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Autumn Events

October 21st and 22nd:

- UCP Conference, Portland, OR
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November, Dates TBD:

- ACENA AGM
- ACENA Conference Subcommittee

December 10-13:

- World Congress, Hungary

**If you would like more information on any of these events or wish to attend, please contact*

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ACENA Webinars

ACENA would like to invite members to our fall webinar sessions presented by Dr. Anna Kelemen, a Neurologist and Child Neurologist at the National Institute of Neurosciences.

*Webinar 1: Understanding the Mechanisms of Early Brain Injury
Friday, November 18th*

World Congress Update

Message from the Peto Andras College and the Peto Association

In order to encompass the rapid advancement and expansion of Conductive Education and to gather the experts, conductors and practitioners of CE all over the world to discuss and to share the theory and practice of CE, the First World Congress on Conductive Education was launched in 1990 in Budapest, Hungary. Further congresses were held approximately every 3 years in different countries. Following the last three in Sweden, China and Germany, an 'urgent' need arose to bring the event back to the roots and thus Hungary will host the next, Ninth World Congress between December 10 and 13, 2016, with pre-congress courses on December 9 and opportunities to visit the Pető Practice Institute on December 14-15. Programs before and parallel with the Congress include a world meeting of Honorary Conductors, an Alma Mater / Alumni meeting and the general assembly of the International Pető Association. In accordance with traditions the Congress is organised by the András Pető College, the International Pető Association and the András Pető Foundation.

*Message from the ACENA President,
Andrea Benyovszky*

This year's Congress is particularly noteworthy because, for the first time in World Congress history, two representatives from North America will be awarded with Honorary Conductor status. Because ACENA would like to encourage all to consider participating in this event to represent CE in North America, three scholarships were awarded to members to support their travel and expenses. Thank you to all that applied. We are happy to announce the scholarship winners: Saskia Kramer, Allie Powaser, and Ani Hunt. For more information regarding the conference or to register for the event, please visit: <http://www.peto.hu/wcce2016/en/> or send an email to benyoand@aquinas.edu
We hope to see you there!

October Board Meeting

ACENA Board Members met at the United Cerebral Palsy Conference which took place October 21st and 22nd in Portland, OR. Board members shared their annual report for 2015-16 and provided their plan of work for the

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST

- and/or -

*Webinar 2: Neuronal plasticity:
possibilities and limitations of the
changing brain*

*Saturday, November 19th,
10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. EST*

For more information on the webinars
or to RSVP, contact Alana Curtin at
acurtin@conductivelearningcenter.org.

World Congress Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to Saskia Kramer, Ani Hunt and Allie Powaser who were recently awarded scholarships to attend the 2016 World Congress in Budapest, Hungary this upcoming December! ACENA received many worthy applicants and we regret not being able to award them all - thank you to the scholarship committee for donating their time and energy in making difficult decisions.

GET INVOLVED!

There are many opportunities to have your voice heard in ACENA.

Join a subcommittee today to help spread Conductive Education across North America. Here are some upcoming projects we would love to have your help with:

- ACENA Conference Subcommittee
- Marketing Subcommittee
- NACA
- Research Subcommittee

To get involved today, please contact [Brittany Jennings](mailto:Brittany.Jennings@conductivelearningcenter.org).

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Looking for information on upcoming events, the World Congress or

upcoming year. This will be made available soon at acena.org.



ACENA Research Subcommittee

Margy Nelson of the Movement Centre of Manitoba acted as host for ACENA's 2nd formal 'research roundtable' held Wed/Thurs, July 27/28, 2016 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This followed an initial meeting held May 2015 in Chicago, hosted by the Center for Independence.



Attending the Winnipeg meetings were:

- Andrea Benyovszky, Director, Conductive Learning Center & Andras Peto College
- Dr. Robbie O'Shea, Governors State University
- Patti Herbst, Center for Independence through Conductive Education
- Brent Page, March of Dimes Canada
- Margy Nelson, The Movement Centre of Manitoba
- Dr. Nigel MacDonald, The Movement Centre of Manitoba, Board of Directors
- Dr. Ben Albensi, The Movement Centre of Manitoba, Board of Directors
- Justin Burley, The Movement Centre of Manitoba

The objectives of these meetings were to:

1. Discuss Adult Stroke Research, building on the work of Drs Brown (in the UK) and O'Shea (in Chicago). Specifically exploring if ACENA could propose a multidimensional study using MRI/DTI and functional outcomes to measure impact of CE
2. Convene a more formal ACENA research summit to develop a conductive pedagogy research agenda for 2016-2020 years, and determine which centers want to do research and which centers want to be recruiting sites

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9th World Congress on Conductive Education

Budapest, Hungary
December 10th-13th, 2016

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To learn about upcoming ACENA activities and receive information and articles relating to Conductive Education.

The meetings went very well and the group was pleased to spend some time talking about CE and research - via Skype - with [Dr. Karen Pape](#), a neonatologist and clinical neuroscientist, whose book "The Boy Who Could Run But Not Walk" was just recently published and is a must-read for those of us working in the CE field.

Several action items resulted from the meeting including (these are some, not all, items):

- ACENA to explore how it can use its association's revenue to support research initiatives
- Publish Kim Barthel's excellent "Review of Motor Control and Motor Learning Research"
- Short-list possible journals for publication (considering journal's impact factor) of CE and CE-related papers
- Work with Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago on distribution of "Toileting Study Questionnaire" to parents participating in CE programs
- Work to have all North American CE Centers using a common assessment tool (FIM, GMFC) by January 1, 2017 and train conductors on use.
- Work to have centers offering adult program to use PhD/graduate students (Capstone Project) to mine existing adult CE records for common themes
- ACENA to develop a common CE parent satisfaction survey and have it used by all ACENA Centers that explores questions like: has my child's level of parent/caregiver assistance been reduced
- ACENA to revisit and revise CE description and history and language on ACENA website to reflect the fact that CE is all about purposeful practice

The ACENA Research group has since met again on September 19 to continue work on these items and will be meeting again on November 2nd.

All ACENA members are welcome to join these meetings and provide their input, or just be a fly on the wall to listen as we work to grow a fulsome CE research program that will move CE in North America forward. For more information, contact p Herbst@cfice.org.