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Audrey is an Occupational Therapist in Ireland with 29 years of experience. She has specialised in Paediatric Occupational Therapy, and has spent the past 14 years working in Equine Assisted Occupational Therapy (EAOT). She has worked with clients of all ages but has a particular interest in young children (0-4 years) with complex needs. Audrey has studied with the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA), and presented in conferences across the world on the topics related to Equine Assisted Services. As a member of Svitani – Education in Equine Assisted Services, Audrey is one of an international group of experts in the field of EAS who provide education and mentoring in the field. She is actively involved in the European Equine Assisted Therapy Network (EEATN) whose aim is to support standards of education, and work on collaborative EAS projects / research to deepen the knowledge base in this specialised field.

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**Abstract:**

The aim of this presentation is to introduce Svitani International Mentorship Forum. Svítání's international mentorship forum offers a unique and valuable platform for individuals and organisations seeking to engage in cross-cultural learning and collaboration. The forum is made up of experts in the field of Equine Assisted Services from around the world. They come from backgrounds such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Pathology, Psychology, Research, Adaptive riding, and Equine Facilitated Learning. Together, they offer support, education and mentorship to anyone working in the field of EAS in any aspect of their practice. They run courses, promote education and collaboration in the field of EAS. This presentation will introduce Svitani, its members, what it can offer professionals in EAS and promote collaboration internationally in this field.