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Welcome

New Knowledge from Around the World

By Annie Heiderscheit

I am pleased to present this special issue of *Music Therapy Today*, published by the World Federation of Music Therapy (WFMT). This latest edition features the proceedings of the 14th World Congress of Music Therapy in Vienna and Krems, Austria, including over 170 contributions from music therapy clinicians, researchers, and educators from around the world.

You are viewing a unique and comprehensive collection of the latest research, ground-breaking clinical reports and innovative contributions from music therapy education. We hope you enjoy reading, discovering, exploring, discerning and integrating this body of knowledge into your area of work. The articles may also serve as a means of sparking new conversations, collaborations or continued discoveries in our profession.

We do know that this type of exchange in vital to the ongoing development of our profession. With that in mind, we hope you will consider submitting future publications to *Music Therapy Today*. The online format of the journal supports the inclusion of the latest technology and multimedia content, which allows us to create a rich and vibrant publication. You can visit the World Federation of Music Therapy website at www.wfmt.info for submission guidelines to our online journal. We look forward to reading your latest work and sharing it with colleagues worldwide.

I would like to thank Dr. Jörg Fachner, Dr. Petra Kern, and Dr. Gerhard Tucek, the editorial board, proofreaders and all the authors that so generously contributed to bringing this issue to fruition. Your commitment to the profession is greatly appreciated as you willingly give your time and talents. Bravo!

Finally, I have no doubt as you read these proceedings you will find yourself inspired, motivated and moved to continue to learn, grow and further develop your area of practice or research. As you do, remember to continue to share that knowledge, it ensures we continue to advance as a profession.

On behalf of the WFMT Council,

Annie Heiderscheit, Ph.D., MT-BC, LMFT 2013-2014 Interim President, WFMT

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14. World Congress of Music Therapy Cultural Diversity in Music Therapy, Practice, Research, and Education

By Jörg Fachner, Petra Kern, and Gerhard Tucek

Forty years ago, music therapists gathered in Paris, France for the first World Congress of Music Therapy. Since then, our practitioners have served millions of clients with various disabilities and health issues in many countries around the world. We have gained more knowledge about the effects of music therapy interventions for better serving individuals from birth to the end of life, and we have advanced our degree and training programs, graduating highly educated students with strong competencies each year.

However, with the globalization of our profession, cultural aspects and issues have become more prominent. These need to be considered both when working with a cultural diverse clientele or when studying and working abroad. Therefore, this world congress invites professionals and students from more than 40 countries to explore and discuss the impact of cultural diversity in music therapy practice, research and education.

We have received over 400 congress proposals resulting in four spotlights sessions featuring 21 experts on specific topics, 212 concurrent sessions, 30 roundtables, 49 workshops, and 125 posters. Our invitation to share short synapses of the presenters' expertise, experiences, and perspectives in the 2014 congress proceedings resulted in over 170 submissions. We must thank the members of the International Scientific Committee for reviewing the proposals, all authors who contributed to this special issue of *Music Therapy Today*, and the proofreaders who assisted in the publication process.

This publication reflects current music therapy practices, scientific knowledge, and innovative teaching approaches from the eight regions of the World Federation of Music Therapy. The reader will find thought-provoking ideas, traditions, and customs reflected in the field of music therapy. We are aware that it does take an open mind to reflect ones own professional practices in the light of a cultural diverse music therapy world. Still, it is our hope that the 14. World Congress of Music Therapy and the congress proceedings will promote

cultural awareness, cross-cultural understanding, and result in culturally-oriented learning for generations of music therapists to come. Acknowledging diversity and understanding of differences will enrich our personal as well as professional lives. As Yo-Yo Ma (cellist and United Nations Messenger of Peace) has said, "Our cultural strength has always been derived from our diversity of understanding and experience."

We wish you happy reading and hope that you will find one or two cultural "eye-openers" that may challenge and enhance your perspective.

Sincerely,

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MUSIC, TRADITIONAL VALUES, AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN INDONESIA

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Abstract

This research investigated the influence of preferred music on the anxiety of Indonesian pregnant women. The experimental group (30 Ss) listened to music while the control group (29 Ss) did not. The results revealed that there were no significant differences in anxiety between the two groups that might be caused by traditional values.

Anxiety is a common response to pregnancy (Reading, 1983). Spielberger (1979, 1995) described anxiety occurrence as below:

 $Stressor \rightarrow Threat \rightarrow S-Anxiety$

Stressor is an objective stimulus (pregnancy). Threat is an individual's perception of the stressor (e.g., thinking about or paying attention to the pregnancy, the delivery process, and/or the baby).

Many music therapy studies have been conducted to show the benefit of music in reducing anxiety in obstetric setting, particularly during pregnancy (Winslow, 1986; Durham & Collins, 1986; Liebman and MacLaren, 1991, Federico and Whitwell, 2001).

This research investigated the influence of music on the anxiety of Indonesian pregnant women. The experimental group (30 Ss) listened to preferred music while the control group (29 Ss) did not. The results revealed that there were no significant differences between the experimental and control groups in gestational age, Apgar scores, the baby's birth weight, or in the state and trait anxiety scores of the State-Trait Anxiety

Inventory (Spielberger, 1977). However, there was significant difference in feelings from before to during, and from before to after listening to music in the experimental group (p \leq 0.001). There are some possible reasons to account for the similar level of anxiety of the pregnant women in this study. First, because they mostly lived with their extended families and received support from them. This may cause they have felt more secure and less anxious. In Javanese culture the benefit of togetherness is stated in the Javanese philosophy "Mangan ora mangan kumpul" (Hariwijaya, 2004). It means "Eat or not, together is the most important."

Second, most of Indonesian people have strong beliefs in traditional values that are reflected in traditional ceremonies such as the *Tingkeban*. This ceremony is conducted for pregnant women when their pregnancy is at the 7th month. They thank God and pray for the welfare of the pregnancy. The effects of this supportive ceremony may have helped the pregnant women to feel secure and less anxious.

Third, there is a philosophy in Javanese culture that people should be "nrimo/pasrah". Pasrah sumarah philosophy in Javanese culture means that one should totally submit one's life to God (Hariwijaya, 2004). A large number of the two groups submitted their pregnancy to God's fate as their way of coping with anxiety. The act may have reduced their anxiety.

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Fourth, there was a strong religious atmosphere in Indonesia. The Indonesian pregnant women may have submitted their pregnancy to God. By doing this, their anxiety may have been reduced.

This research suggested to considering traditional values or beliefs that might be influence the anxiety of Indonesian pregnant women. They might be able to contaminate the dependent variable of the research so that the influence of music could not be seen clearly. Because of that, the further research should anticipate these possibilities so that the influence of the music as a treatment can be observed more obviously.

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