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NEW! ACENA Website

Check out our new site at
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Find information about our CE Center directory, new job postings, renew your membership or become a member and keep up to date on what's happening in the world of Conductive Education.

If you would like to add to our list of CE centers, news and resources, or job postings, please contact Brittany Jennings at bjennings@marchofdimes.ca

ACENA 2016 Elections

The 2016 ACENA Election will occur in May and new officers will be

2016 ACENA Conference

Hosted by: Conductive Education Center of Orlando (CECO)
in Orlando, Florida March 2nd - March 4th, 2016



We began the month of March with a bang as CECO hosted the national Conductive Education conference (ACENA) and the "Make it Possible!" Abilities Technology Expo! Hundreds of people from across the globe convened in Orlando for these very special events.

Education and health care professionals alike attended the three day ACENA conference to share research and best practices in Conductive Education. Keynote presentations by Sara Gaver, Eduardo M. Castillo, PhD, Ki Hyeong Lee, MD, James E. Baumgartner, MD and Melanie Ruth Brown, PhD, MA were informative, inspirational and showcased the validity of Conductive Education as a method to encourage the independence of those with motor disabilities. We would also like to acknowledge Dr. Éva Feketéné Szabó, PhD from the András Pető Institute for her wonderful presentation on 'Conductive Education of the Motor

announced at the June 28th ACENA Board Meeting. For 2016-2017 year, the following positions are open for nominations:

- Director of Membership
- Director of Advocacy
- Director of Practice
- Director of Program Operations

Thank you to Chris Martin for taking on the role of Chair of Nominations. If you are interested in running for an ACENA Board Member position, please contact Chris at chris@movementcentre.ca

NACA

The North American Conductor Association (NACA) is a professional group exclusively for conductor teachers. NACA aims to strengthen CE, advance its principles in North America and to advocate for the continuous professional improvement of CE. NACA believes in the future of the profession, and treasures the heritage. The group is committed to standing up for professional values, to support fellow conductor teachers, and to

Disabled & Conductors College'.

The technology expo brought together top leaders in the Orlando community to bring awareness to the needs of persons with disabilities. The three day event hosted exhibitors from Microsoft, BrightHouse, 101 Mobility amongst others at the Orlando Science Center to experience the synergy between technology and independence.

Thank you to all who attended, presented and sponsored this conference. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to CECO for organizing this event!

If your Center would like to host the next ACENA Conference please contact [ACENA](#) today!

World Congress Update

"Welcome to the Home of Conductive Education"

December 10, 2016 - December 13, 2016

Budapest, Hungary



The 9th World Congress is being organized by the Andras Peto College, the International Andras Peto Association, and the Andras Peto Foundation. Franz Schaffhauser, Ph.D. will serve as the President of the Congress.

For the first time in history, two representatives from the United States will be presented with the prestigious Honorary Conductor award for their outstanding contributions to the field of conductive education. This year's U.S. recipients will include Gyorgy Benyovszky from the Conductive Learning

contribute to the future of CE.

Aims and Objectives of NACA:

- To promote best practice within CE
- To strengthen the status of the conductor teacher profession
- To listen to and work for conductor teachers

Upcoming Projects:

- What to expect as a conductor teacher working in North America
- Developing Professional Credit System for Continuing Education
- Identify objective testing tools in CE- to connect conductor teachers and associations
- Develop a logo and pamphlet

For more information or to become involved in upcoming projects please contact Beth Lynch at bethlynch83@gmail.com.

Honorary Conductor Award

ACENA would like to congratulate the following ACENA members on being awarded the title of Honorary Conductor by

Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Patti Herbst from the Center for Independence through Conductive Education in Chicago.

ACENA would like to encourage all to consider attending the event. A strong representation of the conductive education programs and professionals working in North America is essential for strengthening our international presence and demonstrating our commitment to global engagement with others in the field.

The deadline for abstract submission for presentations, posters or videos is September 15th, 2016. The official language of the Congress will be English. For detailed abstract requirements, registration details and more information regarding the event, please visit the Congress website at

www.peto.hu/wcce2016/en/

CE Stroke Research Study



GSU PT faculty (Dr. Roberta OShea and Dr. Renee Theiss) concluded a study that investigated the impact of 10 weeks of CE for adults with chronic stroke symptoms. The CE programs were designed

the András Pető
College:

**Patricia Herbst
Gyorgy Benyovszky**

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and implemented by Gabriella Molnar, CET and Maureen Michalski, DPT, PT. This study used imaging (DTI/MRI) as well as traditional PT assessment tools to measure changes. All subjects showed improved neural connectivity (stronger connections developed between regions of the brain) and improved hand function. This is the first time that it has been shown how CE impacts the brain's functioning. This study also concurs with the functional improvement findings of Dr. Melanie Brown, who studied the impact of CE for individuals with chronic stroke symptoms. Based in the positive findings of this study, future research grants will be conducted. Special thanks to GSU URG for funding the study and to Dr Todd Parrish and staff for analyzing the MRI data.

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