



Minutes of EFAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

14th October 2021

Via Zoom platform

The General Assembly began at **6.05 pm CET**

Total number of people present at highest peak of attendance: **67**

Everyone was informed that the meeting was being recorded and there were no objections.

Agenda

1. Words of Welcome
2. Activity Report 2020/2021
 - a. Timeline
 - b. Specific topics & tasks
 - c. Short Reports from the Committees
 - i. Application Review Committee
 - ii. Ethics Committee
 - iii. Communications Committee
 - iv. Conference Committee
 - v. Research Committee
 - vi. Professional Development Committee
3. Financial Report 2020 and Budget Plan 2021/2022
4. Auditors' Report
5. Count of voting members and proxies
6. Adoption of financial and auditors' report & budget plan - vote
7. Discharge of the Board - vote
8. Plans for 2021/2022
9. Other

1. Words of Welcome by the EFAT president Maria d'Elia

Introduction of the current Board (2020–2022):

Maria d'Elia (President), Dominik Havsteen-Franklin (Vice President), Ephrat Huss (General Secretary), Dace Visnola (Treasurer), Nada Ivanovic (Deputy General Secretary) and Irina Katz-Mazilu (Member)

2. Activity Report 2020/2021

a. On the **Timeline** (Recap of events and business meetings)

- Collaboration meetings with ECARTe and European Arts Therapies Associations, - EFAT-ISPS Organisational Committee Meetings, - Webinars, - regular Board Meetings, Extraordinary Board Meetings (Covid-19; Review of Proposals for Statutes, RIO and CoE amendments), - Board Strategy Meetings, - Board meetings with Committees, - Social Action initiative, - GA 2020 with election of new Board and ARC and EC members, - Online conference in May '21.



b. Specific Topics and Tasks

- Daily administrative tasks (e.g. updating of members' lists, treasury, coordination),
- Special administrative tasks : identification of new domicile, amendments to RIO and CoE, preparation of GA
- PST Webinar Series (organisation of 5 Webinars)
- Conference: choosing online platform, deciding fee scheme, designing the program, online registration and billing, editing of recordings
- Support to Social Action Initiative
- Streamlining of application forms and automation of pipeline to be ready in January 2022
- Completion of Ethics Reference Guide

c. Short Reports from the Committees

i. Application Review Committee (Jane Hawes, Chair)

- completion of new application forms for different membership categories, developing working system for dealing with applications
- since Sept 2019 total of 441 applications processed, 294 accepted from 43 different nations
- goal to improve the process of application with an aim to increase the number of successful applications

ii. Communications Committee (Maria presented for Elza Strazdina, Chair)

- invitation for new members as the committee needs revitalization
- aims to manage the website with the members' section
- design an advertising campaign
 - for the next Conference and
 - for the European Art Therapy Day

iii. Conference Committee (Thijs de Moor, Chair)

- organising the conference in Riga postponed to 2023 to avoid clashing with the ECARTÉ conference (now moved to even years), online conferences/webinars in 2022.

iv. Ethics Committee (Elizabeth Stone, Chair)

- completion of the Ethics Reference Guide, organising and delivering Ethics Webinar,
- goal to increase the Committee to 5-7 experienced members,
- create an Ethics Bibliography, -
- introduce the Ethics Club and
- organise a second Ethics Webinar

v. Professional Development Committee (Paola Partsalaki, Carmith Shaï, Chairs)

- organisation of the 2nd Social Action and 1st Masterclass,
- increasing the number of Creative Support Groups,
- creating Art Therapy Directive Group,
- planning another Masterclass soon
- invitation to an online meeting to learn more about PDC work groups and SIGS (3. 11. 2021. 7 – 8.30 pm CET)

vi. Research Committee (Celine Schweizer, Chair)

- presentation during Hungarian AT conference,



- exchange with PDC concerning research about AT during COVID,
- exchange with the RC-BAAT chair,
- aims to contribute to the evidence base for AT (EU PhD overview working group, EU survey working group, Website working group), and to organise SIG's for specific research topics

3. & 4. Financial Report 2020, Budget Plan 2021/2022 & auditors' report
(Dace Visnola, Treasurer, Maria d'Elia, President)

Operational year 2020			
Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
Bank charges	EUR 155,58	Membership	EUR 6291,00
Insurance	EUR 245,81	Conference	EUR 13.701,00
IT services and computer supplies	EUR 551,14	Donation	EUR 334,00
Software	EUR 1.322,05	Vouchers	EUR 96,00
Total expenditure	EUR 2.274,58	Total Income	EUR 20.422,00
Surplus	EUR 18.147,47	Shortage	EUR -

EFAT's Budget 2021			
This shows the current status based on 2020's income and expenses - no exceptional spending is planned for the remainder of 2021. EFAT is in the process of consolidating its funds.			
IN		OUT	
Membership Fees	6.291,00 €	Insurance	245,81 €
Donations (SA)	334,00 €	IT services & computer supplies & software	1873,19 €
Conference 2021 *)	13.701,00 €	Other costs	155,58 €
TOTAL IN	20.422,00 €	TOTAL OUT	2.274,58 €
*) amount earmarked for expected conference costs	-18.147,42 €		18.147,42 €

- auditors Frederique Degand (by email) and Avgustina Stanoeva confirmed that the financial report was correct

5, 6. & 7. Adoption of financial report, auditor's report, budget and discharge of the Board

Number of voting members: 38 full individual members, 5 full organisational member delegates, 3 proxies

- Adoption of the Financial Report: 0 against, 0 abstaining, adopted unanimously
- Budget: 0 against, 0 abstaining, approved unanimously
- Discharge of the Board: 0 against, 0 abstaining, discharged unanimously

8. Plans for 2021 – 2022

Maria presented plans based on results from the Board's Strategy Meetings held in July 2021 with four main aspects being:

- 1) community culture,
- 2) professional recognition,
- 3) clarity of professional identity and
- 4) responsiveness to change

Some of the action points relating to EFAT's social objectives and the course of future action are:

- creating a members' section on the EFAT website,
- SIG pages with info on how to join,
- participation of EFAT members in Perugia conference (Co-constructing Healing Spaces)
- developing the theme for the EFAT 2023 conference,
- creation of the European Art Therapy Day,
- developing partnerships,
- organising masterclasses and webinars,
- finalisation of the Ethics Reference Guide,
- developing fee scheme for ads,
- hiring accounting services etc.

9. Other – Q&A

1. How to join SIGs? EFAT website – Members Section – SIGs page

2. What are the benefits for Full Organisational Members? There is a need to better define them. A meeting with FOM is suggested in order to discuss what they need from EFAT. Also, building a network of associations which are on a different level so that more developed can help others.

3. Info about a discount (20%) from Expressive Media (Judy Rubin) for EFAT members. Discount codes can be found in the member section of EFAT's website.

4. Idea about Art Therapy Day. Paola Luzzatto suggested 24. 9. for the date since it was the day in 2011 when at an ECARTE meeting the idea of an European Art Therapy organisation was born.

5. Guests from a training institute in Romania were advised that they can become an associate member of EFAT.



6. What is EFAT's position about COVID-19 vaccination? Suggestion that the Ethics Committee opens a debate and present it as a theme for the Ethics Club.

7. Is there a specific committee to work on striving for professional recognition discussing strategies in different countries? Maria said that all committees work on this subject indirectly. Since ECArTE is working on mutual recognition of art therapy training for its members, Paola Luzzato suggested having a meeting with ECArTE. Maria said that it was a long-term goal to be addressed in the coming future.

8. Suggestion that countries which are more advanced in the process of recognising art therapy could help others. Maria said that this could be addressed in the Full Organisational Members' meeting.

9. Maria expressed relief that the EFAT conference was moved to 2023 (not to clash with the ECArTE conference) since it will require lots of work together with many other issues in the plan for the coming year.

The General Assembly ended at **8:21 pm CET**

The full presentation is available at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nSjTFA53SDLCPv4pJ0FwG0Z6uCngWR41XV2PRay53Pc/edit#slide=id.g99f51c0675_0_14

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Minute taker: Nada Ivanovic