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Introduction

Dear colleagues,

The heat and concern for our planet is and has been on our minds this Spring. To the Guilds in ETC and their reps., another heat has been on the table - the ATM-only. On the initiative from member Guilds of ETC, the ATM-only was put on the Agenda for the IFF meeting May 2023. This to bring discussions and reflections concerning our Method up in the open in an international forum. What next steps to be taken on this issue, is followed closely by ETC (and our ETAB). Hence an invitation for a zoom meeting to inform/exchange our Guilds will come during September/October.

ETC Annual Report for 2022

The report is available in English on this [link](#), please let us know if you would like this report to be translated into another European language.

EU Erasmus project

Feldenkrais is opening up for the first time to European funding to undertake internal improvement activities and increase its role and visibility in society. In March, under the Erasmus+ 2023 – the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport ([Home | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#) – , the AIIMF (the Italian Feldenkrais Association) submitted a proposal to the National Agency INAPP in partnership with the FVD (the

German Guild), IFF (International Feldenkrais Federation), and AISF (Italian Association Fibromyalgia Syndrome).

Feldenkrais4Life - Supporting the professional growth of the Feldenkrais practitioner as a key player in society for the development of health and integrated personal care is a two-year long project that aims to enhance the professional contribution that Feldenkrais Teachers can make in the evolution of society and in health and development processes for the improvement of a person's well-being and continuous learning.

The focus is to support a process of identity growth and professional recognition of the figure, accompanied by a strengthening of the vocational training capacity of the representative professional associations in an international and cross-sectoral perspective.

Results on projects approved for funding are due by summer. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this may be the first of many more projects that will help Feldenkrais become known and established in our communities!

ETC Website

We are very pleased to announce that the work on ETC/ETAB's new website is progressing and the cooperation with the Israeli company Simply Smart is working smoothly.

The structure of the site is up and running and we have already started to upload material about Training Programs. The work on the digitalization of all the forms and applications though has only begun.

The main implications concerning the educational community are:

1. All the Training Programs could be found on one page and any user could search them directly through a search engine. Each program will have also a separate page where a short presentation and all the important details will be presented. This page will be linked to the program's website.
2. Advanced workshops and courses for practitioners could be announced through the ETC website. This function can facilitate the movement of people beyond national boundaries and enhance the exchange of experience.
3. All Trainers and Assistant Trainers active in the ETC region could appear with their photo and contact details. In this way, we hope to give them more visibility.

The Guilds will be presented through links to their own websites.

All news would appear on the homepage and will be searchable.

We aim to publish a basic version of the new website in September which shall contain the details of all running Training Programs and of those starting soon.

The ETC wish you a pleasant season with times to fill up whatever needs and ways to do it. Strangely enough, we have to wish for a less warm and sunny summer to some of our Guilds. Other Guilds are still in need of some warmer, sunnier days during the next weeks.

With regards,

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