

## **A message from the Network of European Art Therapists (NEAT) to Professional Art Therapy Associations in Europe:**

NEAT's European Art Therapy Federation (EFAT) Working Group is excited to announce that the statutes of the Federation are ready for review by the notary. Now we need your support to be able to establish a functioning European Federation for Art Therapy (EFAT) in the course of 2018! In the future we are aiming to support associations, good practice principles, exchanges, research initiatives and effective research collaboration across Europe.

EFAT will be registered by royal decree in Brussels, Belgium under the prestigious status of an International Non-Profit Association (Association internationale sans but lucratif, Aisbl). This offers administrative advantages, in addition to having a domicile in the heart of the capital of political Europe.

The notarial deed, the legal registration process and the publication in the official Belgian gazette, however, is likely to cost in excess of 1800 € (probably due by the end of January). These fees can partly be covered by the current amount in NEAT's bank account. However, in order to gather the remaining portion of the necessary funds for the establishment of the Federation, we need your help, either :

a. By purchasing a **voucher** which can be used in exchange for or deducted from membership or conference fees once EFAT has become operational. \*)

Two different amounts are available:

- **25 €**
- **50 €**

b. Or by making a donation: Associations and/or other organizations may opt to sponsor the creation of the Federation with a donation (minimum 50 €) against display of their logo on the future EFAT website.

You may purchase vouchers as many times as you like or make a donation by sending the respective amount to NEAT's bank account by bank transfer:

Account owner: NEAT  
IBAN: BE84 6511 5701 9259  
BIC: KEYTBEBB

**Please mention: full association/organisation name, "Donation EFAT" or the numbers of "EFAT Voucher 25" and/or "EFAT Voucher 50", and your Email-address! (for sending the voucher!)**

The association's name will be printed on the voucher(s) together with a serial number, and sent to you by email.

Please also inform colleagues in your country who might be interested in supporting this initiative (e.g. by forwarding this email).

Attached please find the EFAT statutes in three versions: English & French, English & Dutch and English & German.

Maria d'Elia  
on behalf of the EFAT Working Group

\* Vouchers should not be mistaken for a claim to automatic full membership. The membership category which will eventually be granted, will ultimately depend on the fulfillment of the respective membership criteria. Potential organisational members (associations) will be consulted about the definition of these criteria as well as about the definition of membership fees.