

National symposium of Belgian reference centers for cerebral palsy

A LIFE PATH IN CEREBRAL PALSY:

FROM EARLY DETECTION TO A LIFE OF AUTONOMY



Morning :
Plenary scientific
sessions



Afternoon :
Workshops and
round tables
(also for CP patients
and parents)



14th of November 2026



Cliniques Universitaires
Saint Luc – Brussels

8h45-12h30 PLENARY SESSION

Chairs: Prof. Nassogne, Prof. Dan

8h50 Welcome speech Dr Renders – Prof. Dan

9h00 About early detection in newborn
To be confirmed

9h45 From Identification to Evaluation: A Guide to Cerebral
Visual Impairment Assessment
Els Ortibus

10h30 **Coffee Break**

11h00 Which therapy for who and at which age? An EBP
approach
Yannick Bleyenheuft

11h45 Participation in Cerebral Palsy
Edouard Ducoffre

12h30 **Lunch**

13h Empowering First Steps: 2 years of experience with
HIBBOT-Assisted Strength Training in Children with CP
Steffka Zijlstra and Jef Peeters (Albatros)

13h30 POSTER SESSION

Venue :

Cliniques universitaires Saint-Luc
Auditoires Roi Baudouin
Tour Franklin, 40 avenue Mounier, 1200 Brussels



Pro-Q-Kine and medical accreditation requested

14h-16h WORKSHOPS

Fr - NI – En

Workshop 1: 14h - 14h45

1. Set SMART goals: Profs. Yannick Bleyenheuft and Geoffroy Saussez (FR)
2. Intrathecal Baclofen vs. Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy, state of the art. Dr Philippe De Vloo (En)
3. Voir autrement: reconnaître les signes de CVI (Cerebral Visual Impairment) chez l'enfant non-verbal. CRF Points De Vue, Kathleen Beni (FR)
4. Transition to adulthood in CP : the challenge of neuro orthopaedic surveillance and life planning (En – Fr - NI) Dr. Constanza Lombardo & Dr. Hannah de Houwer

Workshop 2: 15h-15h45

1. Comment devenir de meilleurs partenaires de communication avec un outil de communication alternative et améliorée (CAA). Ornella Thys (logopède et formatrice, CAP's Asbl) (FR)
2. Set SMART goals: Yannick Bleyenheuft and Geoffroy Saussez (En)
3. Praktische handvaten en begeleiding voor kinderen en jongeren met CVI en CP. Ganspoel (NL)
4. Before the first steps: exploring the neural and biomechanical foundations of early motor development. UCL, FSM, Arthur Dewolf (FR)

ROUND TABLES: 14h - 15h45

1. FOR PATIENTS ROUND TABLE – What do we want to say to our rehab. Team?, How to get from social media to social participation?
2. FOR FAMILY OF CP PATIENTS: Round Table – What are our daily challenges? What do we want to say to the medical and rehab team?

16h-16h30 FINAL LECTURE

Feedback form the round table of the CP patients and their family: "Let's talk to the clinical team"