

Minutes of the Leonardo Da Vinci Meeting

“A framework for practice and training in animal mediated assistance and therapy”
Himmelreich im Schwarzwald, 8.-10. April 2011



Participants:

Moderator

Attif Gharbi

Host

Förderkreis Therapeutisches Reiten e.V. – Germany

Partners

Federation Internationale de Therapie et de Relation d'Aide par la Mediation – France

Fédération Nationale de Thérapies Avec le Cheval - France

Handhippo, Union nationale belge des thérapeutes specialises en hippotherapie – Belgium

Nederlandse Stichting helpen met paarden – Equithérapie – Netherlands

Slovenska hippoterapeuticka asociacia – Slovakia

Stowarzyszenie Strapate Ranczo – Poland

Silent partner

Lorenzo Lucarelli – Spain

Agenda

1. Rules for the finances for all partners
 - 1.1. Costs till now
 - 1.2. Costs in the future
 - 1.3. Situation with Spain
2. Results of the questionnaire
 - 2.1. Collecting supposals for the thematic groups
 - 2.2. which ones are chosen to be worked on
 - 2.3. How to work together, how to transfer information
3. Sharing tasks
4. Information about the thematic group “arts”
5. Where will be the next meeting
6. Marie Jose Schmitt

Prelude

On Friday night Doris gave a welcome to all participants.

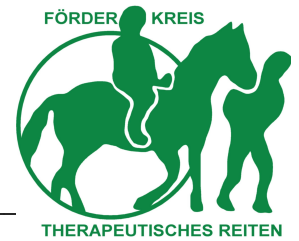
She introduced the region “Schwarzwald” where our meeting took place.

In the name of Förderkreis Therapeutisches Reiten as host of our meeting she emphasized the special role of our accommodation. The hotel “Hofgut Himmelreich” employes handicapped persons and Förderkreis always takes care to support institutions like this.

Doris also gave us an insight of the life of a handicapped person out of her own view.

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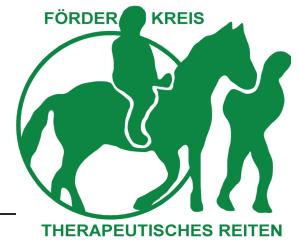
Why are we here?

On Saturday we got focused with a brainstorming of our personal goals to be here and our understanding of the LDV Project. According to the list below our general ideas are very alike. Mainly we want to build a framework for quality and get our method officially recognized. We are driven by engagement for humanity and by the needs of therapists, animals and clients. Marguerite reminds us, that our goals are currently an utopia and will remain one for a long time. To get recognition for AMAT in the EU we have to be officially recognized in every single country. Also we will not receive recognition for AMAT over all, but only for single interventions in the wide field of our work.

Personal goals	Understanding of Leonardo aims
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– more humanity through the mediation of animals– a proper aid and recognized profession– making hippotherapy more serious– profession– human engagement– recognition of therapy with horses and other animals– importance of formation of therapists– to guarantee a better welcome of disabled persons– therapy for the therapists– development of AMAT professions– better quality of AMAT work for patients– to do basic work to enable qualified therapists of AMAT to do their work with the economical and social appreciation this work deserves– information exchange– emotional support– contacts– building a framework for professional training in animal mediated activities– fully live this great experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– making a framework of competences for AMAT– AMAT as a well recognized and well founded method– to make known and officially agree to the work mediated by the animal for assistance and therapy– influence in standards– animal care– ethics– recognition of a serious job with the animal– official rules for education and qualification of AMAT with good quality of education– organization of a (very) basic framework for therapists in SK– unification of the work of all– cooperation with other countries– new ways of EA– support of public– building a framework for professional training in AMAT, get recognition– to develop an international framework for quality, recognition and appreciation for AMAT work– hope for recognition

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1. Rules for the finances for all partners

1.1. Costs till now

We have a proposal of FITRAM to share the costs they had with the LDV Project so far. FITRAM presented a list of their costs, the initial costs of the Netherlands were added.

costs for	FITRAM	Netherlands	
materials	600	200	once
internet	240		per anno
webmaster	1300		per anno
translations		150	once
meeting september	580	1300	once
meeting january	407		once
secretary	567		?
journeys	354		once
	633		once
courtesy			
EASPD	130		?
OING	120		?
total	4931	1650	€
		6581	€

None of the participants felt able to decide if and how much of the costs they can share, since there were no receipts or detailed information of e.g. the working time of the webmaster or secretary at the time being.

We decided on the following **agreement on finances**:

- ask if LDV covers the preparation costs (FITRAM)
- decide whether these costs need to be shared (FITRAM)
- present facts and figures to all LDV members until 06.06.2011 by email (FITRAM)
- discuss which/if costs to be shared until 27.06.2011 by email (all members)
- decide how to split costs at 27.06.2011 by skype (all members)

The agreement was signed by a representative of each participating country.

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1.2. Costs in the future

There was no discussion and agreement concerning the costs in the future.

It was said several times that costs that need to be shared have to be discussed before hand in the future.

1.3. Situation with Spain

Spain is in a special situation. They are not accredited as official LDV partners. They also cannot be financed as silent partners any more since mobilities for silence partnership were canceled by LDV. To enable Spain to participate further on we decided on the following procedure.

- the host country decides if they can invite and accommodate Spain
- if not, Spain has to decide whether to pay for themselves
- costs will not be split or shared within the group
- not-members do NOT represent any country
- not-members are considered guests at the meeting

2. Results of the questionnaire

Our counties are in very different situations concerning the amount of returned questionnaires and the state of evaluation so far. The action and evaluation is still running. Still there was enough data to excerpt the following thematic groups for our future work.

2.1. Collecting supposals for the thematic groups

2.2. which ones are chosen to be worked on

2.3. How to work together, how to transfer information

We collected proposals for thematic groups and labeled them with priority points to be able to focus on the most important tasks for the participants.

Every thematic group has a coordinator. The coordinators are responsible to invite further members to the group, set up the agenda, keep the schedules and get information to everybody.

The groups have to be formed till 26.04.2011

The added topics may be a help to create an agenda for the **Thematic groups**:

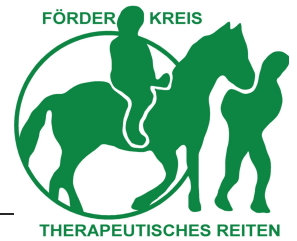
Emotional PR - Doris (priority 8)

- target groups
- perspectives for the future
- horse and music
- art group
- little stories
- self experience
- pull marketing
- publishing
- emotional PR

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Qualification – Ulrike (priority 6)

- qualification
- education in therapy
- therapy model
- care for the horse
- work organization
- approved qualification
- interdisciplinary therapy
- price for qualification
- safety aspects
- self experience
- intervision
- hippological qualification
- supervision

Science - Eva (priority 3)

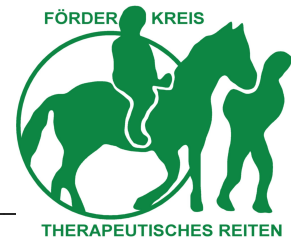
- names and labels
- target groups
- therapy model
- process documentation
- evaluation
- evidence based publication

Recognition of the profession – Fabienne (priority 2)

- recognition of therapy with animals
- safety aspects
- work conditions
- price for therapy
- price for qualification
- therapy by institutions
- therapy by persons
- interdisciplinary teamwork in therapy
- work organization
- financing therapy activities
- perspective for the future

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Care for the horse - Stephanie Papendieck (priority 2)

- ability of the horse
- hippological qualification
- care for horses
- burn-out-prevention
- safety aspects

Care for therapists - Stana (priority 0)

- intervision
- Burn-out-prevention
- supervision
- relationships
- personal involvement
- self experience
- care of therapist

Ethics - Lorenzo (priority 0)

- burn-out-prevention
- clients awareness
- clients expectations

3. Sharing tasks

- Attif gave us the information that we have to keep our ideas and output to ourselves and not spread it in e.g. the forum. If we want to publish things they have to be unpublished before. The open forum would be considered as published.

- Marie Jose reminded us that LDV is looking for innovative ideas. Things will not be considered innovative if they are openly documented while still in a working stage.

Considering this, we agreed to open a Drop Box folder to collect our material and ideas for our future work.

- Marguerite explained that the national agencies need a report by approx. end of June. One half of the report needs to be the same for every participant. It includes dates and places of the meetings and activities. The second half is a report of the country itself. It may be written in the nations language.

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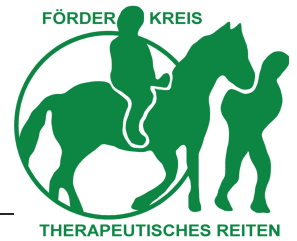


To Do's

What	Who	With whom	Due to
Drop Box link	Steffi	all	17.04.11
Drop Box folder structure	Steffi	Drop Box	17.04.11
Upload information for thematic groups	Thematic group coordinators		26.04.11
Form thematic groups	Thematic group coordinators		26.04.11
Maintenance of the folder structure	Brigitte	Drop Box	continuously
Input from thematic groups	Thematic group coordinators	Thematic group teams	30.05.11
Draft report for national agencies	Marguerite each member	½ all members ½ each member	in may estimated date of delivery 30.06.2011
Translate and distribute requirements for agencies reports			
Invitation for the meeting in July including agenda	Slovakia	all	01.07.11

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7. Information about the thematic group “arts”

The arts group has already started to collect stories and pictures to illustrate our attempt.

8. Where will be the next meeting

The next meeting in summer will be held in Slovakia on 16. - 17.07.2011

The meeting in autumn will be held in the Netherlands on 08. - 09.10.2011

9. Marie Jose Schmitt

Marie Jose joined us on Sunday morning to introduce the ideas of the UN, EU and LDV to us. She gave a very inspiring lecture and a deeper insight of UN and EU structures. The long running history of the Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities gave us some thought concerning our own project.

Her Power Point Presentation is attached to this minutes.

The meeting was closed on Sunday at 12:30.

Stefanie Ehmke for Foerderkreis Therapeutisches Reiten - Germany