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New Year's Greeting 2021

Dear colleagues in Europe and Israel,

2020 has been a year full of unexpected events and difficulties that each country was trying to overcome with different initiatives. These challenging times have called for a closer connection between the guilds and their ETC.

Our group of **ETC guild representatives** was working together in searching for solutions. We found ways to use our strengths and knowledge in a more involving working process by sharing information and ideas. This resulted in having a closer look at issues related to the guilds and reflecting on how to serve and give support.

Very helpful and enlightening for these reflections have been the reports that we have received from the guilds. They will be shared in full length in our next Newsletter in February along with our yearly and financial reports.

For now, in our greeting at the beginning of the year 2021, we want to provide you with a short overview over some of the **guild activities during the pandemic**:

- As a main effort keeping good contact with and between the guild members

- Offering technical support for teachers to master video conferences via zoom, skype and other applications in order to be able to continue giving their courses, ATM and even FI online
- Due to travel restrictions the guilds have organized video conferences where the members could discuss their difficulties and exchange their methods to deal with them.
- During the periods where physical meetings were possible again, the guilds proposed protocols for sanitary devices.
- Some guilds were able to provide financial support to their members.

This little summary is just to let you know that we are on track and looking forward to presenting and exchanging news from and between the guilds more frequently with issues that we hope might be of interest. We are having different forms of contact in our mind.

ETAB, our working group responsible for the accreditation of trainings, trainers and assistant trainers, was developing guidelines to adapt to the Covid-situation. On InterTAB level they were working on questions like: What changes could be allowed? How to keep the standards? What is needed to keep the trainings going and how to meet the needs of the students? ETC, in close dialogue, supported and relied on ETAB doing their work, at the same time having challenges of our own as the Governing Body.

Assessment Tool

Despite the challenging times we are now immersed in, the ETC team is working on and remains committed to the implementation of the Assessment tool project, which aims to enhance the performance and help our community of Feldenkrais practitioners to become a fairly competent and skilled professional. Further and detailed information will be sent to all guilds as soon as possible.

Finally, we want to thank you for all your initiatives which have created great possibilities, as Moshe said, "to turn a difficulty into a strength". Let's make 2020 a strength to pass 2021 in serenity and prosperity!

All the members of ETC and EuroTAB wish you an excellent new year 2021!

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