

Newsletter



37th Annual Meeting in Leuven

Our EUNETHYDIS Leuven events started with a community footprint event, as has now been our tradition since the Cagliari meeting in 2024. Around 130 clinicians and other professionals attended this sold-out event that took place on Monday 5th October in the atmospheric Faculty Club. Local host Saskia van der Oord opened the event and EUNETHYDIS Co-Chair Jonna Kuntsi introduced the network and its aims to the community. An informative and insightful series of presentations then followed by Marina Danckaerts, David Coghill, Dieter Baeyens (also a local host), Karen Vertessen and Saskia van der Oord. The talks covered a wide range of topics such as measurement-based care, neurodiversity, executive functions at school, parent and teacher training and medication. We thank the local community for their active participation and our local hosts for excellent organisation of the event.



The main meeting was also held in the Faculty Club, from 6th to 8th October, and was similarly sold-out, with 130 attendees consisting of members, early career researchers and guests. The programme consisted of four new data symposia (presentations by members on their latest



research findings), three keynote lectures, early career researcher blitz talks, two debates, a panel discussion, poster tours, mentoring and four special interest group sessions.

The external keynotes are an opportunity to showcase and learn about topics beyond ADHD. Bieke Zaman from KU Leuven presented thought-provoking research findings and concepts on youth gaming. In a second inspiring keynote from KU Leuven, Peter Kuppens addressed questions about emotional fluctuations in daily life; highly relevant to ADHD. The member's keynote was given by Barbara van den Hoofdakker, who provided an informative update on the latest findings from the PAINT Psychosocial ADHD and disruptive behaviour interventions study.

The ADHD field is going through challenging times. Our debates and a panel discussion provided an opportunity to openly discuss some of the field's most polarising topics, including the increase in ADHD diagnoses, language use and whether methylphenidate should be on the WHO list of essential medications. We thank the speakers for contributing in such a constructive way.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Our warmest congratulations to David Coghill, who was awarded the 2026 EUNETHYDIS Lifetime Achievement Award. This is the network's major award, given for sustained, fundamental and outstanding contributions to ADHD and to EUNETHYDIS. Jan Buitelaar, in his laudation, highlighted David's wide-ranging achievements and contributions to the field, as well as to the network as a longstanding EAGG member and a past Steering Committee member. We are delighted that, despite being based in Australia, David continues to contribute so actively to our activities (with special points for asking the most questions after talks!).



Alessandro Zuddas Poster Prizes

Many congratulations to Alessandro Zuddas Poster Prize winners Amy De Roubaix and Mathilde Duville (below)!

Early career researchers are a very important part of the network and we are grateful for the contributions of them all, to the poster tours, talks and social events.



Members' Meeting and Co-Chair News

A members' meeting was also held in Leuven. The Steering Committee has re-elected Sven Bölte and Jonna Kuntsi as Co-Chairs for another four-year term from when their current term ends next year.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Our three established SIGs – on digital health, women with ADHD and language use – had an opportunity to meet in person in Leuven and plan further work for the coming year. Several papers have been published; the achievements are now too many to summarise in detail here! A fourth new SIG – ADHD in the classroom, led by Dieter Baeyens, Friederike Blume and Julia Kerner auch Körner – met for the first time. We look forward to further SIG updates in 2027.

Thank you to our wonderful local hosts Saskia van der Oord and Dieter Baeyens!

