotel.

To secure the price and your reservation, you have to email us the following information ASAP.

- Your arrival date in Seoul: July __, 2011
- Departure date: July __, 2011
- Days stayed at the hotel: __ nights/__ days
- Requested hotel for reservation: Best Western Premier Seoul Garden Hotel
- Room type (check one): __ single bed __ double beds

Any other hotels you would like to stay in is your choice. We recommend the Hilton, Hyatt Regency, Lotte, Plaza, and President hotels. You can make reservations with those hotels directly.

**Lotte City Hotel** - ($130-145/night) * +

For a better stay with a slightly greater cost, you can also try out the Lotte City hotel, which is just across the street from the Best Western Premiere. It has a nice fitness center with a swimming pool included. It costs 143,000won for a single bed and 154,000won for double beds. [Hotel website] http://www.lottecityhotel.co.kr/

**Inexpensive hotels near the Congress place** (about $50/night)

If you are looking for an inexpensive hotel near the congress venue, you should let us know immediately. There are two hotels that offer 55,000won for a single bed and 65,000won for double beds per night. It is very close and you can easily walk to the school. However, since they are not major hotels, there will not be an airport bus route so you will need to take a taxi from one of major hotels nearest. We will explain this in further detail when it gets closer to your travel date.

**Hilton, Lotte, or Hyatt Regency** ($220/night)

* 1 mile distance from the Congress Venue
+Complimentary Shuttle Service to the Congres