

**56th International Symposium for Anthroposophical Music Therapy**  
**in co-operation with the Medical Section Dornach, Switzerland**  
**Conference venue: Dorfgemeinschaften Wienerwald, Breitenfurt near Vienna, Austria**

Vienna, February 2025

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite You to this year's symposium in Austria. This will take place from *28th May to 31st May 2025* in the Dorfgemeinschaften Wienerwald, Breitenfurt near Vienna, Austria.

The conference theme is: **'Music therapy in the field of neurology'**.

During this conference we would like to broaden our view of some of the neurological diseases and consider what important role music therapy can play. These diseases are: Epilepsy, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease. Special consideration will be given to the neurological-sensory system, which is more in demand than ever in our world for its 'healthiness'.

We are pleased to welcome three doctors.

**Mr Prim. Prof. Dr Gottfried Kranz** He was a senior consultant in the neurology department at Vienna General Hospital and is currently medical director at the „Rosenhügel Neurological Rehabilitation Centre“ in Vienna. Venus of his training has included the Filderklinik Stuttgart, the Lukasklinik Arlesheim and the Gemeinschaftskrankenhaus Havelhöhe-Berlin.

**Hans C. Miersch M.A.** is a doctor, systemic therapist and counsellor (SG), music therapist (Musiktherapeutische Arbeitsstätte) and anthroposophical art therapist (BVAKT). He has undergone further training in mediation, biography work and trauma therapy with EMDR. He works as a ward doctor (ward for people with epilepsy and intellectual disability) at the Tabor Epilepsy Clinic, Bernau near Berlin.

**Dr. Susanne Wicht**, specialist in neurology. She has been clinically active in neurology at the University Medical Centre and in acute psychiatry with a focus on geriatric psychiatry since 1995. She also works in inpatient and outpatient neurological rehabilitation in all rehabilitation phases. Training in anthroposophical medicine (GAÄD recognition and international diploma).

Mr Miersch and Dr Wicht will accompany our entire conference and take part in the working groups.

This year we would like to organise the **working groups** in such a way that each participant can report from his own experience. The working groups should offer space for the exchange of experiences and have a research character. We would like to work phenomenologically and penetrate and organise the conference topic in a music-therapeutic way.

Four groups with different focal points are currently planned.

**Epilepsy**

**Multiple sclerosis (with a focus on the alphorn)**

**Parkinson's disease**

**Singing therapy in the neurological field**

The **Wienerwald village communities** enable people with disabilities to live and work in a protected, self-determined and inclusive environment. We are delighted to be able to organise the conference there. As the village communities offer us an all-inclusive price for the room and food, it is not possible for us to charge the conference fee and catering separately. The full fee of 230 euros will be charged upon registration.

Exceptions are possible. There will be a vegetarian and a vegan meal. Please inform us of any intolerances or allergies, these will be taken into account if possible. For further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

We would ask you to, if possible, participate in the conference until the very end. We have designed the conference programme in such a way that there will be important and interesting topics until the end. As the conference is taking place near Vienna, it is worth taking a look at the cultural programme on Saturday evening afterwards. You will find a brief overview of the cultural programme at the end of this letter. Translation into English is possible, the conference language is German.

**Key data:**

**Location:** Dorfgemeinschaften Wienerwald. Hauptstraße 99 - Access: Georg-Sigl-Straße 9  
2384 Breitenfurt, Austria

**Arrival by public transport:** <https://anachb.vor.at/>

**Duration:** Wednesday 28.05.2025, 6 pm - Saturday 31.05.2025 6 pm

**Conference fee:** 230€

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We look forward to welcoming you soon!

**For the preparation group:** Victoria Ryan, Katharina Flückiger, Marion Wilcken, Martin Maier-Hangler, Annekathrin Neidlinger, Rita Bidvaite, Ernö Zolyomi, Fernando Diaz, Simone Muller

**For the coordination of anthroposophical art therapies worldwide ICAAT:** Laura Piffaretti

Musikverein: **Vienna Mozart Orchestra** - *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*  
<https://www.musikverein.at/konzert/?id=00050644>

State Opera: **Carmen** - *George Bizet*

Sale starts on 1 March 2025 <https://www.wiener-staatsoper.at/kalender/2025/mai/>

Volksoper: Let's forget the world, Volksoper 1938 - Theu Boermans and Keren Kagarlitsky

'In *Lass uns die Welt vergessen*, director Theu Boermans brings the beautiful, cheerful entertainment of the Beneš operetta back to the Volksoper stage and contrasts it with the cold political reality of the Nazi era. Conductor Keren Kagarlitsky reconstructed the score of *Gruß und Kuss aus der Wachau* by Jara Beneš from the little surviving material.'

<https://www.volksoper.at/produktion/at-lass-uns-die-welt-vergessen-2023.1006197207.de.html>

Further events can be found at

<https://www.viennaconcerts.com/deutsch/Wien-Events-Veranstaltungskalender/2025/5/31>