



BRUSSELS, 7-9 JUNE 2023 | CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Behavioural therapy workshops

13:00-17:00 (parallel sessions)



13:00-14:40

I. Workshop in **English** for participants with **basic** training

15:00-17:00

II. Workshop in **English** for **advanced** participants

Focus area: Formulation and psychological intervention of tics in people with Autism

Trainers:

Tara Murphy
Zsanett Tarnok
Eve McAllister



13:00-17:00

Workshop in **French**:
Thérapies comportementales des tics et du syndrome Gilles de la Tourette

Trainers:

Virginie Czernecki
Velina Negovanska
Julie Moulin



13:00-17:00

Workshop in **Dutch** for **beginner** participants

Trainers:

Jolande van der Griendt
Cara Verdellen

13:00-17:00 (parallel session)

Patient associations meeting organised by Tics and Tourette Across the Globe (TTAG)



Programme

- Introduction to Tics and Tourette Across The Globe (TTAG)
(Mission-Vision-Values, Meet Our TTAG Board Of Directors, Organization Structure of TTAG, Introduction of TTAG Ambassador Program)
- Networking & Idea Exchange Coffee Break
- Words from ESSTS Current Chair
- Panel Discussion on Support Associations & patients' rights: an international perspective
- Tics and Tourette Across The Globe (TTAG) Closing Summary and thanks

18:00-19:00 (onwards)

Opening ceremony

I. Keynote lecture:

"Picking, pulling, and pinching: the role of habit and harm in TS"

Speaker:

[Carol Mathews](#)

II. Mary Robertson Award; winner & oral presentation

[Awarded by surprise guest...](#) 🤔

III. Open-air apéritif at the AfricaMuseum terrace stage; getting together again!



Thursday 8 June 2023

09:00-09:15 Welcome message by our host & local organisers

Genetics & imaging session

moderated by Kirsten R. Müller-Vahl

09:15-10:00 Update on genetics

Carol Mathews

10:00-10:30 Enhancing neuroimaging genetics through meta-analysis for Tourette syndrome (ENIGMA-TS)

Perristera Paschou

10:30-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break



11:30-12:30 Clinical rounds

Session chair:

Tammy Hedderly

12:30-13:30 Lunch break



13:30-14:00 General assembly

+ Board elections 2023; e-voting begins!

ASD sessions

moderated by Tara Murphy

14:00-14:45 Autism - past, present, and future

William Mandy

14:45-15:15 Panel discussion

15:15-15:45 Coffee break



15:45-16:30

Poster rounds, session I

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

16:30-18:00

Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session I
moderated by [Natalia Szejko](#)

From 20:00:

Social event-dinner



Bonus: AfricaMuseum private access

We have reserved the museum for an additional 2 hours (18:00-20:00) after its closing time.

Attendees who register for the social event above, will receive a complimentary ticket to visit the museum during the late opening slot.

Friday 9 June 2023

09:00-09:15 Welcome address by TTAG ([Tics and Tourette Across the Globe](#))

Pain & sex differences in TS session

moderated by [Kevin Black](#)

09:15-09:45 Pain in TS

[Seonaid Anderson](#)

09:45-10:15 Sex differences in TS

[Christelle Nilles](#)

[Natalia Szejko](#)

10:15-10:30 Panel discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee break



11:00-12:30 Oral presentations of submitted abstracts, session II

moderated by [Andreas Hartmann](#)

12:30-13:30 Lunch break



13:30-14:15 Investigating the effects of median nerve stimulation on Tourette syndrome: clinical trial results

[Stephen Jackson](#)

moderated by [Andrea Cavanna](#)

14:15-15:00

Poster rounds, session II

moderated by Nanette Mol Debes

15:00-15:30 Coffee break



15:30-16:30 Best papers of 2022 on tics and TS



Kevin J. Black

moderated by Andreas Hartmann

16:30-17:00 Closing ceremony

Best poster & best oral presentation awards

New ESSTS Board; election results

ESSTS Conference 2024 announcement

