



European Suzuki Association

INSTRUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2024

VIOLA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson - Mysie Ferguson UK

Joanne Martin, France

Edith Code, Denmark

INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS		
28/03/2024	Sam Knops	Belgium
TEACHER TRAINER APPOINTMENTS		
None		
ESA RECOGNITIONS		
None		
PROJECTS		
<p>The Viola Gathering took place in Beukenhof in the Netherlands from November 15th - 17th 2024 and was attended by 125 people from many countries. It was a great success, and discussions are now ongoing about where and when the next gathering may take place.</p>		
ITEMS FROM ISA VIOLA COMMITTEE		
<p>The 2nd proofs of the revised Suzuki Viola Book 1 are now in the hands of the publisher awaiting work to be done on some translations and proof reading.</p> <p>The committee has recently begun to look at revising Viola Books 2 & 3 in order to avoid further delays when Book 1 is completed.</p> <p>Requests for new recordings have been made to the publishers. Their reply was that when the Guitar Book 1 and Flute Book 2 recordings are complete they will look into re-recording for viola, but that they would prefer to do Books 1, 2 & 3 at one time.</p>		
DEVELOPMENT OF VIOLA IN ESA REGION		
<p>2024 saw a boost in the development of the viola training programme as a result of the teacher training course run by the Italian Suzuki Association directed by Joanne Martin. 7 trainees passed Level 5 exams and 2 passed Level 4. All are going to be a great asset to the viola community.</p> <p>In Denmark, Edith Code has started a training programme alongside Jan Matthiesen and Shannon Hawes and currently has Level 1 viola trainees. She plans next year to offer Levels 1, 2 & 3. More viola training may be directed by Ilona Telmányi next year.</p> <p>In the UK there are plans to incorporate viola training into the BSMA London Course and also to run some viola conversion courses to meet the needs of those who want to study more levels.</p> <p>A viola conversion course is planned for next summer in the Hague under the directorship of Mysie Ferguson.</p>		