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Newsletter June 2024

Dear colleagues,

The past four months have been intense with plenty of activities in the European and Israeli Feldenkrais community. With this Newsletter edition the ETC wants to give you an overview on what was going on or still is in process.

The new ETC and ETAB Website has been published!

Since April our new <u>website</u> is online. It has been a long process starting in 2021 that turned out even more complex than expected in order to set up a dynamic platform for the European and Israeli Feldenkrais community. Project Manager Ohad Nachmani and ETC/ ETAB Office Manager Julia Kirchner have collaborated with the Israeli website company Simply Smart and the joint working group (Julia Ahamer from the ETC and Scott Clark from ETAB) to implement this big project.

The new website contains searchable lists of Professional Training Programmes, Advanced Trainings, Trainers and Trainer Candidates (worldwide) and Assistant Trainers (within the ETC jurisdiction). You can also find information about the international structure of the Feldenkrais world, about the ETC, its representatives, Guilds and mission as well as about ETAB and its members and mission. Applicants find useful material for personal applications to become Assistants or Trainers and can benefit from the library of Case Studies, whereas Training Organisers can read about how to set up a Feldenkrais Professional Training Programme and what the European & Israeli Guidelines are to run such a training. An important part of the new website is the <u>News</u> section. It is worth to have a look regularly since it contains relevant information you might not want to miss.

Currently, our Israeli website company and a CRM team are working on the online forms for personal registration (before submitting applications to be Assistant Trainer or Trainer), Training Applications and Training compliance reports. Parts of this information will be linked to a new database that we will build up to store all the relevant data about Training Programmes, graduates and Trainers.

Welcome to a new TAB member and 2 new TAB members wanted

ETAB is happy to welcome a new member: Jaime Polanco, Assistant Trainer from Spain has joined the team beginning of June.

This summer the TAB will lose two precious members after six years of intense work and contribution: chairperson Ohad Nachmani and Assistant Trainer Simone Rohloff.

That means that after the summer **the TAB will be in need of two new members**:

1 Assistant Trainer, **1** Trainer or Trainer Candidate or Assistant Trainer

A position in ETAB offers a unique perspective on the dynamics of the international Feldenkrais community, focusing on the educational process, where the TAB is responsible for developing new standards. If you want to understand the current state of the Feldenkrais method and help shape its future, the TAB is the place to be.

To find out more about the work on the TAB and how to apply please click here.

Voting on ATM-only Trainings

ATM-only Trainings are amongst the most discussed topics of the past months within the international Feldenkrais community. <u>Here</u> you can find an overview over all voting processes that have taken place in up to now European and Israeli Guilds.

Process of changes in the TAGs

The ETC organised on 13th June a Zoom meeting for ETC reps and BoDs of Guilds (ETC member and non-member associations) to discuss the changes to the Training Accreditation Guidelines (TAGs) proposed by EGNA and NATAB

after 4 years of work of an international working group. Nicola Zollinger was the coordinator and Ohad Nachmani contributed with clarifications to the suggested changes. The most prominent addition to the TAGs is the possibility of online teaching that is allowed up to a certain amount of time.

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate the voting process of the Guilds. Please keep in mind the **deadline 12th July** to hand in your Guild's voting results.

Wishing you all a relaxed and enjoyable summer, Your ETC

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