



The EuroTAB Council (ETC) is the governing body of EuroTAB, the educational expertise board of the European and Israeli Feldenkrais Training Accreditation Board. The EuroTAB is one of the 4 international Training Accreditation Boards and has significantly more Trainings within its area. This report describes the changes and progress made by the ETC and EuroTAB in 2022.

### **ETC members 2022/2023:**

Chair: Beth-Karin Danielsen (Norway), Treasurer: Mamie Wisker (UK), Secretary: Andrea M. Thiem (Italy). Julia Kirchner continued as Office Manager for ETC and ETAB throughout 2022.

Other members and part of different task groups: Aimará Osío (Spain) January - June 2022, Angélique Pradier (France), Julia Rebecca Ahamer (Austria), Constantina Lomi (Sweden), Nicola Zollinger (Switzerland) and Tsippy Ganan (Israel) from September 2022.

### **ETC work**

During 2022, the ETC had regular zoom meetings and also had an in-person meeting in Oslo in September 2022, the first since the covid pandemic.

ETC worked together with ETAB on projects including the ATM only Trainings and the ETC/ETAB website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Annual accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were approved by a majority of the ETC representatives on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The ETC made a surplus of CHF 8 thousand. The main income for the ETC is Training Accreditation fees and income from this source fluctuates each year, particularly over the recent covid period and overall income was in line with the budget for 2022.

Expenses were higher than 2021 but lower than budgeted. The increase was due to expenditure on a live meeting for ETC for the first time since 2018 and expenditure on the Assessment Tool project relating to a workshop at the ETAB live meeting in Israel in December 2022 and translation costs. The overall spend was lower than budget as the website expenditure is taking place in 2023 instead of 2022. Other expenses remained in line with 2021 actuals and the budget for 2022.

### **Assessment Tool**

During 2022, the Assessment tool document was translated into ETC languages (French, German, Hebrew, Italian and Spanish), in order that the tool could be properly reviewed by all Guilds. These translations were undertaken on a professional (paid) basis by Feldenkrais practitioners with translation experience. During the ETAB live meeting in Israel in December

2022, a further workshop was provided in order to review the usefulness of the Assessment Tool in the Feldenkrais community. Their conclusion was that further professional development would be required in order to make it useable.

### **Changes in Feldenkrais Training - ATM only Trainings**

During 2022, the status of ATM only teachers was accepted in the German Feldenkrais Guild and immediately a 2year ATM only Training commenced there. This training is not described as a pilot. Consequently, ETAB encouraged the Feldenkrais Guilds in the ETC region to share questions, doubts and comments in order to create the necessary conditions for a discussion on the topic, inviting them to create internal discussion groups in order to do this.

In October 2022 the ETC organised a zoom meeting on this topic, to which practitioners from all member guilds were invited, along with the ETC Representatives. Further discussion on this topic has continued into 2023.

Timeline of the ATM only Training developments to the end of 2022.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Location</b>
2010	Proposal for Stand-alone ATM teacher certification, by American trainers	USA
2015	Germany left ETAB and created DTAB	Germany
2019	FGNA and NATAB approve 2 pilot projects for ATM only trainings	USA
2021	ATM only teachers proposed in German guild - rejected	Germany
2022	Discussion at IFF Assembly in May	IFF
2022	ATM only teachers proposed in German guild - accepted	Germany
2022	ATM only training starts in Germany - NOT a pilot	Germany
2022	ETAB invites ETC region guilds to discuss the ATM only issue	Europe and Israel

### **ETC/ETAB Website**

Progress was made on this project in 2022. We found two providers (Spain, and Israel) and chose the Israeli firm. We have discussed the new general plan and architecture, with its hierarchy. It will be divided into two levels, one for the general public and one for members of our educational community (training organizers, trainers, assistant trainers, and others). The difficult points include the protection of personal data (GDPR) and the templates for compliance forms (which also include personal data). We plan for the new website to be a tool to change communication, to enable a shift of paradigm.

### **EU project**

During 2022, the AIIMF (Italian Guild) invited the ETC to become involved in a potential project to obtain funding for research into the Feldenkrais Method, using the Erasmus+ 2023, - the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>

Of the ETC member guilds, only the Italian Guild was able to progress with this project at present, the German Guild (FVD) was able to join the initiative, along with the IFF (International Feldenkrais Federation) and the AISF (Italian Association Fibromyalgia Syndrome).

### **ETC and Feldenkrais Guilds**

In addition to the zoom meeting on the ATM only Trainings, ETC asked all Guilds for feedback on Functions that they would like to see on the new ETC/ETAB website. The ETC also continued to produce a regular newsletter for Guilds in 2022.

### **Thanks**

The ETC thanks ETAB for their important work on accreditation of Trainings and Trainers and development of the Feldenkrais Method. ETAB produced a report on their work in 2022 which was circulated to Guilds in March 2023.

Beth Karin Danielsen

ETC Chair

Mamie Wisker

ETC Treasurer