

**SECOND ROUNDTABLE**  
**SPECIAL INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP**  
**PERSONS WITH PROFOUND INTELLECTUAL AND MULTIPLE**  
**DISABILITIES**

**6-8 OCTOBER 2005**

**BRUGES - BELGIUM**

The University of Leuven will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Roundtable of the IASSID-Special Interest Research Group on Persons with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities. The aim is to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss actual themes about persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities.

**Venue**

Grand Hotel Oude Burg  
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**Program**

The board has selected 4 themes for this roundtable. For each theme there will be an introduction discussing the state of the art and/or actual research questions. After the introduction there will be plenty of time for discussion. For each theme one of the participants will be asked to make some concluding remarks and put forward some lines for future research.

**6 october**

13h: Registration

14h: Welcome

14h30: *Theme 1 - Review of communication interventions for persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities* – Introduction by Juliet Goldbart (Manchester Metropolitan University)

16h30: Break

17h: Poster presentations

20h: Dinner

## **7 october**

9h: *Theme 2 - Critical evaluation of health care, interventions and alternative approaches* – Introduction by Han Nakken & Carla Vlaskamp (University of Groningen)

11h: Break

11h30: Continuing poster presentations

12h30: Lunch

14h: *Theme 3 - Research on quality of service provision and support* – Introduction by Bea Maes & Katja Petry (University of Leuven)

16h: Break

16h30: SIRG-meeting (Carla Vlaskamp & Loretto Lambe)

20h: Guided tour in Bruges

## **8 october**

9h: *Theme 4 - Staff attitudes and skills* – Introduction by Barbara Fornefeld (University of Köln)

11h: Break

11h30: Closure

12h30: Lunch

## **Poster-presentation**

Each participant is invited to bring posters presenting his / her actual research or practice projects. There will be time to discuss the posters on Thursday and Friday.

## **Registration**

The **fee for participation** in the Roundtable is 125 Euro. This includes registration, welcome reception, coffee and tea breaks, dinner on Wednesday evening, the guided tour on Friday evening and lunches on Friday and Saturday. The fee for participation can be paid only in advance by bank transfer on the following bank account:

International Bank Account Number: BE33 7340 1567 8946, on the name of Bea Maes – SIRG/PMD. Please indicate: "SIRG-PMD-Roundtable 2005 / YOUR NAME" as reference to trace your payment. Bank Identification Code: KREDBEBB

**Rooms** should be reserved directly at the Hotel (for details: see venue). There have been a number of rooms reserved for the Roundtable. Please mention that you are attending the SIRG-Rountable-PMD. Prices are 120 Euro for a single room and 140 Euro for a twin room.

Inscriptions and reservations should be made as soon as possible and at last by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

## **Travel information**

If you travel by car, you can direct to the hotel's private underground car park. From Brussels: E40 motorway in the direction of Ostend, exit n° 9 (Oostkamp), at the end of the exit take the direction of "Brugge 7km", after 4-5 km cross the bridge over the

canal, continue straight down the avenue called "Baron Ruzettelaan", at the end of the "Baron Ruzettelaan" you will arrive at the Bruges ring road, cross it, drive across the bridge and enter the "Katelijnestraat".

Continue down the "Katelijnestraat", pass the red-brick church "Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk" on your right, after the church, take the "Mariastraat" on your left, and continue along the "Oude Burg" on the right, at the end of the " Oude Burg ", pass in front of the hotel just behind the Belfry. To gain access to the hotel car park: at the end of the "Oude Burg-straat", opposite a florist, take the "Wollestraat" on your right, after 30 m, turn right into the small "Kartuizerinnestraat", the entry to the car park is just around the corner.

Participants by air-plane may arrive at Ostend or Brussels National Airport. From Brussels National Airport you can take a shuttle to Brussels and then travel further on by train. From Ostend, you can take a train directly to Bruges.

Participants that come by train. From Brussels (North, Central or South) take the train to "Blankenberge/Knokke" or to "Ostend". Both trains stop at the station in Bruges. There are trains each ½ hour. Time-tables for the trains can be found at [www.b-rail.be](http://www.b-rail.be)

From the station in Bruges, you can walk to the Hotel (about 20 minutes). Walk to "t Zand", take the "Steenstraat" and you will arrive at the "Markt". You can also take a bus to the "Markt". The Oude Burg and the Hotel are situated at the back of the Belfry.

