



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR HAND THERAPY

Education Committee

Education Committee (EC) Report for EFSHT Council Meeting June 2017

The EC has continued to work on the committee goals since the last Council meeting.

There are now fourteen ECHTs - Seven from the Netherlands, one from Germany, three from Switzerland and three from the UK. Netherlands is leading the way and the biggest challenge now is to get therapists from other countries with national certification to apply for the ECHT. We also need to continue to encourage the rest of the EFSHT member countries to achieve national certification.

Publicity for the ECHT is the biggest job of the EC. A presentation about the ECHT process was created and sent to all national delegates to use at meetings and national conferences. In addition a page describing the ECHT process was printed in the journal and a copy was sent to all national delegates to use in their journals, newsletters and websites. An ECHT workshop has been held at conferences in Paris and Milan and one is planned for the 2017 conference in Budapest. These workshops clarify the requirements and procedure for ECHT application and are a good chance for potential applicants to ask questions in person. The EC is happy to hold an ECHT workshop at national conferences on request. As I have stated in the past there are many languages covered by present and past EC members so a workshop can also be held in the national language.

At the 2017 Council meeting Nikki Burr, a longstanding member of the EC will be stepping down. We would like to thank Nikki for her invaluable contribution to the EC and to the formulation of the ECHT process. This will leave the EC with four members : Roma Bhopal (chair), Jolanda ten Brinke

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(ECHT Co-ordinator), Rose Luciano and Veronique van der Zypen.

The EC continues to work on assessment of ECHT portfolios as well as publicity and promotion and we are happy to receive any ideas to improve the work of the committee. We have decided that a face to face meeting is not necessary in the coming year as we feel it will be possible to perform EC duties via email, Skype and Teamwork.

I look forward to meeting you all in person at the Council meeting in Budapest.

Roma Bhopal
Chair EFSHT Education Committee