

Anke van der Bijl, Chair, European Suzuki Association

Flautist and graduate of the Utrecht Conservatory, Anke continued her Flute studies with Abby de Quant, attended masterclasses with Peter Lukas Graf, Geoffrey Gilbert, Wissam Boustany & Andras Adorjan and also studied arranging and conducting with Henk Alkema. Anke completed her Suzuki Flute studies at the British Suzuki Institute in London with a practicum at the Colorado Suzuki Institute in Aspen, USA and a Postgraduate with Toshio Takahashi at the Talent Education Research Institute in Matsumoto, Japan. In Switzerland and Italy she took courses in Suzuki Early Childhood Education (Level 1, 2 and 3 with Dorothy Jones) and Children's Music Lab. Since 1987 she teaches at her own Suzuki Flute School Fluitschool Flautissimo, in Gouda, the Netherlands.

Anke was appointed ESA Suzuki Flute Teacher Trainer/Examiner in 2001. Anke has conducted Suzuki teacher training courses in Switzerland, Spain, Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, the UK, Russia and New Zealand and is much in demand as lecturer and guest teacher worldwide. Anke was ESA Country Director for The Netherlands from 2001-2009, has been Suzuki Flute Instrument Director since 2003 and Deputy Chair of ESA since 2010. In 2013 she was elected Chair of the International Suzuki Association (ISA) Flute Committee and in 2014 she was appointed as Teacher Trainer for ARSA (Asia Region Suzuki Association). In April 2020 Anke was elected as Chair of the European Suzuki Association.