



## 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**  
**Rebecca Akello**

(Joining the advanced session via Zoom from Kampala, Uganda)



**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 (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!

Aline Breucker & Quintijn Ketels who have conceived and directed the performance "*Permit, oh permit my soul to rebel*" are very kindly performing a teaser for us during the opening ceremony.



Thursday 8 June 2023

**09:00-09:15** Welcome message by our host & co-organiser

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)

[Peristera Paschou](#)

**10:30-11:00**

ePoster presentation:

“Brain morphological changes in patients with Tourette syndrome: a voxel- and surface-based morphometry multi-site study”

[Simon Schmitt](#)

Discussion

**11:00-11:30** Coffee break



**11:30-12:30** Clinical rounds

Session chair: [Tammy Hedderly](#)

**12:30-13:30** Lunch break



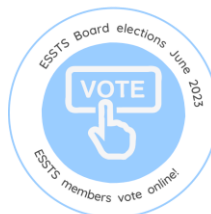
**12:30-13:30** ENIGMA-TS session

(auditorium)

[Organised by Peristera Paschou](#)

**13:30-14:00** General assembly

+ Board elections 2023; e-voting begins\*!



\*Active (2023) ESSTS members will be notified via email.

## ASD sessions

moderated by Tara Murphy

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

William Mandy

**14:45-15:15**

ePoster presentations:

- "Differential diagnosis of autism-spectrum-disorder in adults"
- "Evaluation of diagnostic instruments for Autism-spectrum-disorder in adults"

Daniel Alvarez-Fischer

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

Vote for best poster & best oral presentation!

The voting platform opens on **Friday 9 June** at **12:30** for OPs and at **15:00** for PPs.



**20:00**

**Social event-dinner at the Africa Place**

(Adjacent to the conference venue)



Bonus: AfricaMuseum private access

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

Attendees who have registered 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 Michele Dunlap, president of 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](#)

**ePoster presentation:**

“The Calgary and Paris Adult Tic Registry: Project description and initial analyses of sex differences in tic phenomenology”

[Christelle Nilles](#)

**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](#)

Vote for best oral presentation!  
💡 The voting platform opens at **12:30**!



**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

Vote for best poster presentation!

💡 The voting platform opens at **15:00!**



**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; see you next year in... 😊