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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Ms Ágnes Borbély, the Moira Centre, Budapest



I have known Ms Borbély since 1984, the first year in which I was involved in the serious attempt to extract Conductive Education from Hungary, its country of origin. At that time Hungary lay behind the Iron Curtain and the political, financial and professional problems involved in the proposed transfer required some ingenious compromises. Ms Borbély played a vital role in the consideration and discussion that led to our first project, without which, it is fair to say, the present world movement for Conductive Education would not have emerged in its present form and magnitude.

Twenty years ago therefore I established firm grounds to respect her personal tact, professional judgement and business acumen. In the period since then I have both watched her own direct contribution to Conductive Education and had confidence to direct others to benefit from what she can offer. The organisation that she formed, Moira, has been instrumental in setting up Conductive Education services in more than a dozen countries. When I am asked to advise on how a new centre can be established in a new context I always recommend 'go to Moira' as an option assured to provide quality standards from the outset, both in professional practice and in contractual arrangements. Ms Borbély's contribution to the present form and magnitude of the world conductive movement was not therefore solely at its initiation but through Moira has been active and direct for nearly twenty years.

Over that time the world has changed considerably, not least in Central Europe, and it is fitting that the experience and expertise established by Moira outside Hungary be more fully enjoyed in her own country. This year Hungary joins the European Union: while Conductive Education represents a remarkable Hungarian breakthrough for the care and welfare of children and adults with motor disabilities, it has to be said that services in Hungary still have some way to go to catch up with established expectations in Western Europe. Moira offers the potential of enlisting a world-class delivery system, respected internationally, to the service of domestic beneficiaries.

Most sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Sutton', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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