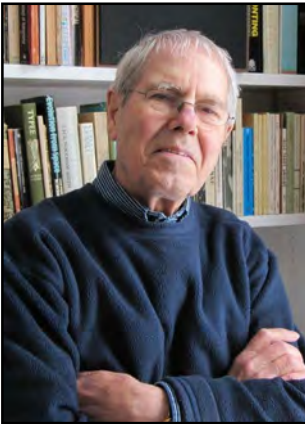


Short Newsletter

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Laurie Whelan, above, was a CSEF Trustee for 16 years.

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards

The Laurie Whelan Education Awards were established in 2015 to honour the memory of Laurie Whelan, a long-serving Trustee of The Clinical Science & Education Foundation (CSEF). The awards allow selected Romanian healthcare professionals, particularly those at the start of their careers, to travel to the UK for short-term vocational training. The support enables them to visit institutions and individuals associated with their profession in order to gain valuable practical knowledge and experience.

The main aim of the Awards is to develop and enhance the provision of healthcare in Romania. Initially the awards will be given to qualified clinicians working in primary healthcare in Romania. At a later stage it is hoped the awards will be extended to other healthcare disciplines, including the clinical sciences, nursing, speech and language therapy and audiology.

In July this year Trustee Dr. Chris Derrett, together with Romanian GPs Dr. Anca Balan and Dr. Emiliana Costiug, interviewed five applicants for these Awards. The interviews took place in Cluj-Napoca during the Annual GP Association's Regional Conference. The 2015 bursary

was awarded to Dr Raluca Achim on the basis of her written application and performance at interview. A special professional bursary was awarded to Dr Sorina Pop for her work in developing and promoting general practice in Cluj.

Can you support this important initiative? This can be a one-off donation towards the project as a whole, or a regular annual donation over the next few years. We need to raise **£1,500** annually for these awards. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Educational materials

Producing modern educational materials for special needs children is an on-going project for the CSEF. This year we have updated 12 Bookbags created for the School for the Deaf No. 2, Cluj-Napoca. Each bookbag has 10+ educational activities associated with the chosen book.

We have also completed three Activity Boxes, based on the themes of transport, food and clothes. Translations into Hungarian were kindly undertaken by Albin Závody.

Substantial quantities of educational materials tailored to the needs of children with autism were also produced. These included posters, murals and tactile dioramas.

The CSEF needs at least **£1,500** each year for materials, printing costs and equipment to enable it to continue this crucial work.



Summer upgrades

This summer we are upgrading three therapy rooms and two corridor areas at the Transylvanian Autism Association in Cluj-Napoca. The designs used for the rooms are part of a progressive development by the CSEF of facilities appropriate for children with autism. The rooms have the underlying themes of food, clothes, transport and nature.

Bespoke furniture for the therapy rooms is currently being made by Romanian carpenters. Building, decoration and electrical work is also being undertaken by selected Romanian professionals.

The rooms are scheduled for completion early September.

Therapy Room upgraded last year by the CSEF for the Transylvanian Autism Association

Please help us continue our work

We need your continued support to continue our Romanian projects. Please make any cheques payable to CSEF and send to: Dr. David R. White, CSEF, 24 Cherry Walk, HAYES, Bromley, Kent, BR2 7LT.