



European Suzuki Association

INSTRUMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

FLUTE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson - Anke van der Bijl Netherlands

Marco Messina, Italy

Eija Puukko, Finland

INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS
None
TEACHER TRAINER APPOINTMENTS
None
ESA RECOGNITIONS
None
PROJECTS
1st European Suzuki Flute Gathering (ESFG) in Limburg, Germany. Organisers Marco Messina and Britta Roscher. 25 August: 1st Newsletter for ESA flute teachers (Britta Roscher & Gerda Thorn). 16 September: 1st CPD lecture by Machteld van Geenhoven "How to Prepare a Student for the First Concert". 19 November: 2nd CPD lecture by Marja-Leena Mäkilä. "Back To the Basics". Suzuki group exchange project UK-Finland (Nicole Shorland, Marttiina Niemi, Janina Lehto) with lessons and concerts.
ITEMS FROM ISA FLUTE COMMITTEE
Publication of revised Suzuki Flute Book 2 with recording by Lorna McGhee December 2025. Testing of new repertoire for Book 3: Chopin Theme + Bartok and Evening in the country both approved. Requested feedback exercises (dynamics, double tonguing, vibrato) + statements at the beginning of revised Book 3. News from ISA Flute meetings is communicated to ESA Flute teachers.

DEVELOPMENT OF FLUTE IN ESA REGION

Belgium

- Because of illness there was no workshop in Belgium this year.
- TT Machteld Van Geenhoven works together with TT Anke van der Bijl to provide a hybrid Suzuki Flute Teacher Training course. Exams were held on November 23. A new course starts January 2026.

Finland

- Teacher Training with Eija Puukko, Suzuki flute concerts and concerts with mixed (Suzuki) instruments.

Germany

- Hybrid course for all levels with TT Sarah Hanley has started in October 2025 with participants from Germany.
- June: Workshop in Nagold with Christoph Kieser und Andrea Buchert.
- November: Suzuki Flute Workshop in Aachen (Christine Hildebrand, Gerda Thorn, Sarah Hanley and Britta Roscher).

Italy

- A hybrid course for levels 1,2 and 3 with TT Marco Messina has started in Italy in November 2025 with participants from Italy, Estonia, Turkey.
- Suzuki Flutists successfully participated in the Suzuki Spring Workshop in Carpi, April 2025.
- Meetings and sharing have begun in view of the Italian National Conference for Suzuki students and teachers scheduled in Naples in July 2026.

Netherlands

- 4-7 April workshop in Biezenmortel with as faculty: Laura Dudley, Laura Martin, Rieneke Weber, Cathrine de Mos-Starberg.
- 28 September workshop in Overveen with as faculty Rieneke Weber, Cathrine de Mos-Starberg, Liesbeth van der Blom and Gerda Thorn.

Poland

- Polish Suzuki Teachers had their activities in Warsaw, Olsztyn, Gdańsk, Olecko and Turek.
- Teachers organised many workshops and concerts combining mixed Suzuki instruments in their regions.

Spain

- Three online lectures were organized and held in Spain with the aim of promoting the Suzuki flute and motivating new teachers. New training courses are planned with teacher trainer Marco Messina.
- May: Suzuki workshop at Sendaviva Nature Park, in Navarra. Flute teacher Laura Dudley.
- Madrid's Suzuki Association Workshop, flute teacher Laura Martin.
- July: Spanish National Workshop at La Coruña, flute teacher Marco Messina.

Switzerland:

- Hybrid teacher training course Anke van der Bijl & Machteld van Geenhoven.
- In person workshops, concerts and + Graduation in Yverdon, Lausanne and Ribeaupierre, TT Anke van der Bijl.

Ukraine:

- Kateryna Solomkina organised the first Suzuki flute workshop in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 31 May – 1 June 2025 with individual and group Suzuki flute lessons, Masterclasses by Denis Smirnov (renowned Ukrainian flutist), a lecture on Suzuki philosophy by Anke van der Bijl, Creative workshops for children and parents, A final concert.

UK:

- Suzuki Weekend Workshop for Families, February 2025, Ely, Cambridgeshire. Organised by Tina Wilkinson and Liz Hargest.
- Suzuki Flute Workshop, Early Summer 2025. Suzuki flute teachers Nikki Hopkins (UK) and Marttiina Niemi (Finland) organised a very successful workshop for several of their Suzuki families in the UK in early summer.
- Suzuki Flute Summer School, August 2025, held at a new venue in Harpenden and organised by Tina Wilkinson and Sarah Ruse. Families attended from across the UK, along with visitors from Iceland. The four-day course offered a lively programme of music-making, including a special day with Ian Clarke. Ian, a world-renowned flautist and composer, worked with the children in the morning, the teachers in the afternoon, and gave a recital in the evening.