

September–December 2016

EPTA ALBANIA

12th December 2016 EPTA Albania will organise Masterclasses for Piano Duets with Teresa Trevisan and Flavio Zaccaria.

16th–17th December 2016 EPTA Albania will hold the 7th National Festival for four hands “Piano Duo”. The competition is divided in two categories (one day each) for young pianists & amateurs. The jury will consist of Teresa Trevisan, Flavio Zaccaria and Maria Jose Parker.

26th –28th May 2017 EPTA Albania will organise the 22nd “Young Pianists Festival”.

EPTA AUSTRIA

11th–13th November 2016 EPTA Austria held its annual conference at the newly-built Bruckner University in Linz.

EPTA BELGIUM Wallonie/Bruxelles

12th February 2017 EPTA Belgium Wallonie/Bruxelles will organise a Recital given by Mathias NAUWELAERTS, Prizewinner of the 2016 »Rencontres Internationales des Jeunes Pianistes”, at the Espace Culturel of Néthen, (Belgium).

12th March 2017 EPTA Belgium Wallonie/Bruxelles will hold a Recital given by Prizewinners of the 2016 Competition: Steven KLEEVEN (Cat.1), Tom De BEUCKELAER (Cat.3) and TIANHONG Yang (Cat.4) in the Piano’s Maene Auditorium, Ruiselede (Belgium).

20th–25th February 2018 EPTA Belgium Wallonie/Bruxelles will run the 18th “Rencontres Internationales des Jeunes Pianistes”, at the Espace Culturel of Néthen. Save the dates!

EPTA CROATIA

18th–22nd April 2017 EPTA Croatia will hold the 10th EPTA International Piano Competition for Young Pianists in Osijek with Diane Andersen, Ida Gamulin, Naum Grubert, Konstantin Krasnitsky and Teresa Trevisan on the jury.

2017 EPTA Croatia will celebrate its 30th Anniversary next year and are already giving many concerts to alert the media and general public to this great event. EPTA Prizewinners' Concerts will be held in Varaždin, Split and Rijeka as well as a Gala concert in the Vatroslav Lisinski Concert Hall in Zagreb.

2nd–7th January 2017 EPTA Croatia will organise Masterclasses given by Ida Gamulin to students from Ljubljana, Sarajevo, Zagreb and Osijek.

17th April 2017 EPTA Croatia will hold the Celebrity Concert in the National Theatre in Osijek as the grand opening of the 10th EPTA International Competition for young pianists. EPTA Laureats Ivan Krpan, Mia Pečnik, Jan Niković and Mislav Ivaci will perform Concertos by Beethoven, Grieg, Rachmaninov and Chopin with the Osijek Symphony Orchestra.

18th–22nd April 2017 EPTA Croatia will hold its 10th EPTA International Competition for young Pianists in Osijek. The jury, led by Diane Andersen, will include Ida Gamulin, Naum Grubert, Konstantin Krasnitsky and Teresa Trevisan.

5th–11th February 2018 EPTA Croatia will run the 6th EPTA Svetislav Stančić International Piano Competition in Zagreb with Eugen Indjic, Murray McLachlan, Natalija Troull, Ida Gamulin, Vladimir Krpan, Naum Grubert and Dina Yoffe on the jury.
www.svetislavstancic.com.hr

EPTA CZECH REPUBLIC

25th–26th November 2016 EPTA Czech Republic will hold an exchange project of young pianists from Prague and Vienna – two concerts with the same programme took place in Prague and Vienna on consecutive days.

EPTA Czech Republic would like to create a tradition of organizing concerts with the piano students from both these two music schools of Central European capitals.

EPTA DENMARK

5th November 2016 EPTA Denmark held a Concert given by students of EPTA members.

19th–20th November 2016 EPTA Denmark organised a Masterclass with the Armenian–Danish pianist, Marianna Shirinyan.

23rd-30th July 2017 The famous International Piano Week will take place in Ollerup.

EPTA ESTONIA

6th November 2016 EPTA Estonia held its Annual General Assembly and a new Board was elected. Peep Lassman asked to step down and Lembit Orgse is now the new President. We are extremely grateful to Peep and wish to thank him for all his hard work in running EPTA Estonia for twenty three years. We look forward to maintaining contact at future EPTA events. Although no stranger at EPTA Conferences, EPTA would like to welcome Lembit Orgse as President and wish him every success in continuing the work of EPTA Estonia and look forward to collaborating with him in future years.

9th November 2016 The 2016 Bruno Lukk Piano Teacher Prize went to Kersti Sumera. The prize was founded in 2009 to recognize ourstanding piano teachers and to commemorite the 1st Chairman of EPTA Estonia, piano professor of the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, Bruno Lukk. The Young Piano Teacher Prize was given to Sofia Nesterova. The prize was founded in 2011 to recognize piano teachers of the younger generation.

4th-12th November 2016 EPTA Estonia organised The 10th Tallinn Piano Festival, the biannual festival, is the most important piano event in Estonia. Mikhail Pletnev, Angela Hewitt and Nelson Goerner were the guest stars. The Festival also featured a concerto performance given by the eminent Estonian pianist Kalle Randalu with the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra under the baton of maestro Neeme Järvi, recitals by Hando Nahkur, Florian Krumpöck, Alexandre Brager, piano duo Silver-Garburg, the Estonian Piano Orchestra and cembalists Imbi Tarum and Julia Ageyeva Hess.

13th-23rd November 2016 The Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre and Estonian Piano Teachers' Association held the 3rd Tallinn International Piano Competition at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, Estonia Concert Hall - Tallinn, Estonia.

The Journal of the Estonian Piano Teachers Association is published biannually.

EPTA FINLAND

11th February 2017 EPTA Finland will hold a one day Seminar with a concert and AGM in the Steinway Gallery, Helsinki.

10th–13th August 2017 EPTA Finland will host the

39th European Conference of EPTA Associations at the Helsinki Conservatoire

Ruoholahdentori 6, 00180 Helsinki, +358 9 5860580.

The theme of the Conference is

Inspiration in Teaching, Learning and Playing

Registration from 1st November 2016 until 10th June 2017

Deadline for abstracts 15th January 2017

**Conference fees:
EPTA members 200€
Early bird fee 185€ until 10th May 2017
Others (non EPTA members) 240€**

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EPTA GERMANY

October 2016 Piano Seminar “Mit Hand und Fuss” (With hand and foot) in Cologne.

EPTA GREECE

EPTA Greece continues its monthly events in the Athens Conservatoire:

26th October 2016 EPTA Greece opened the new academic year with a concert.

5th November 2016 EPTA Greece organised a Recital given by Nina del Ser who studies in London .

May 2017 EPTA Greece will run Masterclasses given by Evelyne Brancart from Blumington Indiana University.

EPTA HUNGARY

August 2016 EPTA Hungary organised “The Bridge of Music” Festival and Competition for children from China and Hungary in “Vigado”- a very prestigious concert palace, one of the most beautiful in the heart of Pest. For the first time, Chinese Institutions sponsored this event.

15th October 2016 EPTA Hungary joined the National Association of Hungarian Music Teachers in organising a day on “Motivation in Instrumental Teaching” with Damjana Zupan as one of the speakers.

December 2016 EPTA Hungary will organize a Christmas concert for music schools with the latest publication of “Hungarian Christmas Carols”, arranged for four hands by Imre Mezo, to be performed by children and teachers.

EPTA ICELAND

22nd-25th September 2016. The 38th International EPTA conference was held in Reykjavík. The conference was very well attended with over 160 participants. EPTA Iceland would like to thank all those how took part, especially the many who gave a lecture or a recital at the conference and, by doing so, made it such a great event.

“Hand outs” and other material provided for by the lecturers at the conference can be found on EPTA Iceland’s homepage www.epta.is.

EPTA IRELAND

23rd October 2016 EPTA Ireland held a session on “Teaching Theory- Possibilities and Challenges” given by Victoria Whittam at the Leeson Park School of Music.

13th November 2016 EPTA Ireland invited Anthony Byrne to talk on “Practical Piano Playing - Technical Problems Solved”.

27th November 2016 EPTA Ireland will organise a Christmas Concert given by Members’ students.

15th January 2017 EPTA Ireland will hold a session on Dip RIAM given by Gráinne Deery and Professor Réamonn Keary.

12th February 2017 EPTA Ireland will organise a Masterclass given by Roy Holmes.

11th-12th March 2017 EPTA Ireland will run its Sixth EPTA Piano Festival in the National Concert Hall. Professor Réamonn Keary will be the Adjudicator.

EPTA ITALY

28th October-7th November 2016 The XXVIth Chopin Roma International Competition took place in Rome.

The Jury included Vittorio Costa (Italy – President Chairman), Susan Bettaney (United Kingdom), Silvia Rinaldi (Italy), Giovanna Savarese (Italy), Marco Sollini (Italy), Antonio Soria (Spain) and Joanna Trzeciak (Belgium).

7th November 2016 The Prizewinners concert took place in the Theatre Quirino, Rome, with orchestra.

Marcella Crudeli continues her popular monthly Salon concerts in her home and in the Cultural Centre of the Banca d'Italia.

EPTA LATVIA

14th October 2016 EPTA Latvia organised a Festival “Rotko Visions in Sounds” for piano students from Latvian Secondary Music schools (aged 15-19) in collaboration with Staņislavs Broks Secondary Music School in Daugavpils and Daugavpils Cultural Foundation.

<http://www.music.lv/epta/notikumi2016.htm>

25th January 2017 EPTA Latvia in cooperation with the Valmiera Music School, the Municipality and the Valmiera Culture Centre will organise 22nd International Competition for Young Pianists in Valmiera.

12th April 2017 EPTA Latvia in cooperation with the Liepāja Music, Arts and Design Secondary School will organize the 4th International Piano Duo and Chamber Ensemble Competition for Young Pianists. http://www.music.lv/epta/EptaDoc/Liepaja_dueti_2017_ENG.pdf

26th October-3rd November 2017 EPTA Latvia will organise the 7th Jazeps Vitols International Piano Competition in Riga.

EPTA LITHUANIA

30th November 2016 EPTA Lithuanian secretary, Aurelija Seliavienė, organised a piano masterclass with Albina Šikšniūtė from the National M. K. Čiurlionis Art School for young pianists at Vilnius Karoliniškių Music School.

EPTA MALTA

1st-12th February 2017 EPTA Malta will organise a Piano Festival at the same time as the Fifth Valletta International PIANO Competition in Malta.

2018 EPTA Malta will host the EUROPEAN Conference, the year that Valetta celebrates its year as City of Culture. Dates to be confirmed.

EPTA NETHERLANDS

EPTA The Netherlands' Documentation & Study Centre (EDSC) Amsterdam

A large collection of books, music, LP's, CD's, tapes and many other valuable materials are housed in the Public Library of Amsterdam (Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam, OBA) near the Central Station of Amsterdam. EPTA members and other music scholars can make use of the Centre, as it was intended, for research and reference. The Centre collaborates with EPTA UK's Information Centre at the Royal College of Music.

All EPTA The Netherlands Members receive the Piano Journal as well as the Piano Bulletin

(Editor Christo Lelie, Broerhuisstr 44, 2611 GD Delft, Tel/Fax: +31 15 212 6695).

19th-20th November 2016 EPTA Netherlands held its annual conference in Akoesticum in Ede. Parallel sessions at the Conference were taken up with workshops on "Music Mind Games".
www.akoesticum.nl

EPTA NORWAY

19th November 2016 EPTA Norway will host the regional rounds of the annual competition for young musicians.

21st-22nd January 2017 EPTA Norway will host the national Finals. These competitions include different instruments, and this year will see the introduction of guitar, double bass, woodwind, vocal, strings and chamber music.

EPTA Norway arranges these competitions in co-operation with the Norwegian Council of Music Schools.

31st March–2nd April 2017 EPTA Norway will hold its next annual conference in Oslo, with masterclasses, presentations, concerts and exhibitions. Names and participants TBA.

EPTA PORTUGAL

25th–27th November 2016 EPTA PORTUGAL organised its Annual National Meeting in PORTO with Lectures, Workshops and Concerts.

26th November 2016 EPTA Portugal organised a special Concert dedicated to the memory of the recently deceased Portuguese pianist Fernando Laires in the Great Hall of the Oporto Music Conservatoire, with the participation of, among other, pianists Pedro Burmester, Alberto Urroz and Artur Pizarro.

EPTA RUSSIA

October 2016 EPTA Russia organised a new Festival “OPUS 16” in Denmark, Aarhus in memory of Anne Oland.

October 2016 EPTA Russia took part in a Festival for Young Musicians in Germany, Kassel.

EPTA SERBIA–VOJVODINA

3rd–9th December 2016 8th International Isidor Bajić Piano Memorial Competition.

EPTA SLOVENIA

Pianissimo The concerts for the 2015/16 season were given by Brina Kozlevčar, Urban Stanič, Maja Gombač and the Scaramouche Duo (Neža Koželj, Nadja Rus) in various Slovenian cities. Co-ordinators: Dejan Jakšič and Miha Haas.

October 2016: EPTA Slovenia published the fourth edition of its own piano journal ‘Virkla’ with the thematic title “Colours in music”.

18th–20th November 2016: EPTA Slovenia will hold its 16th “Piano Days” with the title “Silence! Let the Music Speak”, in the Nova Gorica Music School. The main lectures were connected to the function of language and contents in music. Some recitals were dedicated to Erik Satie.

EPTA SPAIN

25th November 2016 Dr. Marcela Linari will give a workshop about the physical problems pianists confront and the best way to avoid them through exercises away from the piano and by being consciously aware of correct posture.

16th December 2016 Alberto Urroz will give a masterclass .

December 2016 Epta Spain will hold its third EPTA Piano Competition for young pianists up to 14 years old.

22nd December 2016 The winners will participate in a Christmas concert at the Romantic Museum in Madrid.

EPTA SWEDEN

1st-2nd October 2016 EPTA Sweden organised a national conference in Visby, Gotland.

EPTA SWITZERLAND

5th-6th November 2016 “Digitale Medien – Anwendungen im Klavierunterricht”, (“Digital Media in Piano Teaching”) in the Music Academy, Basle.

13th May 2017 “Children for Children” in Kloster Wettingen/Aargau.

EPTA UK

EPTA UK held three one-day Conferences in 2016 instead of a residential one:

15th May 2016 Edinburgh

11th August 2016 Manchester to include Winners of the Composers competition

18th September 2016 Cambridge

27th September 2016 Winners of the Advanced Classes of EPTA UK's 20th Piano Competition: Charlotte Kwok, Lauren Zhang, Manu Hasan, and David Gibson, performed in St Martins in the Fields. Charlotte Kwok was the overall Winner of the 2016 competition

2017 EPTA UK 21st Piano Competition Regional Finals will take place in three cities:

11th March 2017 – London – Adjudicator Melvyn Cooper

18th March 2017 – Manchester – Adjudicator Philip Fowke

25th March 2017 – Birmingham – Adjudicator Anna Crookes

8th April 2017 EPTA UK will hold the Finals of the competition in Manchester – with Peter Donohoe, Noriko Ogawa, Pamela Lidiard as Adjudicators.

EPTA UK continues to run one day events:

5th November 2016 Adult Piano day at Steinways with kathryn Page and Beate Wilmshurst

19th November 2016 A teacher –based day at Faber Publishing

25th February 2017 EPTA UK will hold a day course in conjunction with the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe

12th March 2017 EPTA UK will run a teaching day at Stowe School, Bucks.

EPTA UK continues to run its successful Piano Teaching Course (PTC) across each academic year.

31st August–2nd September 2017 EPTA UK will hold a residential Conference at Warwick University.

EPTA's Archives are now rehoused in the Library of the Royal College of Music, London.

These contain a valuable reference collection of books, music, teaching methods, audio and video tapes which members of all EPTA Associations are welcome to consult.

Members are invited to peruse the valuable archives of the EPTA Netherland 'Documentation and Study Centre' (EDSC, Curators Frans Schreuder and Albert Brussee).

EPTA INDIA ASSOCIATES

17th September 2016 French Guitar Duo Tizoc Romero and Raphael Bereau performed in Bangalore, organised in collaboration with the Bangalore School of Music and Prabhudas Ivanson.

21st & 28th September 2016 French/Guitar Duo performed in Goa and Chennai.

April 2017 A tour is planned with Nadia Lasserson.

EPTA ISRAEL ASSOCIATES

February 2017 EPTA Israel plans to hold its Winter Conference to commemorate Prof. Andre Hajdu, one of Israel's foremost composers, who passed away on 1st of August 2016. Details tbc.

ALAPP Argentina (Association of Latin American Pianists and Pedagogues)

3rd September 2016 ALAPP organized a Ginastera Festival with the complete piano works of the composer performed by Fernanda Morello, Fernando Palomeque, Claudio Espector, and Valentin Surif.

7th & 9th October 2016 ALAPP organised the “Adalberto Tortorella”, National Piano competition together with the Beethoven Foundation.

14th–19th November 2016 ALAPP will hold an International Competition to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Argentina’s Independence in Tucumán, with the support of the Embassy of Croatia and the Provincial Government of Tucuman, Argentina.

2016 ALAPP offered a number of concerts in the Liszt Cultural Centre, Concert Hall of the Faculty of Law, Beethoven Foundation, Fernandez Blanco Museum, Auditorium of the National Library and the new Kirchner Cultural Centre.

www.valentinsurifpianist.com

MTNA Music Teachers National Association

18th–22nd March 2017 The MTNA will hold its Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland and would love to welcome EPTA members. A special conference code, EPTA, has been set up which will grant the MTNA member price, \$345 instead of \$545.

Online registration: use code EPTA

PDF Registration: Available now, EPTA Members can check the Active box under Conference Registration and write EPTA Member on the form. Currently it lists MTNA/CFMTA since this conference is a commemoration of the MTNA/CFMTA conference in 2007.

<https://members.mtna.org/conference2017/index.html>