

Dear

We are writing to update you with the progress of establishing a European Association DMT following the recent European Network Board meeting in Munich (October 22,23, 2008). More information should be published on the web page soon (<http://www.european-dance-movementtherapy.eu>). We have legal advice that we need a minimum of seven (7) founder members and that we can have 2 levels of Full membership. This letter contains important information about these levels.

National Association REPRESENTATION:

We are now at a crucial point in our development and need to ensure effective communication between the national associations and the European DMT Network. We need each association formally to name two individuals, one official representative and one deputy who can stand in when the official representative cannot attend meetings. The official representative would become the formal link between your national association and the developing EADMT. We need their full names, email addresses and a contact phone number to be sent to our internal and external secretaries (klaracizkova@seznam.cz and info@choreoterapia.com.pl).

This official link, plus EADMT membership will help you to:

- Receive important information about European developments
- Participate in discussions leading to major decisions (all member associations will be included through their representative attending the General Assembly and through participation in informal working groups)
- Elect Board Members onto EADMT Board (all Full Member associations) and vote upon critical professional development issues (Professional Full Member national associations only)

FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Thanks to the information which you provided within the two questionnaires over the past year, we have agreed the enclosed requirements for Full Membership of EADMT. You will see that there are two (2) forms of FULL Membership for Associations: PROFESSIONAL FULL member and BASIC FULL member. There will also be an ASSOCIATE member status. These levels are to ensure that a larger number of national associations can become founder members of the EADMT and work together towards EADMT aims of:

- **promoting a European identity for the profession**
- **raising standards within the profession**

- **and eventually helping professionals to move easily between countries for work and training**

We need your Association Board and your official European representative to look at these requirements and decide which level of membership your national association is ready to apply for. In order to help each association to answer whether, and when, they feel ready to apply, we will be contacting each Association's official European representative by phone to talk through each item in the requirements list and provide explanations where needed.

For this reason we need:

- landline phone numbers for your official representative no later than January 30th, 2009.
- to arrange a mutually convenient time to contact your official representative at end of January/early February 2009.

Please help us in being a vital part in this European development and move forward effectively with this next important step. Once the phone call contact is complete and all the requirements understood clearly, the formal application process will proceed. At this time we can not confirm the application fees and annual subscription costs. They may be in the region of €350- €750 for Full membership and €100 - €200 for Associate membership. This could change depending upon the number and levels of applications. We are still considering annual fee structures which may relate to the number of national members within your association. These items will be discussed with you during the phone call in early 2009.

Please note that there are a number of people working in their own free time, using their own resources for travel, accommodation and work time because they believe in the importance of an EADMT. At present there is no office, no administration staff to assist with all the work (setting up a webpage, managing a research data base, researching constitutional statues and legal frameworks, gathering data on educational standards etc).

We are asking you to support these developments and to understand that this means a commitment to a wider horizon which will help us all.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to hearing from you very soon as our timescales are now tight. We hope to achieve our dream of establishing an EADMT by summer/autumn 2009.

Yours sincerely

Penelope Best, on behalf of the European DMT Network Executive Board and Constitutional committee: Heidrun Panhofer (Spain), Zuzanna Pedzich (Poland),

Klara Cizkova (Czech Republic), Vincenzo Puxeddo (Italy), Susanne Bender (Germany), Susan Scarth (UK), Tone Seailles (France)

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Official European representative (and deputy) need:

- to be able to communicate both verbally and in writing in English
- to be familiar with their association's rules, regulations and situation
- to have an email address and regular access to internet
- time to respond to emails from the Network and future EADMT within reasonable time
- to be able to travel within Europe (if elected to be national association delegate on the EADMT General Assembly in the future)*

*Please note that if your association applies successfully for Full Membership of the EADMT in the near future, the official representative you chose now may also become your delegate to the EADMT General Assembly and therefore, eligible to be elected for the EADMT BOARD. Of course, you can also decide to elect a different official representative at that time.