25. ANNIVERSARY OF WFMT

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#23 | 9/7/2010, 9:53 PM, PDT | Roberto Aliaga | Location Peru | Title Psicólogo
Felicicaciones, Mi deseo es que sean no solo otros 25 mas, sino muchos más.
Roberto

#22 | 8/6/2010, 3:28 AM, PDT | Claudio De Martino | Location Switzerland | Title the reasons why i'm musictherapist.

Great celebration !!!
and I hope to celebrate another 25 years singing, playing music and helping people to
express feelings,sadness and life through sounds and music.
That's for me the reasons why i'm musictherapist.
Whishing all of you a long life having
an open heart to others.
Thank you.
Claudio
#21 | 7/7/2010, 7:40 PM, PDT | Margrét Perla Kolka Leifsdóttir | Location Iceland | Title Music Therapist

Congratulations on the 25 years and with the new website. Thank you for all your good work! Best wishes from Iceland.

#20 | 7/7/2010, 6:34 PM, PDT | Jeannelle Benek | Location United States | Title Music Therapist

It is such a joy to see the growth of MT on international scale! Congratulations and nice video!

#19 | 7/7/2010, 12:05 PM, PDT | Rebecca McClary | Location United States | Title Music Therapist

Congratulations and much success in expanding and supporting the work that music therapists throughout the world are contributing to society at large.

#18 | 7/7/2010, 8:56 AM, PDT | Janice Harris | Location United States | Title Music Therapist

Happy Anniversary!

#17 | 7/7/2010, 1:34 AM, PDT | Krzysztof (Kris) Stachyra | Location Poland

Congratulations!
The consciousness that this is already 25th anniversary of WFMT makes me proud of being a music therapist, a part of world’s music therapy family. Thanks to all of you who work on music therapy development in your countries and the world.
I wish you all the best of luck!
#16 | 5/10/2010, 11:44 AM, PDT | John Lawrence | Location Canada | Title Music Therapist

Congratulations on 25 years WFMT. I'm looking forward to everything that you have planned and the next 25 years!

#15 | 5/9/2010, 1:03 AM, PDT | Renato De Michele | Location Italy

I'm very happy that WFMT was present to the 8th European MT Congress in Cadiz, Spain. I've met there Petra, and other professionals from all over the world. 25 years of work for music therapy created a very progressive context where MT can be represented at the best, as a powerful method for the health of many patients and people all over the world. Thank you to Wfmt! Thank you Petra!
Renato De Michele

#14 | 5/7/2010, 5:56 PM, PDT | Stephen Sandford | Location United Kingdom | Title Chair - Association of Professional Music Therapists UK

What a wonderful evening in in Cadiz! Thank you to the WFMT and Petra for hosting such a welcoming evening of passionate flamenco music and fun for all!

Well done!

#13 | 4/13/2010, 7:36 PM, PDT | Fadjar Bastaman | Location Indonesia | Title Music Therapy Admirer

Congratulations to the new website, it is really great. I appreciate the creator. Happy 25th Anniversary to WFMT, to the President Dr Petra Kern whose leadership is based on integrity, and to all WFMT members worldwide. Through this website, then the distance between members become meaningless, good close relationship can be established, updating informations becomes more quickly. Can we now say "WE ARE ONE IN MUSIC THERAPY" or "WE ARE THE WORLD IN WFMT"? Whatever, I just want to say good luck and ever onward! Thank you.
Congratulations on 25 years of service to the music therapy community and music therapists worldwide!

I value the contribution of the World Federation of Music Therapy to promoting music therapy and communication about it around the world. Over the many years in which it has been in existence, WFMT has been very important in creating the worldwide music therapy community that is so important today. I look forward to future growth and communication!

I am very much looking forward to meeting some of my colleagues from around the world this May in Cadiz. I am most pleased with the efforts of all those involved with preparing this conference. Congratulations to the WFMT on this anniversary also. I am pleased to be a member of such a great organization.

Best,
Amy Clements-Cortes
Senior Music Therapist, Baycrest Centre,
Sessional Music Therapy Instructor, University of Windsor

It's comforting and nurturing, hopeful and joyful to think that there are people all over the world working, healing, caring, helping other people with music, in music therapy. And that there is a place where we can meet and exchange ideas, talk with each other, learn from each other. I wish the best to WFMT for 2010 and a big thank to the people who did all this effort for putting all this together.
Nowadays music comes into every topic and level of our social lives as a privileged cultural vehicle in a complex net of different languages, and in today's world even more defined by its multi-cultures, it triggers the simultaneous cohabitation of different cultures and social identities acquiring important values such as sense-of-belonging, distinction, confrontation, and exchange.

Probably one of the mainly challenges that concern music therapy of today and tomorrow, would be its role as a mediator of integration and shared language between diversity and the multi-cultural aspects of our contemporary living.

It's a big, intricate challenge, but I believe in it.

My best wishes to WFMT.

Great job on this website and "event planning" leading into 2011. Look forward to coming back to these posts often to learn from all of you.

I treasure the many wonderful colleagues I have befriended at the World Congresses over the last 10 years! The sense of an international community sparks an ongoing learning and sharing in the world of music therapy. Thank you for helping us support each other as the profession of music therapy continues to grow!
#5 | 1/13/2010, 10:08 PM, PDT | Rose Fienman | Location United States | Title AMTAS President

On behalf of the American Music Therapy Association Students, I am so pleased to learn that we have come so far as a global music therapy community. Those of us who are just beginning our careers have amazing opportunities for international exploration and connection, and I hope that we will be able to continue the great work that has already been accomplished by the World Federation of Music Therapy.

#4 | 1/6/2010, 3:16 PM, PDT | Suzanne Hanser | Location United States | Title Former WFMT President

The world becomes a very small place when we gather together in organizations like the World Federation of Music Therapy and at conferences like the World Congresses of Music Therapy. When we share a mission like making the world better through creating and experiencing music together, we cannot help but learn about how we are all related and how important we are to each other. When we learn from one another, we see how much more we can do by working together in harmony. I have been blessed to learn this vision by meeting and greeting many of you around the world. Thank you for creating a community of music therapists that reflects your uniqueness in addition to your shared values and talents.

#3 | 1/6/2010, 7:58 AM, PDT | Lillieth Grand, MS, MT-BC | Location United States | Title Music Therapy Program Coordinator

Thanks for unifying the voice of music therapy in the world. It is lovely knowing that we have brothers and sisters in this field world-wide.
Obviously music therapy varies around the world, from one country to another and from one philosophical approach to another; training programmes emphasise different aspects of the work, research may or may not be a prime feature of music therapy programmes, and so on - but what we all share in common is a belief in the power of interventions based upon music to facilitate processes of change in the lives of those in need.

As some of you will already know, my own work has been eclectic - adapting my approach to the needs of the individual, adapting music therapy methods to meet the requirements of the individual and the current stage of their condition.

But although verbal interactions have been important, these have always had their origin in music. I have used pre-composed music when this has been appropriate to meet someone’s need for insight, reflective improvisation to validate the changing emotions experienced by the individual with whom I have been working, shared improvisation and song-writing.

But all these approaches have had the aim of promoting understanding and (ultimately) change, in order that the individual may be better able to cope with whatever difficulties life has presented - physical, intellectual, emotional or social.

I have now (at the age of 80) retired from clinical work, but my interest in music therapy will remain unchanged, and my good wishes for the WFMT continue unabated.

I hope that it will continue to be a shared concern all around the world, with in-put from each member country, so that both organisations and individual practitioners may benefit from the sharing of ideas - whether those individuals are beginning their professional journey, already established, or coming towards a personal closure.

Best wishes to you all, and my sincere thanks for the friendship of music therapists around the world.
Dear colleagues around the world,

The World Federation of Music Therapy (WFMT) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year! We have planned monthly events:
- to look back on the organization’s achievements and events
- to discuss the current status and future perspectives, and
- to give you opportunities to get involved and celebrate with us.

Wishing us a strong professional development to brightening the lives of those who may benefit from our music therapy services.

Yours,

Petra Kern