Annual Report
July 2018-June 2019

Report of the WFMT Council
26th June 2019
The World Federation of Music Therapy

The WFMT is dedicated to developing and promoting music therapy throughout the world as an art and science. The Federation supports the global development of educational programs, clinical practice, and research to demonstrate the contributions of music therapy to humanity.
Greetings from the WFMT President, Melissa Mercadal-Brotons

Dear WFMT Members,

As I write this, I can’t believe that another year has passed as the WFMT President. It has been a very busy and fulfilling year for me and the entire WFMT council. Below you will see a short list of WFMT highlights from the past fiscal year, followed by the reports of our WFMT Council members. You will read about the incredible work each of them is doing year-round to advance the global understanding and growth of music therapy. The focus this year has been to further our priorities for the 2017-2020 term and continue preparations for the 2020, 16th World Congress of Music Therapy. As the WFMT approaches its 35th Anniversary, we hope to see as many people as possible at the upcoming World Congress at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, 7th–11th July 2020.

Highlights from July 2018 to June 2019 include:

**July 2018**  

**August 2018**  
WFMT was represented at Hong Kong Music Therapy Conference by Ms. Vivian Chan, Regional Liaison for the Western Pacific Region.

**September 2018**  

**October 2018**  
WFMT was represented at the II Congress of Mental Health in Moscow, Russia.  
Online Council meeting.

**November 2018**  
Dr. Swanson, Dr. McGraw Hunt, Ms. Landless and Dr. Heiderscheit presented “Spotlight on WFMT initiatives” at the 2018 American Music Therapy Association conference in Dallas, Texas.

**December 2018**  
Publication of music therapy student stories in the section of "Window to the World" of the WFMT website.

**January 2019**  
World Music Therapy Day committee launched the 2019 celebrations—first call for the Photo Contest.  
The Research & Ethics Commission launched a survey to find out a series of issues related to ethics in the music therapy profession.

**February 2019**  
The Education & Training Commission provided information on all education and training programs in 6 of the 8 regions of the WFMT and is building a digital library based on this information. Please browse on [https://www.wfmt.info/commission-education-training-2017-2020/](https://www.wfmt.info/commission-education-training-2017-2020/)  
WFMT was represented at Online Conference for Music Therapy by Dr. Swanson.

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March 2019  
Music Therapy Day Celebration.  
Quarterly online Council meeting.  
Draft version of the Accreditation & Certification Survey of member countries to collect information about certification systems / licensing procedures was developed.

April 2019  
Results from the Survey from the Accreditation and Certification Commission of the WFMT are processed and prepared for presentation.

May 2019  
Applications for student and professional scholarships to attend 2020 WCMT begin.  
Award nominations for the 2020 WCMT begin.

June 2019  
Presentation at 2019 European Music Therapy Conference (Aalborg, Denmark).  
Annual in-person meeting.

World Music Therapy Day (WMTD) March 1st

World Music Therapy Day - 1st March

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With thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of WMTD

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As President of the WFMT, my role is to provide leadership, vision, and direction to the WFMT Council. I conduct and facilitate our meetings as well as work with council members to determine the needs of the organization, profession, and membership. I maintain regular updates to the council and membership regarding the business of the WFMT. My chief task is to coordinate and accomplish goals and priorities continuing from the WFMT Strategic Plan as well as new ones determined by the Council.

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Scheduled, created agenda and facilitated two Council online meetings during the year (October 2018, March 2019);
- Scheduled, created agenda and will facilitate onsite meeting (June, 2019; Aalborg);
- Signed MOU between WFMT and New Zealand Society for Music Therapy (MThNZ) (July 2018);
- Presentation at the "The Science Behind Music Therapy" (Talk show at Pelita Harapan University, Jakarta, Indonesia) (August, 2018);
- Presented at the 1st Mediterranean Music Therapy Meeting (Padua, Italy)— September 2018 "Music Therapy in the Mediterranean Countries with a Special Focus on Dementia Care";
- Prepared and sent out three Buzz email updates to all WFMT members (August, 2018; Dec, 2018; April, 2019);
- Prepared a presentation proposal, along with other council members, for AMTA 2019 Annual Conference;
- Presented at the II Congress on Mental Health: Meeting the Needs of the XXI Century (October 2018);
- Presented and led workshops for the Turkish Music Therapy Association (November, 2018).
- Recruited new WFMT members;
- Prepared a presentation proposal, along with other council members, for the European Congress of Music Therapy and presented with WFMT Council in June 2019;
- Prepared a presentation proposal, along with other council members, for WCMT 2020;
- Prepared year two activities with commissioners, planning priorities and tasks; assigned, assisted and recorded progress, challenges, & made revisions.
- Maintained communication and provided advice to the 2020 World Congress Organizer;
- Worked with World Congress Organizer and South African Music Therapy Association (SAMTA) to contact spotlight sessions and pre-congress seminars presenters for 2019-2020 WFMT monthly buzzes;
- Responded to email inquiries and requests about music therapy and WFMT as an organization;
- Worked on application formation and guidelines for student and professional scholarships as well as the WFMT Recognition Program;
- Provided advice regarding WFMT
membership inquiries, educational equivalency questions, international internship inquiries and accreditation and certification;

- Initiated a new committee regarding music therapy approaches and models;
- Initiated a bylaw revision committee;
- Was active on WFMT Facebook and Instagram sites;
- Provided support to WFMT secretary and PR commissioner for 2019 World Music Therapy Day celebration;
- Wrote Preface for a Special Issue of “Approaches: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Music Therapy” (2019);
- Presented at the 2nd International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Congress on “Music Therapy and Dementias: A Perspective from Spain” (Istanbul, Turkey, April 2019);
- Periodical meetings with Council members to discuss roles/tasks;
- Online participation in the “Music Therapy launch” to officially state that the 16th Congress of Music Therapy will take place in Tshwane, South Africa (April 25, 2019).

**Future Projects (to July 2020)**

- Assist in recruiting of WFMT new organizations, individual and patron members;
- Develop additional revenue streams in consultation with WFMT officers;
- Work in close collaboration with the organizing committee for the final preparations of the 2020 WCMT;
- Present on WFMT at conferences and invited academic presentations to make the WFMT more visible and stronger; Overseeing the work and projects of commissioners and regional liaisons;
- Assist Publications chair Dr. Annie Heiderscheit with publication of Music Therapy Today;
- Work closely with WFMT Executive Assistant & Association of Student Delegates to further tasks and projects.

**In closing...**

I continue enjoying the opportunity to work with such a dynamic group of people and to be able to meet and interact with colleagues, students, and allied health care professionals from around the world, and to learn from all of them. It is certainly an enriching journey.

My work as President of the WFMT is broadening my appreciation and understanding of the strengths, challenges and needs of our profession. I look forward to serving the WFMT and my continued work with Council members, and all the new accomplishments that await us. Thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the WFMT.
Past President

Amy Clements-Cortes, Ph.D., RP, MT-BC, MTA
Fellow, Association of Music and Imagery
Neurologic Music Therapist Fellow

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As the Past President of the WFMT, my role is to provide a historical perspective, leadership and guidance from my experience in serving the organization. I provide support to the President and guidance on tasks to assist the President in the operations of the WFMT. I also provide support to the Council at large and assist in special projects and events, such as the WCMT.

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Attended WFMT online meetings;
- Provided support and feedback to President Dr. Melissa Brotons on communications, WFMT documents and general council work;
- Responded to inquiries regarding hosting a World Congress of Music Therapy in future years;
- Worked on a WFMT committee to revise and update the WFMT website, and solicited quotes for website updates;
- Worked on WFMT committee to assess Individual Membership benefits;
- Worked with World Congress Organizer and South African Music Therapy Association (SAMTA) to propose spotlight sessions and pre-congress seminars for 2020 World Congress, international scientific committee, call for papers and timeline information;
- Began work as the Co-chair of the WCMT 2020 Scientific Committee;
- Recruited new WFMT members;
- Provided support to all WFMT Council members as needed;
- Provided information and worked on application formation and guidelines for student and professional scholarships as well as the WFMT Recognition Program;
- Provided advisement regarding WFMT membership inquiries, educational equivalency questions, international internship inquiries, and accreditation/certification;
- Provided updates on our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, and Linkedin);
- Responded to email inquiries and requests about music therapy and WFMT as an organization;
- Participated in the proposal submission for the European Congress of Music Therapy and presented with WFMT Council in June 2019;
- Agreed to participate in a new committee regarding music therapy approaches and models;
- Proposed bylaw revision committee be implemented;
- Suggested review of ethical conduct guidelines.

Ongoing Activities

- Assist with recruitment of WFMT patron members, volunteers & committee Members;
- Complete committee work for Individual Membership benefits;
- Work in Committees on the WFMT Bylaws & Approaches and Models in Music Therapy;
- Work with World Congress Organizer and South African Music Therapy Association (SAMTA) to plan the 2020
WCMT;
- Work with the WFMT Executive Assistant to help plan the Student events at the WCMT 2020;
- Present on WFMT at conferences and invited academic presentations;
- Provide assistance to Dr. Melissa Brotons and Council;
- Implement new membership benefits in consultation with WFMT officers;
- Respond to all inquiries regarding the WFMT;
- Attend WFMT online and in-person meetings.

**Future Projects (to July 2020)**
- Take on special projects as they arise in the 2017-2020 Council term.

**In closing...**

I have enjoyed serving the WFMT and taking on these projects. It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Brotons and the entire WFMT Council.

![WFMT Council members at the World Congress in Tsukuba, Japan. July 2017](https://www.wfmt.info)
As Secretary, I serve as the main contact for WFMT and respond to all inquiries, manage membership, create meeting packages and write meeting minutes. I also work on special projects, such as World Music Therapy Day.

**Accomplishments since July 2018**

- Presented with other council members about WFMT at the American Music Therapy Association conference;
- Presented about World Music Therapy Day at the Online Conference for Music Therapy;
- Presented about WFMT at the Southeastern region of the American Music Therapy Association conference;
- Welcomed the new American Music Therapy Association executive director on behalf of WFMT;
- Hosted WFMT booth at the Southwestern region of the American Music Therapy Association conference;
- Attended all WFMT online meetings;
- Wrote minutes for all meetings attended, edited according to council members’ suggestions and redistributed for approval;
- Created meeting packages for council members to review prior to each meeting;
- Processed membership applications;
- Updated membership lists;
- Sent membership notices and certificates;
- Proofread and edited WFMT correspondence;
- Promoted WFMT on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn);
- Promoted World Music Therapy Day on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn);
- Chaired and organized World Music Therapy Day 2019;
- Served on committee to judge the WMTD photo contest;
- Organized material and sent to volunteer to update website;
- Worked with all council members to gather information to update website;
- Co-wrote proposal for WFMT concurrent session submission for AMTA 2019;
- Collaborated in proposal for EMTC;
- Coordinated booth at EMTC;
- Met with executive members online and corresponded regularly;
- Corresponded with World Congress organizer regularly;
- Met online with president several times to discuss WFMT matters;
- Organized and met online with World Music Therapy Committee several times to plan, execute, debrief, and plan some more;
- Responded to all email inquiries directed to the secretary and to all general message inquiries;
- Directed email correspondence to appropriate council member to address;
- Gathered information and screen website for updates and revisions;
- Announced and gathered award nominations, professional scholarship applications, student scholarship applications;
- Served on bylaws revision committee;
- Reviewed World Congress proposals as part of the Scientific Committee.
Ongoing Activities

- Responding to email inquiries;
- Processing membership applications;
- Working closely with treasurer, president, past-president and executive assistant;
- Address matters that arise;
- Collaborate with World Congress organizer and team to promote World Congress and assist in planning;
- Bylaws committee;
- Receive scholarship applications and organize blind-review;
- Receive award applications and organize review;
- Scientific committee for WCMT.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Continue work on World Music Therapy Days;
- Assist treasurer in creating a proposed budget for next term;
- Prepare meetings for the World Congress.

In closing...

It is an honor to serve the global community of music therapists via WFMT. Join me in celebration, education, and advocacy on World Music Therapy Day - March 1st!

For a list of Full Organizational Members of the WFMT, see the final page of this Report.
As the Treasurer of the WFMT, I manage fiscal aspects of the organization and collaborate with Council members on implementation of the Strategic Plan.

**Accomplishments since July 2018**

- Attended Council and officer meetings via online platform;
- Investigated options and received approval from Council to change the WFMT bank account to a transferable business account at a new bank;
- Joined fellow WFMT Council members for presentation at the 2018 AMTA Conference in 2018 to promote the WFMT and upcoming WCMT;
- Maintained business registration (updated every November);
- Set up third-party international bank transfer account to reduce costs for wire transfers (transferwise.com);
- Filed 2018 taxes (May 2019);
- Verified business status with PayPal to ensure account security.

**Ongoing Activities**

- Track expenditures and manage WFMT budget;
- Prepare financial reports;
- Beginning phased process of moving funds from Wells Fargo to new, transferrable account with Bank of America, and updating all automatic bill pays;
- Coordinate with Secretary to track income from membership fees.

**Future Projects (to July 2020)**

- Complete move to new bank account by September 2019;
- Complete audit by December 2019;
- Document financial procedures and logistics in a FAQ/Treasurer Guide to ensure continuity into new terms.

**In closing...**

Our financial status remains stable and we are working well with our current budget. I look forward to working with officers and the Council to review our budget to consider how it can best support our mission as an organization. In this next year, my goal is to maintain clarity in our finances, including documentation of expenditures and budget, setting up ownership of accounts that can be transferred to new officers as needed, and a successful audit.

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**Account summary as of May 28, 2019**

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Executive Assistant

Kumi Sato, MS, MT-BC

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Working as the liaison between the WFMT Council and the Assembly of Student Delegates

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Posted one Global Classroom video on the WFMT website (North America region);
- Posted the guidelines for Student Poster Session at WCMT2020 on the WFMT website;
- Decided the topic for the student pre-congress seminar at WCMT2020.

Ongoing Activities

- Updating ASD blog and Window to the World (3 blog posts & 3 WTTW articles since July 2018);
- Replying to students contacting us through Connect project and introduce someone who matches his/her interest and needs (18 inquiries since July 2018);
- Preparing for student events at WCMT2020 (student pre-congress seminar, networking event, student roundtable, student poster session, lunchtime jam session, and student lounge);
- Posting information regarding student events at WCMT2020 on the student Facebook page;
- Discussing and writing a song for Worldwide Music Video project.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Make 5 Global Classroom videos (Africa, Australia & New Zealand, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean & Southeast Asia).

WFMT Assembly of Student Delegates 2017-2020

- Viona Sa, North America
- Marja Pranjić, Europe
- Yu Yan Tsang, Western Pacific
- Prashanthi Rajan, Southeast Asia
- Lazar Nascimento, Latin America and the Caribbean
- Caitlin Schulze, Africa
- Thomas McGrath, Australia & New Zealand
- TBD: Eastern Mediterranean

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Accreditation & Certification Commission

Chair: Krzysztof Stachyra, Ph.D.

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Current members on commission:
Dr. Gabriel Federico (Argentina)
Dr. Kana Okazaki-Sakaue (Japan)
Dr. Gerhard Tucek (Austria)
Dr. Patricia Sabbatella (Spain)
Dr. Jason Kenner (Australia)
Dr. Dora Psaltopoulou-Kamini (Greece)

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Accreditation & Certification Commission membership was refreshed because Dr. Nicole Rivera had to resign and Dr. Dora Psaltopoulou-Kamini took her position and duties in the commission;
- Issues connected to certification / registering systems around the world were discussed very deeply with consultation from various professionals;
- Final version of the Music Therapy Certification & Registration Systems: International Survey (IMTCRLS) © of member countries to collect information about certification systems / registering procedures was developed. The research is in progress.

Ongoing Activities

- The Accreditation & Certification commission members will process the AC Survey results which enables to create a report about certification systems / registering procedures worldwide.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Build up an up-to-date database of certification and accreditation systems currently in operation in the world. Increase knowledge about various music therapy certification systems functioning in different places around the world: “Certification and accreditation systems around the world”
  Timeline: October 2019
- Music therapy standards
  In cooperation with Commission on Education and Training initiate an international discussion on the standards that should be met to become a music therapist
  Timeline: Ongoing
Clinical Practice Commission

Chair: Daniel Tague, Ph.D., MT-BC
Email: practice@wfmt.info

Current members on commission:
Claudio Cominardi (Italy)
Gabriel Federico (Argentina)
Daniel Thomas (England)
TBD – Search ongoing (North America)
Satoko Inoue (Asia)

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Attended the March 8th online meeting;
- Co-Presented in Dallas, TX during the AMTA national conference poster session: Moving the Profession Forward: Governmental Recognition, Increased Access, and Competitive Pay;
- Presented in Austin, TX at Southwest Regional Conference of AMTA, Recommendations from the International Survey - Moving the Profession Forward: Advocacy and Action Steps;
- Special Commission Report Co-authored and submitted to Music Therapy Today: COMMISSION REPORT - Moving the Profession Forward: Governmental Recognition, Increased Access, and Competitive Pay;
- Began chairing work group on Music Therapy Models;

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Recruiting for World Council positions.

In closing...

This was another exciting year for music therapy around the world! The new World Music Therapy Day taking place every March is becoming more popular and well-known. In addition, it has been a distinct pleasure to work with past president of the WFMT, Dr. Petra Kern, in further disseminating the results of the International Survey at national and regional conferences in the U.S. Dr. Kern will also be presenting a new research poster at the European Conference of Music Therapy in 2019. We look forward to presenting recommendations drawn from the survey results as a special report in Music Therapy Today and discussing interesting perspectives on music therapy in different world regions during our roundtable presentation at the world congress in 2020.

I am also happy to be part of our new WFMT council work group on music therapy models and hope we can share helpful resources this coming year from our work. In addition, planning is ongoing to organize student trips to the world congress in South Africa.

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Education and Training Commission

Chair: Sumathy Sundar, Ph.D.
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Current members on Commission
Aksana Kavaliova (Bahrain)
Dr. Hyun Ju Chong (South Korea)
Dr. Jeanette Kennelly (Australia)
Juan Pedro Zambonini (Latin America)
Dr. Teresa Lesuik (North America)

Accomplishments since July 2018
- Engaged in regular collaborative email communications with the members of the commission regarding the current activities of the commission;
- Responded to general email enquiries addressed to the commission;
- Attended council on-line meetings and presented reports of the commission;
- Coordinated with the organisers of the WCMT 2020 at South Africa to make available the spotlight speeches of the WCMT 2020 as an educational resource in the webpage of the commission;
- Consented to an invite to be a member of the round table initiated by the Research and Ethics Commission during WCMT 2020;
- Contributed to the survey floated by the Commission of Research and Ethics Commission;
- Consented to be a member of the scientific committee of the WCMT 2020;
- Updated the international registry of training with the Western Pacific and Latin American regions;
- Collated and reported on minimum education and training requirements for professional MT practice from various WFMT regions;
- Liaised with the members of the Education and Training Commission and submitted a proposal for a roundtable from the Commission during the WCMT 2020;
- Contributed to the WFMT Monthly Buzz of March 2019;
- Consented to be a member of the workgroup of music therapy models of the council;
- Provided inputs to the regional liaison of South East Asia for the regional blog of South East Asia.

Ongoing activities
- Review of the abstracts of WCMT 2020 as a member of the scientific committee;
- Work with the Chair of the WCMT 2020 to bring publicity to India about the congress.

Future Projects
- Contribute to WFMT roundtable of Education and Training Commission at 2020 World Congress;
- Update the educational resources maintained by the Commission in its webpage;
- Work on adding the information relating to European Region for the International registry of education and training programs.

In closing...
It has been a pleasure and honour to take an active role in the council as a commissioner of Education and Training and take on board new exciting ideas of the members of the commission and also the other members of the council all this year. Looking forward to go forward with this council!

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Global Crises Intervention Commission

Chair: Mireya P. Gonzalez, BFA, MTA, BPS

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Current members on commission:

Ms. Elizabeth Coombes (Wales) MA FHEA
FAMI BMus (Lond)

Dr. Gene Ann Behrens (USA), MT-BC

Dr. Brian Harris (USA), MT-BC, LCAT

The Global Crises Intervention Commission Committee for WFMT aims to support the needs of music therapists responding to crises (both natural and human-made) across the world. Understanding the increasing need to face the challenges of crises and trauma response effectively, our team members aim at consolidating the resources the committee has to offer, on the web page and with on-line communications, in order to facilitate networking and exchange of first-hand knowledge to provide ongoing support to colleagues working in the field. As constant migrations occur due to social issues and armed conflicts, people move to different parts of the world, each scenario will prove to present a diverse population whose needs have to be considered to respond in our trauma-informed work.

As chair, I am responsible to reach out to music therapists when crises or disasters occur, and coordinate the best form of on-line communication in order to provide support and networking opportunities with other experienced music therapists in the field. I am also responsible for coordination aspects of revision of present and new material to update the resources on the web, and to provide information to music therapists reaching out for general information the committee is able to provide.

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Sent emails of concerns to areas experiencing violent and traumatic events, to offer support and information;
- Participated with our advisory member on an on-line international consultation for music therapist in need of crises and trauma work expertise coordinated from New Zealand;
- Shared Fact Sheet guideline (English and Spanish) with music therapist supporting victims of traumatic events;
- Followed up with previous people who have contacted the committee in the past to learn about their experience and needs for online materials and received Crises information forms filled out;
- Finished reviewing all documents, from past committee activities, to update and propose revisions to reflect current needs for information;
- Concluded partial research for information in Spanish to add to the web documents;
- Continue to review the process for fundraising opportunities for the Crises Committee in order to acquire knowledge of the process, implementation and expected results;
- Reviewed the existing protocol for funds application in consultation with advisory member. Executive’s revision pending;
- Completed design of a survey to learn about the vision and needs of the community in regard to the Crises Committee and informed trauma work;
- Presented a proposal for a Round Table on Crises and Trauma, lessons learned, at the World Conference 2020 with the participation of representatives from 5 countries (Greece, New Zealand, Colombia, USA and Chile);
Ongoing Activities

- Continue to send emails of concern when crises arise;
- Continue to provide opportunities for global crises networking;
- Coordinate best communication practices, to offer support and expertise for music therapists in the field;
- Continue to update list of contacts;
- Continue to support people reaching out to the committee for information on a variety of topics concerning crises;
- Update information for resource materials on the web page.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- We will distribute the survey to World Federation committee members by July 2019;
- We will send out the survey to the Regional Liaisons by October 2019;
- We will inform on the survey results prior to the next World Conference to gather information on the needs of our diverse music therapy community in need of support for crises and trauma;
- Continue to contact Regional Liaisons and Music Therapy Associations to increase knowledge of our committee in support of music therapists working in the field of Crises and Trauma;
- Upload new information gathered, from crises situations around the world, to Crises and Trauma newsletter and make it available online;
- Support World Federation Executive and World Conference organization in promoting our next World Conference.

In closing...

As a team, we hope to strengthen and further develop tools for networking, understanding and supporting colleagues globally, to give the best services in crises and trauma related services.
Publications Commission

Chair: Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT
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Current members on commission:
Dr. Juanita Eslava (South America)
Dr. Nancy Jackson (USA)
Doug Keith (Germany)
Dr. Jin Lee (South Korea)
Dr. Satoko Mori-Inoue (Japan)
Dr. Kathleen Murphy (USA)
Dr. Alison Short (Australia)
Karyn Stuart (Africa)

Accomplishments since July 2018
• Publication of 2018 edition of MTT which included ten WCMT 2017 proceedings, one research article, five book reviews, and one conference report;
• Recruited guest editor and contributing authors for 2019 special edition issue of Music Therapy Today;
• Attended WFMT meetings at ECMT & all online WFMT meetings;
• Researched and provided quotes on publishers for MTT;
• Submitted proposal for WCMT 2020 for publications commission.

Ongoing Activities
• Respond to inquiries regarding Music Therapy Today journal submissions;
• Maintain contact with commission chairs & collaborate with all Council members;
• Manage manuscript submissions;
• Assign reviewers for each manuscript submission;
• Collate reviewer feedback and provide this for authors;
• Maintain communication with authors throughout the review process;
• Develop descriptions of types of manuscripts for WFMT webpage;
• Planning next issues of Music Therapy Today;
• Identify topics for upcoming special edition issues of Music Therapy Today;
• Revising manuscript submission guidelines;
• Coordinate with guest editor for special edition issue of Music Therapy Today;
• Identify professionals to provide book reviews for books submitted to Music Therapy Today by publishers;
• Helping management of WFMT Facebook page;
• Answering requests from publishers to review new books on music therapy and related subjects;
• Collaborate with WFMT council members in presenting at 2018 AMTA national conference;
• Serve on the WCMT 2020 Scientific Committee.

Future Projects (to July 2020)
• Coordinate the process and compilation of the WCMT 2020 Book of abstracts published in Music Therapy Today;
• Exploring the cost of publishing each issue of Music Therapy Today to determine if it is feasible to publish two issues per year.

In closing...
It has been an exciting and busy year! I am thankful for the work of the editorial review board and their hard work in reviewing manuscripts for Music Therapy Today. I am also grateful for all the authors who submit their work for review and publication in Music Therapy Today.
Public Relations Commission

Chair: Angela Harrison, GRNCM, PGDip (MT)
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Current members on commission:

- Alisa T. Apreleva-Kolomeytseva, MT-BC (Russia & US)
- Faith Halverson-Ramos, MA, LPC, MT-BC (United States)
- Ilse van Niekerk, MA (South Africa)
- Dr. Soyoung Moon (South Korea)
- MT Paula Macchi (Argentina)

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Assisted in the preparation of the WFMT Annual Report 2017-18;
- Supported our President and Council members in preparing the Monthly Buzz which is sent out to all WFMT members;
- Promoted World Music Therapy Day (WMTD), 1st March 2019 and was supported by the PR commission members on social media;
- Prepared the WMTD Logo and Photo with numerous languages from commission members and other colleagues;
- Contributed to the judging of the photo contest for WMTD;
- Was active on social media throughout WMTD, sharing and supporting;
- Prepared a report to record the achievements of the day;
- Worked with WFMT Secretary and volunteer on website updates;
- Responded quickly to communications;
- Met formally/informally with Council members;
- Attended all Council meetings online;
- Prepared Member Logos for all categories and worked with Chair of Publications Commission to produce a policy document on Logo usage.

Ongoing Activities

- With the Secretary, handling enquiries through the website;
- Responding to communications from members and Council members;
- Promoting WFMT website updates and other activities on social media;
- Using social media to promote the activities of Organizational Members;
- Supporting the Executive Council members in any ways required;
- Responding to Council queries;
- Attending regular Council meetings;
- Promoting World Music Therapy Day and the 16th World Congress of Music Therapy.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Convening online meetings of the PR commission through WebEx facility;
- To work with commission members to improve the accessibility and navigation of the WFMT website;
- Investigate potential for an online calendar of events and actions of the Council;
- Prepare materials and ensure members are ready for WMTD2019;
- Work towards increasing membership in all categories.

In closing…

I am pleased to be serving alongside a great team on the WFMT Council. The coming year has exciting opportunities with the World Congress in South Africa and I look forward to meeting members there.
Main role and responsibility is to highlight research activities around the world and to serve as a point of liaison for issues that appear to have global relevance or require oversight from an international perspective.

To this end, the objectives of the Research Commission are:

- To highlight diverse research practices around the globe using a range of strategies and technologies
- To foster understanding of music therapy as a research-informed profession
- To encourage the dissemination of research findings between developing and more developed countries

**Current members on Commission**

Malaysia – Indra Selvarajah  
South Africa - Andeline dos Santos  
India – Sumathy Sundar  
Brazil – Claudia Zanini  
Argentina - Verónica Abrahan  
Australia – Lucy Bolger  
USA - Suzanne Hanser  
Korea – Juri Yun  
Japan – Hiroko Miyake  
Poland - Ania Bukowska  
Canada – Amy Clements-Cortes

**Accomplishments since July 2018**

- International survey of ethics processes in relation to music therapy practice and research around the globe – paper to be presented at WFMT meeting in 2020;
- Scoping study conducted of programs and projects where music therapists travel internationally to countries and communities where music therapy is not yet well established to offer project-based music therapy input.

**Ongoing Activities**

- Interviews conducted with researchers in Japan (Miyake), Malaysia (Selvarajah), USA (Hanser) and further interviews to be conducted videos uploaded to WFMT Website.

**Future Projects (to July 2020)**

- Generate research case studies to be made available via the WFMT website that includes audio and video examples of practices being investigated in different countries (2019).
World Congress Commission (and Regional Liaison for Africa)

Chair: Carol Lotter, Ph.D.
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Main role and responsibilities
To promote WFMT in African Region
Chair the organizing committee for the World Congress, 2020

Accomplishments since July 2018
- Begun networking and fundraising toward a tour to Africa for WFMT and World Congress promotion;
- Media launch for World Congress: April 2019.

Ongoing Activities
- World Congress organization - liaising with all organizing committee portfolios, chairing the EXCO with partners and University, media related liaison;
- Attending the European Music Therapy Conference in June 2019 - Congress promotion.

Future Projects (to July 2020)
- Four stop Africa tour
- Congress promotion in India: July 2019
- Congress promotion, AMTA, Nov 2019

In closing...
Most of the current work is ongoing organization and promotion of the World Congress. The committee is working hard and functioning well and we look forward to hosting the international music therapy community in South Africa.
Accomplishments since July 2018

- Building a relationship with Tunisian Music Therapy Association, this resulted in application for WFMT membership;
- Updated the regional fact sheet to include new music therapists in the region;
- Engaged in WFMT council online meetings, and when unable to be present sent updates via email;
- Supported World Music Therapy Day efforts through online and community engagement.

Ongoing Activities

- Regular check-in's with regional music therapists;
- Engaging in social media support of regional music therapy posts.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Ongoing check-in's with regional music therapists;
- Continuing line of communication with Tunisian music therapy association;
- Reach out if any other music therapist move to the region.

In closing...

The largest success of this past year was building a relationship with the National Association of Music Therapy in Tunisia. Looking forward to another year of continued advocacy and disseminating information about music therapy around the region.
As the Regional Liaison for Latin America and the Caribbean Region for WFMT, my role is to represent the countries within the region by collecting and providing information related to music therapy actions and needs as well as facilitating, widening and promoting the relationship between the WFMT and the region.

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Assisted with World Music Therapy Day Meme winner for him to receive the prize;
- Promoted the call for World Music Therapy Day 2019 photos proposals;
- Promoted WFMT actions through social media and by e-mailing to organizational and individual WFMT members and non-members;
- Promoted and increased communication between WFMT and the region;
- Wrote one article for the WFMT RL Blog;
- Attended online group and individual meetings with the WFMT Council;
- Maintained email communication regarding to World Music Therapy Day 2019 and regional matters with President, and Regional Liaisons;
- Maintained email communication regarding the Membership Benefits with the group of Council members in charge of this task;
- Maintained email communication regarding Regional WFMT matters, with colleagues from: Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Panamá, Perú;
- Promoted acknowledgement of the new Councils at the organizational members in the region (ACHIM, ASAM, AMT-PR). Congratulation letters were sent to the three organizational members to welcome the new council members.

Ongoing Activities

- Working in the dedicated sub-group to review and redefine Membership Benefits;
- Promote WFMT in the region;
- Fostering a closer relationship between the Chilean Music Therapy Association and the World Federation of Music Therapy. Looking into having a future collaboration agreement;
- Recruit new individual and organizational members;
- Prepare regional articles to share news from each country.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Continue to promote the integration of the region;
- Get involved in other tasks as possible and availability.

In closing...
It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the WFMT Council for the past year. I feel grateful for having had the chance of working on significant aspects, such as membership benefits, for the growth of the WFMT and the music therapy community. I feel the region is becoming more interested in both getting closer and working together with the WFMT, resulting in a more integrated communication between the region and WFMT. I am entering in my last year as a regional liaison, I am looking forward to have more work accomplished before the end of this term. It is a pleasure to work together with the WFMT Council (2017-2020).
Accomplishments since July 2018

- Attended all WFMT meetings;
- Attended AMTA conference in Dallas, TX
  - Presented with other WFMT commissioners on the WFMT, including WMTD and World Congress 2020;
- Continued on World Music Therapy Day Committee
  - Helped with planning and implementation of online and local events – various planning meetings and communications (before and after);
  - Created photo contest with rules and guidelines;
  - Judged incoming photos with other panel members, sent response emails to all entrants;
  - Participated in social media blast of WMTD and MT materials;
  - Facilitated University campus events that increased awareness of WFMT and MT;
  - Took candy and notes of appreciation to staff at various clinical sites in the community – included WMTD and WFMT information and logos.
- Met with North America student representative to complete video interview about MT in the North American Region, and to continue conversations regarding increasing student involvement and integration in the WFMT NA region;
- Started conversations with CBMT leadership regarding WFMT membership;
- Updated regional fact sheets.

Ongoing Activities

- Member of the WMTD committee;
- Blog and video post(s);
- Continue communication with AMTA and CAMT and request permanent link to WFMT on association websites;
- WFMT and WMTD awareness and advocacy;
- Communicate/meet with NA student representative.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Present with panel at AMTA 2019 Conference, and other upcoming conferences, including WCMT 2020;
- Complete quarterly blog and/or video posts;
- Plan for representation at every AMTA (national and regional) and CAMT conference to increase awareness, recruit members, and advertise the upcoming WCMT;
- Continuing working to recruit CBMT as a WFMT organizational member;
- Invite AMTA/CAMT to submit bids for WCMT 2026;
- Ensure AMTA and CAMT (and CBMT if they join) members have consistent access to the Monthly Buzz.

In closing...

This year has been a very busy year for me as my first year as full-time faculty, where I have also played a support role in pinch-hitting for a colleague who was away on extended medical leave.
for the year. I have been actively engaged in some WFMT areas, and still have other areas where I would like to focus more energy and commitment in the following year. As my term continues, I will complete a video and blog post. I will continue to work towards recruiting CBMT as a new organizational member, and will improve flow of communication between the WFMT and AMTA and CAMT. Contributing to World Music Therapy Day and the events surrounding it was one of my main foci this year as it was last year, and this collaborative endeavor was successful. I look forward to continuing to contribute to the growing success of this annual global celebration, and also to continuing to network in my region in order to increase awareness and engagement in the WFMT, and especially the WCMT 2020.

Here are the three top pictures chosen by your votes. Congratulations to our finalists!

Noelia Melgarejo, Argentina  
Diego Salamanca and team, Spain  
Émilie Tromer-Navaresi, France

The judges then used these criteria to select a winner:  
Creativity of the Photo – 50%  
Quality of the Photo in creating awareness or advocacy for music therapy – 45%  
Amount of votes the photo received – 5%

And the winner was….Diego Salamanca and team, Spain
Accomplishments since July 2018

- Participated in activities for the celebration of World Music Therapy Day. Contacted music therapists of Southeast Asian region to get information on the dates and celebration of their respective countries;
- Took active part to translate the phrase 'World Music Therapy Day' into Indian national language;
- Was active in social media to share information regarding the events of WFMT;
- Participated in a WFMT membership benefits workgroup to revise and review the current membership benefits;
- Updated factsheets of the countries: India, Indonesia and Thailand;
- Contributed to the regional liaison’s blog to update information from the region;
- Responded to Survey conducted by WFMT commission members;
- Attended all WFMT online meetings;
- Maintained contact and communication with commission members regarding the activities of the commission;
- Maintained communication with local music therapists of the region.

Ongoing Activities

- In touch with Education and Training Commission to discuss and share information on research and training programs of the region;
- Collecting and gathering information related to education, research and practice as taking place in different parts of the region;
- Trying to develop communication with music therapists working in the countries where music therapy has not yet developed such as Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and build a network across the region.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- To work on the items of strategic planning;
- To prepare a video of the region;
- To plan and work towards forming national association of music therapists of India;
- To take part in WCMT 2020.

In closing...

I am thankful to each and every council member of WFMT. It is an excellent opportunity to grow and to be connected worldwide with other music therapy professionals working towards the same objective.
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Regional Liaison for the Western Pacific Region

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As the Regional Liaison for the Western Pacific Region of the WFMT, my main role is to collect and provide updated information about the region to WFMT members and the public, to promote WFMT in each region, and to foster dialogue and connection amongst music therapists and music therapy students between regions.

Accomplishments since July 2018

- Attended 3 WFMT Council online meetings throughout the year;
- Kept the Fact Pages for each country in the region updated;
- Provided 3 blog entries on the latest news about music therapy in the region;
- Attended to all email inquiries directed to the Western Pacific Region;
- Presented a poster on how the work of the WFMT brings together and embraces diversity in the field of music therapy across the globe at the 1st Hong Kong Music Therapy Conference in August 2018;
- Assisted in the preparation of an abstract proposal for the WFMT presentation at the European Music Therapy Conference 2019;
- Continued to lead the membership committee to review and finalise changes/updates to the WFMT membership benefits with the aim to increase WFMT membership.

Future Projects (to July 2020)

- Maintain the region’s overview video and fact pages;
- Support future projects of Commissioners, and participate in and/or lead WFMT future work groups.

In closing... It has been a privilege and a wonderful pleasure serving on the WFMT Council over the past 3 years. The role of a regional liaison has brought me so many incredibly experiences and invaluable learning opportunities. I have enjoyed working with respectable colleagues and creating links between colleagues within and across the regions. This role has continued to broaden my knowledge and understanding of our profession within my region and beyond. **Highlight:** My involvement in the membership committee, the music therapy models workgroup, and the Scientific Committee for the World Congress of Music Therapy, 2020, have been invaluable highlights to me this year.

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WFMT Full Organizational Members (as at June 2019)

Argentina:
- Asociación Argentina de Musicoterapia (ASAM)

Australia:
- Australian Music Therapy Association (AMTA)

Austria:
- Österreichischer Berufsverband der Musiktherapeutinnen (OEBM)

Brazil:
- Associação de Musicoterapia do Paraná (AMT-PR)

Canada:
- Canadian Association of Music Therapists (CAMT)

Chile:
- Asociación Chilena de Musicoterapia (ACHIM)

Czech Republic:
- Czech Music Therapy Association (CZMTA)
- International Association of Art Therapies (MAUT)

Finland:
- Finnish Society for Music Therapy (FSMT)

Germany:
- Deutsche Musiktherapeutische Gesellschaft (DMTG)

Ghana:
- Music Therapy Association of Ghana (MTAG)

Greece:
- Hellenic Association of Certified Professional Music Therapists (ESPEM)

Hong Kong:
- Hong Kong Music Therapy Association (HKMTA)

Japan:
- Japanese Music Therapy Association (JMTA)

New Zealand:
- Music Therapy New Zealand (MThNZ)

Poland:
- Polskie Stowarzyszenie Muzykoterapeutów (PSMT)

South Africa:
- South African Music Therapy Association (SAMTA)

South Korea:
- National Association of Korean Music Therapists (NAKMT)

Spain:
- Asociación Galega de Musicoterapia (AGAMUS)
- Asociación Gaditana de Musicoterapia (AGAMUT)
- Asociación Internacional de Musicoterapeuta (ASIMU)

Singapore:
- Association for Music Therapy (Singapore) (AMT(S))

The Netherlands:
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Muziektherapie (NVVMT)

UK:
- British Association for Music Therapy (BAMT)

USA:
- American Music Therapy Association (AMTA)
- American Music Therapy Association for Student (AMTAS)