

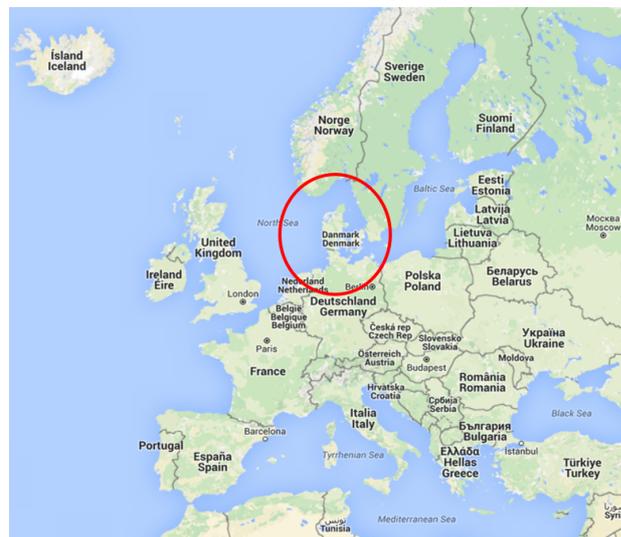
## NEWSLETTER 2

February 2019

Dear colleagues and participants of the [11th European Music Therapy Conference](#)

We received no less than 425 abstracts at the submission deadline in October 2018. We are excited about such an interest in the conference and that so many have offered to present their work. At the same time, this left us with the difficult task of selecting which presentations to include in the scientific programme and which to exclude. The [scientific committee](#) played an important role reviewing the abstracts, and we are thankful for their contribution. In this blinded review process, they evaluated the following criteria: relevance in accordance to the conference theme; practical and theoretical impact for music therapy; quality of empirical work and theoretical foundation; novelty and originality; and clarity of ideas and structure.

Even if all authors accepted to submit only two abstracts as a first author, so we in this way could reduce the number of submission, we still had to reject 155 abstracts. This leaves us with a rather low success rate, but we can already now reveal that we have the great honour to present a wonderful programme with high quality, and with a great variety of presenters and topics. As soon as all presenters have registered, we can start scheduling the programme. We will be able to offer 12 parallel sessions from Thursday morning



(June 27) until Sunday early afternoon where we expect to finish before 2 PM. The opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday (June 26) at 5.30PM.

Registration has been very busy this week. We assume that the nomination by the New York Times of [Aalborg](#) as number **eight** of *52 Places to Go in 2019* has not been too bad for this great interest in attending the conference 😊

Please note that the reduced price for the early bird registration ends on March 1<sup>st</sup>. For information about fees and how to register, please visit the website:

<https://www.musictherapy.aau.dk/emtc19/registration/>

Here you can also register for the [pre-conference](#) *First Sounds: Rhythm, Breath and Lullaby* *International Neonatal Intensive Care Training* or for the [Student Meeting](#).

Stay updated with EMTc2019-news by following our Facebook group ([11th European Music Therapy Conference](#)) and check the NEWS and Newsletters on [www.emtc2019.aau.dk](http://www.emtc2019.aau.dk).

On behalf of the [Organising committee](#),  
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