



# European Suzuki Association

## INSTRUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

### GUITAR

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chairperson** - Harald Söderberg Sweden

Nuria Cervantes Spain

Elio Galvagno Italy

| INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS   |                       |             |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| 01/12/2025  | Steingrímur Birgisson | Iceland     |
| TEACHER TRAINER APPOINTMENTS  |                       |             |
| 31/03/2025  | David Zipperle        | Switzerland |
| ESA RECOGNITIONS  |                       |             |
| None  |                       |             |
| PROJECTS  |                       |             |
| None  |                       |             |
| ITEMS FROM ISA GUITAR COMMITTEE   |                       |             |
| <b>ISA Guitar Committee Meeting March 26, 2025</b>  |                       |             |
| <u>Present:</u><br>Mary Lou Roberts, Zeah Riordan, Harald Soderberg   |                       |             |
| <b>Copyright</b><br>Use of the Suzuki Guitar School material on Youtube etc. regards upholding the copyright that the ISA maintains. <a href="https://internationalsuzuki.org/docs/ISA-Copyright.pdf">https://internationalsuzuki.org/docs/ISA-Copyright.pdf</a><br>Announcement from the ISA regarding copyright violations on Tone Base <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18eay4i4eh/">https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18eay4i4eh/</a> Many Youtube examples were shared and discussed, as well as how a fair and legal use of Suzuki Guitar material can be implemented.                          |                       |             |
| <b>Recordings</b><br>The lengthy process of recording, editing, proofreading, cover design, production, etc. contributes to the high cost of Suzuki Guitar recordings. Teachers need to be more proactive in encouraging parents to buy the recordings from the publisher, Alfred Music, in order to sustain the quality of recordings. The ISA Guitar committee can also be more proactive in promoting the recordings to the guitar Teacher Trainers and trainees and clarifying exactly what is fair use by individual teachers in order to ensure a good standard of recording and continued publication. |                       |             |

June 15, 2025

The committee sent the article by Pam Phillips posted on Alfred's website to all Teacher Trainers with a request to pass the information on to their teachers.

*Dear Teacher Trainers,*

*As we all head into our very important work of training the next generation of teachers, the ISA Guitar Committee would like you to be informed about use of our materials when posting to YouTube and other media. This is a tricky issue, and we would like our new trainees to be aware of what can be posted and how it can be posted. Please read the article below and consider sharing it with your trainees, especially if they have YouTube channels.*

*One example is that we cannot use the book cover or the logo in our presentation online. The other surprise is that even though a piece might be a folksong, we still have pedagogical information, fingerings, the key and the accompaniment which is under copyright. We can list the name of the piece without using the name Suzuki Guitar in the title, for example. YouTube or the publisher may ask that certain videos be taken down, so it is much better for our teachers to make their videos unlisted or private, for internal use only. That way they can still use this technology for the advantage of their own students, while respecting the intellectual property of the Suzuki Method™.*

*I hope this is helpful to ensure that all families are listening to the highest quality we can offer.*

### DEVELOPMENT OF GUITAR IN ESA REGION

#### **Belgium – Mary Lou Roberts**

- The first Continuous Assessment (CA) courses in Level 2 and 4 were completed in 2025 with plans for a Level 3 and 5 CA course in 2026

#### **Italy - Elio Galvagno**

- 21 June: European Music Festival on the day of the summer solstice
- 23-26 September: Chitarrissima 2025
- 20 December: A Christmas Carol

#### **Spain/ Finland/Ukraine/ Germany/ Denmark – Núria Cervantes**

- Finland/Ukraine - Suzuki Guitar Teacher Training course with exams in March 2025 for Finnish/Swedish trainees and in June for the Ukrainian trainees.
- 2-3 May: Encuentro Nacional de Guitarra Suzuki (Tudela, Spain)
- March: Teaching at the Suzuki Workshop Berlin, Germany
- November: Teaching at the National Suzuki Danish Workshop

#### **Sweden/ Finland/Ukraine – Harald Soderberg**

- Finland/Ukraine - Suzuki Guitar Teacher Training course with exams in March 2025 for Finnish/Swedish trainees and in June for the Ukrainian trainees.

#### **Switzerland – David Zipperle**

- 29 May - 1 June: 1st Swiss Suzuki Guitar Camp, Sellamatt
- 27 September: Concert with my class at 'Chitarrissima 2025' in Saluzzo, Italy
- 18 October: 1<sup>st</sup> Suzuki Guitar Teacher Training Course in Switzerland