



**International Association for
the Scientific Study of Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities**

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Upcoming events

ECRM PIMD, February 6 2023

Dear Early Career Researchers,

Dear Seniors,

On Monday 6 February 2023 our next ECRM of the SIRG PIMD takes place in Leuven (Belgium).

We're happy to announce that the ECRM will take place in hybrid form, so that all who can not join in person are still able to attend online. For the moment, we're putting together the program. Feel free to give input on what you would like to see in the program through the registration form.

You can enroll for the meeting by completing the form (before 31 December 2022).

Please also send the link to all people who might be interested.

<https://ecrmpimd.weebly.com/leuven-2023.html>

ECRM Round Table:

We are happy to inform you that the registration for the 10th Roundtable and Early Career Researcher Meeting (February 6-8, 2023) is open. The registration deadline is 31 December, 2022. All practical info will be summarized on this website: www.ppw.kuleuven.be/ogop/inovho/roundtable2023

The organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you in Leuven!

Samuel Gonzales-Puell: Journée d'étude Conscience de soi et polyhandicap/Corps et psychomotricité, November 30 2022

**Journée d'étude
30/11/2022
Conscience de soi et
polyhandicap/Corps et
psychomotricité**

PROGRAMME

- 9h30: Juliane Dind, Ph. D. Université de Fribourg (Suisse) « Conscience de soi au prisme du polyhandicap »
- 10h30: Pause-café
- 11h00: Bernard Robinson, Ph. D., psychanalyste, Liège (Belgique) « Quand les psychomotriciens parlent du corps ; de quel corps s'agit-il ? »
- 11h45: Questions - Réponses avec la salle et les orateurs.
- 12h15: Lunch
- 14h00 – 16h00: Groupe de réflexion A: « Observer les manifestations de conscience écologique de soi: de la mise en situation à l'identification des comportements »,
Juliane Dind
- 14h00 – 16h00: Groupe de réflexion B : « Autisme et déficience intellectuelle comme paradigme dans une clinique de la psychomotricité »,
Bernard Robinson
- 16h00: Clôture et Drink d'Anniversaire

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New Projects

Emma Vanroye: Quality-education for children with profound and intellectual disabilities

Parenting & Special Education Research Unit, KU Leuven
KU Leuven (Belgium)

Despite the right to education for all children, achieving quality education for children with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities (PIMD) is not easy. In practice, schools and care providers have taken various initiatives to develop an integrated or complementary education and care offer for these children. With this project we are trying to figure out how such an integrated or complementary education-care context can be developed for those children. To broaden our view, we also want to look beyond the borders of how education is organized for children with PIMD in other countries. Other actors such as welfare can perhaps be involved in the organization of education for these children. If you can provide us with more information about this topic, you can contact us at emma.vanroye@kuleuven.be

Finishes doctoral theses

A. Overwijk

prof dr CP van der Schans, Prof dr AAJ van der Putten, dr A Waninge, dr TIM Hilgenkamp

Lifestyle opportunities: supporting a healthy lifestyle of people with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities

06.04.2022, University of Groningen

People with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities (ID) have a higher risk of health problems and, therefore, healthy living is of great importance for them. To achieve this, this group requires support from the people around them such as relatives and direct support professionals (DSPs). The objective of Annelies Overwijk's research was to determine how to facilitate a healthy lifestyle for people with moderate to profound ID by improving the lifestyle support provided by DSPs. To this end, DSPs' support needs were first explored after which a training and education program was developed, implemented, and evaluated. The products are free and available on (in Dutch): www.dekrachtengebundeld.nl.

[Lifestyle Opportunities: supporting a healthy lifestyle of people with moderate to profound intellectual disabilities — Hanze University of Applied Sciences](#)

Interesting books, articles and other with regard to the group of persons with PIMD

Hanley, E., Martin, A.M., Dalton, C., & Lehane, E. (2022). Communication partners experiences of communicating with adults with severe/profound intellectual disability through Augmentative and Alternative Communication: A mixed methods systematic review. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities, 0(0)*, 1-28. doi: 10.1177/17446295221115914

Kadastik, J., Möttus, M., Artla, T., & Veisson, M. (2020). Evaluating the user experience of learning tools for pupils with PIMD. *Proceedings of the 13th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation, 7181-7190*. doi: 10.21125/iceri.2020.1537

Martin, A. M., Andrews, T., Goldbart, J., & Landers, M. (2022). Reconciling communication repertoires: Navigating interactions involving persons with severe/profound intellectual disability, a classic grounded theory study. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research, 66(4)*, 332-352. doi: 10.1111/jir.12921

Miscellaneous

Doreen Samelson: Connect

Catalight Research Institute is excited to share our newest modality, Connect! Developed by a multidisciplinary team, Connect is a caregiver-mediated program designed to improve the wellbeing of people with profound intellectual multiple disabilities (PIMD) and their families. With the support of a Connect clinician, parents learn how to teach their child new skills while better connecting to their child's needs and wants. Connect outcome measures include the Catalight Family Wellbeing Scale and Catalight Parental Self-Efficacy Scale. Drs. Doreen Samelson and Lindsey Sneed will present Connect at the TASH conference in December. For more information on Connect or the Catalight scales contact Dr. Samelson at doreen.samelson@catalight.org or visit the Catalight website at Catalight.org

Tribute

The world of profound intellectual and multiple disabilities is in mourning. Prof. Régine Scelles, clinical psychologist and professor of psychopathology at the University of Paris Nanterre, director of the Clinic Psychoanalysis Development research unit, passed away January 28th, 2022. Régine was member of IASSIDD and a very committed member of the SIRG profound intellectual and multiple disabilities.

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After a DESS in psychopathology in 1983 from University of Paris 5, Régine Scelles gets a DEA in psychology from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in 1987, a PhD degree from University of Paris Diderot in 1996 for her pioneering thesis entitled « J'ai mal à mon frère : l'impact du handicap d'un enfant sur ses frères et sœurs » and, in 2002, an habilitation from the University of Rouen for her thesis on the contribution of research to the understanding of the psychic life of the person in its links to others.

Régine's numerous research testified to her significant intellectual and human commitment to people with disabilities, particularly the children and their families. She tirelessly explored issues related to disability, raised questions concerning ethics and deontology and was deeply concerned by the psychic life, relationships and expression of people with a disability or a serious illness. She co-founded the International Interuniversity Seminar on the Clinic of Disability (SIICLHA) and was director of the review Dialogue which aims to shed light on psychological and social developments in the couple and the family.

In addition to having trained many young researchers who, we hope, will continue to bring the mentioned themes to life and enrich the analysis and the view of disability, Régine Scelles has assumed multiple responsibilities in various bodies of academic, associative and public institutional life in France. She has been a scientific delegate of the Haut Conseil de l'évaluation de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur, a member of the Scientific Council of the French Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Associated Disciplines, of the French Association of Marriage Counselling Centres, of the Scientific Council of the Caisse nationale française de solidarité pour l'autonomie and of the Federation of the School of Parents to name a few.

But which characterized Régine above all was the breadth and depth of her clinical experience and sensibility. Throughout her career, she maintained, one half day a week, direct links with children with disabilities and their families in the context of a consultation.

Her capacity of de-focus made her particularly attentive to the way people perceived themselves from the inside, i.e. her interpretation about a young girl saying she had not been aware of her disability until she was ten, "I don't believe a word she says, but she is telling the truth ", in other words her truth, and that's what is important to understand her. With the passing of Regine, we lost a bright, deeply committed, dynamic, enthusiastic, determined, warm and always mindful for others, colleague and friend.

Cathy Basterfield: ZeroProject

We have been shortlisted for ZeroProject. 1 of 4 in Australia for our Easy English work. Our focus was on multiple projects on civics and citizenship. <https://bit.ly/3K3oqnR> The short list this year included 156 innovative solutions (many of them around physical access or technology) from 63 countries have made it to the coveted Shortlist this year' Finalists to be announced in December.

Next Newsletter

We try to compose an interesting newsletter two times a year. We would welcome any feedback on this newsletter and content for the next edition. The following newsletter will be send to you in **May 2023**. Please send us your information on:

- **Past events** (*title, date and place; report of maximum 150 words; link to website or contact information*)
- **Upcoming events** (*title, date and place; report of maximum 150 words; link to website or contact information*)
- **Finished doctoral theses** (*Name of doctoral candidate; name(s) of (co)supervisor(s); title, date and institution; report of maximum 150 words; link to website or contact information*)
- **New projects** (*Project title; name(s) of research group; institution; project description of maximum 150 words; link to website or contact information*)
- **Interesting books, articles,...** with regard to the group of persons with PIMD, published after November 2019 (*in APA format and if available a link to a webpage*)
- **Miscellaneous** (*Title; names; institution; description of maximum 150 words; link to webside and/or contact information*)

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