



### Wednesday 7th Official Opening Congress Joining Forces, New Perspectives

- 16.15 Open for registration
- 17.15 – 19.00 Official opening Congress
  - Joseph Murray, President World Federation of the Deaf
  - Stefania Fadda, President European Society for Mental Health and Deafness
  - Ines Sleeboom – van Raaij and Tiejou van Gent, co-Presidents Congress
  - 'Imagings' by Anja Hiddinga & the performers of the poets' collective 'Kitchen's Light'

### Thursday 8th – morning

#### From the ideal future to the present: The 'state of the art' of mental health care for Deaf people

Chairperson of the day: Suzanne Leijendekkers, CEO Trajectum, Zwolle, The Netherlands

- 8.30 Open for registration
- 9.15 – 9.30 General Announcements
  - Welcome by Femke Kothuis, CEO Koninklijke Kentalis
- 9.30 – 10.15 Plenary presentation
  - 'I have a dream' The Horizon; pitches by 5 professionals**
    - Bernd Mojet, Sociotherapist, Master Psychologist trainee, Trajectum, Zwolle, NL
    - Anika Smeijers, Pediatrician & Linguist specialised in sign linguistics, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, NL
    - Lenka Novak, Deaf Advisor, South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust, London, UK
    - Sabine Windisch, Communication Teacher, Hospital St John of God, Linz, Austria
    - Willemijn van Ledden, Senior Manager and Family Therapist, De Riethorst, National Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People, Mental Health Service Pro Persona, Ede, NL
- 10.20 – 11.05 Plenary presentation
  - Pathways to rights: Deaf-led Belfast Statement on Mental Health and Deafness**
    - Brian Symington, Chair Sense NI, Member of Board of Trustees Sense UK, Member of board of Governors, Jordanstown school for Deaf and Visually Impaired Children, Jordanstown, Northern Ireland
    - Michael Schwartz, Lawyer, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Disability Rights Clinic at Syracuse University, USA
    - Lauri Rush, Psychologist, Director Mental Health Center, Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., (USA)
    - Ulrike Strauss, Psychologist, Hospital St John of God, Linz, Austria
    - Stefania Fadda, Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Director CABSS/Onlus, President ESMHD, Roma, Italy
- 11.05 – 11.35 Coffee/Tea break



- 11.35 – 12.20 Plenary presentation  
**Looking ahead after childhood mental health problems**
  - Nynke Dethmers, Mental Health Psychologist, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht, NL
  - Sandra Hommers-Verhallen, Mental Health Psychologist, Director Compas College, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht, The Netherlands
  - Sogand Asfar Experience expert, The Netherlands
  - Youssra Lkhorf Experience expert, The Netherlands
  - Peter Brokking Experience expert, The Netherlands
  - Anne Geerts Experience expert, The Netherlands
  - Jessica Ernest Experience expert, The Netherlands
  - Harm Verhagen Experience expert, The Netherlands
- 12.20 – 13.40 Lunchbreak

## Thursday 8th – afternoon

### The Present State: achievements, challenges and obstacles

- 13.40 – 14.05 Parallel sessions
- Room I** **DHH youths as victims, perpetrators, and bystanders of digital sexual violence**
  - Laura Avemarie, Professor für Sonderpädagogik, Department Pädagogik und Rehabilitation, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
  - Katharina Urbann, Research Associate, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany
- Room II** **Integrated treatment for deaf and hard of hearing clients: focusing on social skills and emotion regulation**
  - Dineke Kramp Social Psychiatric Nurse, GGMD, Utrecht, The Netherlands
  - Michelle Bonsink Psychomotor therapist, GGMD, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 14.10 – 14.35 Parallel sessions
- Room I** **Psywel: a screening and treatment program for psychological problems in the Netherlands**
  - Nynke Dethmers, Mental Health Psychologist, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht, The Netherlands
  - Daan Hermans, Psychologist, Senior Researcher, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht & Behavioural Science Institute, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
  - Sandra Hommers-Verhallen, Mental Health Psychologist, Director Compas College, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Room II** **School Based Mental Health Care: support and treatment for students at a Kentalis School in The Netherlands**
  - Hendrik de Jong, Behavioral Therapist, GGMD, Utrecht, The Netherlands
  - Caroline van den Berg, Mental Health Psychologist and Psychotherapist, GGMD, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 14.35 – 14.55 Coffee/Tea break
- 14.55 – 15.20 Parallel sessions
- Room I** **Stress and resilience in adolescents with hearing loss (deafness or hard of hearing) or with developmental language disorders (DHH/DLD)**
  - Len Martijn, General Remedial Educationalist, VierTaal College Amsterdam & Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Room II** **National Mental Services for deaf children in the UK: applying lessons learned over the past decade to plan for the future**
  - Victoria Fernandez, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Clinical Lead National Deaf CAMHS, South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom.
  - Constanza Moreno, Clinical Psychologist and Professional Lead, South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom.

- 15.25 – 15.50  
**Room I** Parallel sessions  
**Psychotherapy in Sign Language**
  - Lieke Doornkate, Mental Health Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Doof & Co, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  - Jeantine Janse, CBT and EMDR therapist, Doof & Co, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Room II** **Assessing and Understanding Mental Health and Quality of Life in Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents**
  - Chris Margaret Aanondsen, Clinical Psychologist, St. Olavs Hospital, Trondheim University Hospital, Trondheim, Norway
- 16.00 – 16.45  
Plenary presentation  
**The senses and the mind. Linguistic, educational, and psychological studies on the myths of people who are deaf or deafblind.**
  - Jesper Dammeyer, Professor Department of Psychology, Kopenhagen, Denmark
- 16.50 – 16.55  
Closing day 1
- 17.15 – 18.30  
ESMHD Annual General Meeting (AGM): For members and other interested participants.
- 18.30  
Social programme (separate ticket).

## Friday 9th – morning

**From the present to the future: Drawing up the agenda for the future together.**

Chairperson of the Day: Loes Wauters, Program Director DHH Royal Kentalis and Endowed Professor Deaf Education, Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

- 9.15 – 9.45  
**Room I** Parallel sessions  
General announcements  
**Early social communication skills critically moderate mental health trajectories in deaf children**
  - Daniel Holzinger, Clinical Linguist, Director Centre for Communication and Language, Hospital of St. John of God, Linz, Austria
  - Magdalena Dall, PhD Candidate Public Health, Hospital of St. John of God, Linz, Austria
  - Sabine Windisch, Communication Teacher, Hospital of St. John of God. Linz, Austria
- Room II** General announcements  
**Challenges in locating, assessing, and reporting evidence on health inequalities in Deaf signing populations.**
  - Katherine Rogers, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Post-Doctoral Fellow and Senior Lecturer, co-lead Social Research with Deaf people (SORD) group, University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom.
- 9.50 – 10.15  
**Room I** Parallel sessions  
**A Norwegian Developmental Narrative: From Traditional Institutional Psychiatry to Modern Mental Health Care**
  - Hege Saltnes, Psychiatrist, Head Norwegian National Unit for Sensory Loss and Mental Health, Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway.
- Room II** **Trauma-sensitive approach in Kids vzw Hasselt**
  - Katrien Timmerman, Orthopedagogue, KIDS vzw, Hasselt, Belgium
  - Femke van Hoef, Speech therapist, Coördinator Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, KIDS vzw, Hasselt, Belgium.
- 10.15 – 10.40  
Coffee/Tea break
- 10.40 – 11.05  
**Room I** Parallel sessions  
**Workshop Organisation Deaf Mental Health Services Part 1**  
**Organising Children and Young People's Deaf Mental Health Services for the Future**
  - Tim Richardson, manager, Provider Collaborative Lead Deaf CAMHS Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust (LYPFT) Leeds/York, UK
  - Jayne Langdale, Occupational Therapist, Deaf CAHMS, Manchester, UK

- Room II**      **Mind the gap, join forces! Let's improve the health of deaf and hard of hearing people in the Netherlands**
- Anika Smeijers, Pediatrician and Linguist specialised in Sign Linguistics, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, NL.
- 11.10 – 11.50      Parallel sessions
- Room I**      **Workshop Organisation Deaf Mental Health Services Part II**
- Shaping the Future of Deaf Mental Health Services in England**
- Sophie Roberts, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist LYPFT, Clinical Lead Deaf Mental Health Services (NHS England), Leeds/York, UK.
  - Abigail Gorman, Policy and Public Affair Manager SignHealth, London, UK
- Room II**      **The CABSS Model: Crossing International Boundaries**
- Stefania Fadda, Psychologist and Psychotherapist Centro Assistenza per Bambini Sordi e Sordociechi Onlus/Assistance Center for Deaf and Deafblind Children (CABSS), Roma, Italy
- 11.55 – 12.25      Plenary sessions
- Presentation – Pedagogy in the context of flight, trauma and deafness/hearing loss. Subjective perspectives of educational professionals and future needs**
- Claudia Becker, Professor Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- 12.25 – 13.35      Lunch break

## Friday 9th – afternoon      Securing the Future

- 13.35 – 14.05      Plenary presentation
- Deaf People with cognitive challenges and their mental health – now and in future**
- Johannes Fellingner, Neurologist-Psychiatrist, Head of the institute for Neurology of Senses and Language, Hospital of St. John of God, Linz, Austria.
- 14.10 – 14.50      Plenary presentation
- The Poster prizes**
- All presented posters compete for one of the three poster prizes. Two Professional Prizes is awarded by a jury of clinical and scientific professional experts in the field, the Audience Prize will be awarded by all those present at this congress. The three winners will be invited to present their poster to the plenary.
- 14.50 – 15.15      Coffee/Tea break
- 15.15 – 15.45      Plenary presentation
- Deaf Professionals: Fit for the future.**
- Herbert Klein, President British Society for Mental Health and Deafness (BSMHD) and Independent Mental Health Advisor, London, UK.
  - Lenka Novak, Deaf Advisor, South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust, London, UK.
- 15.50 – 16.40      **Plenary Expert Forum Discussion**
- Forum discussion with experts from all over Europe: The proceeds of the day, the implications for the future. Moderators: Ines Sleeboom-van Raaij and Tiejoo van Gent.
- 16.40 – 17.00      **Closing remarks**