



7-9 February 2024, Haarlem, International Congress The Netherlands

'Joining forces, New Perspectives: the Future of
Mental Health for Deaf People'**A future oriented conference about:**

- Access to mental health and well-being services for all Deaf people with mental health needs: including Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late deafened and Deaf-Blind people of all ages and their families, and hearing children of Deaf parents.
- Quality of care.
- Prevention of mental health problems.

Let's look
into the future
of Mental Health
for Deaf People
together!**WEDNESDAY 7TH | PRECONGRESS + OPENING MAIN CONGRESS****Precongress European Society of Mental Health and Deafness (ESMHD)**

12:30 - 16:30 ESMHD Special Interest Groups (SIG's):

- SIG 1 Children & Families
- SIG 2 Public Health
- SIG 3 Adults & Families
- SIG 4 Interpreting & Mental Health

Official opening Main Congress

17:00 - 19:00 With contributions from:

- Joseph Murray, President World Federation of the Deaf
- Stefania Fadda, President European Society for Mental Health and Deafness
- Ines Sleeboom-van Raaij and Tiejo van Gent, co-Presidents Congress
- Theater group Kitchen Light

Joseph Murray



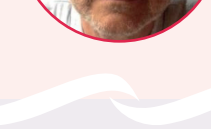
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Ines Sleeboom-van Raaij



Tiejo van Gent

**THURSDAY 8TH | MAIN CONGRESS****Theme Morning Day I**

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

9:15 Plenary opening: Opening by the chairperson of the day

9:30 'I have a dream' The Horizon; pitches by 4 professionals

- Bernd Mojet, Sociotherapist, Master Psychologist Trainee, Trajectum, Zwolle, The Netherlands
- Anika Smeijers, Pediatrician & Linguist specialized in sign linguistics, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Lenka Novakova, Deaf Advisor, SouthWest London and St George's Mental Health Trust, London, United Kingdom
- Sabine Windisch, Communication Teacher, Hospital St John of God, Linz, Austria

10:10 Pathways to rights: Deaf-led Belfast Statement on Mental Health and Deafness

- Brian Symington, Chair Sense, Northern Ireland
- Stefania Fadda, Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Director CABSS/Onlus, President ESMHD, Roma, Italy
- Lauri Rush, Psychologist, Director Mental Health Center, Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA
- Ulrike Strauss, Psychologist, Hospital St John of God, Linz, Austria
- Michael Schwartz, Lawyer, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Disability Rights Clinic at Syracuse University, USA

11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:30 Looking ahead after childhood mental health problems

- Nynke Dethmers, Mental Health Psychologist, Royal Kentalis, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- 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

12:10 Lunchbreak

**MAIN CONGRESS****Theme Afternoon Day I**

The Present State: achievements, challenges and obstacles

13:30 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

14:00 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

14:25 Coffee/tea break

14:45 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, SouthWest London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom
 - Constanza Moreno, Clinical Psychologist and Professional Lead, SouthWest London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom

15:15 Parallel sessions

Room I

- 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

Plenary session

16:00 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, Copenhagen, Denmark

16:50 Closing day I

17:15 ESMHD Annual General Meeting (AGM): For members and other interested participants

18:30 Social programme: After the AGM we meet up at the Congress venue and walk to a restaurant where we will have dinner.

**FRIDAY 9TH | MAIN CONGRESS****Theme Morning Day II**

From the present to the future: drawing up the agenda for the future together

9:15 Parallel sessions

Room I

- 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

- 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.

9:45 Parallel sessions

Room I

- 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

10:10 Coffee/tea break

10:35 Parallel sessions

Room I

- Workshop Organization Deaf Mental Health Services Part 1
- Organizing 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, United Kingdom
 - Jayne Langdale, Occupational Therapist, Deaf CAMHS, Manchester, United Kingdom

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 specialized in Sign Linguistics, Amsterdam UMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

11:05 Parallel sessions

Room II

- Workshop Organization 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, United Kingdom
 - Abigail Gorman, Policy and Public Affair Manager SignHealth, London, United Kingdom

Room II

- The CABSS Model: Crossing International Borders
 - Stefania Fadda, Psychologist and Psychotherapist Centro Assistenza per Bambini Sordi e Sordociechi Onlus/Assistance Center for Deaf and Deafblind Children (CABSS), Roma, Italy

Plenary session

11:50 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

12:20 Lunch break

**MAIN CONGRESS****Theme Afternoon Day II:**

Securing the Future

13:30 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

14:05 Presentation

The Poster prizes

- All presented posters compete for one of the three poster prizes. Two Professional Prizes are awarded by a jury of clinical and scientific professional experts in the field. The Audience Prize will be awarded by all participants at this congress. The three winners will be invited to present their poster to this plenary session.

14:35 Coffee/tea break

15:00 Presentation

- History of Deaf Mental Health: Deaf Professionals
 - Herbert Klein, President British Society for Mental Health and Deafness (BSMHD) and Independent Mental Health Advisor, London, United Kingdom
 - Lenka Novakova, Deaf Advisor, SouthWest London and St George's Mental Health Trust, London, United Kingdom

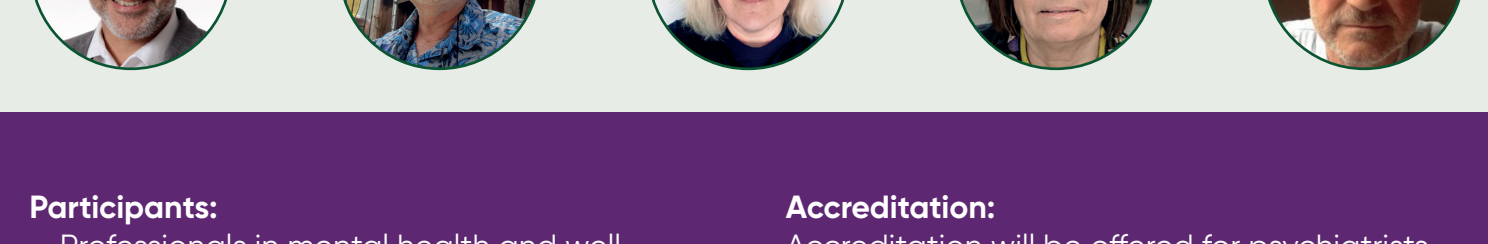
15:40 Presentation

Plenary Forum Discussion

- Moderated discussion with experts from all over Europe: The proceeds of today, the implications for the future

16:45 Closing remarks

- Ines Sleeboom-van Raaij and Tiejo van Gent

**Participants:**

- Professionals in mental health and well-being services, and professionals in education working with and for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late deafened and Deafblind people and their families, and children of Deaf parents.
- Representatives of interest groups and experience experts.
- Other professionals, administrators and policy makers who are interested in this specialized field of mental health, well-being or education.

Accreditation:

Accreditation will be offered for psychiatrists and other medical professionals, psychologists, (ortho-) pedagogues, and other professionals whenever possible.

Main congress languages

- English
- Dutch
- International Sign Language
- Dutch Sign Language
- English and Dutch captioning

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