



6th SEMINAR OF THE ACQUIRED DEAFBLINDNESS NETWORK

“The Art of Communication – creating solutions on the individual, societal and organisational level in the world of acquired deafblindness”

Wednesday November 1 – Sunday November 5, 2006

Hampshire Hotel Plaza Groningen (formerly Meerwold),
The Netherlands

Program

Wednesday 1 November

12.00 – 18.00 **Arrival and registration**

19.00 **Welcome reception**

Presentation from “Feel-Good” Theatre Phaistos which will cover touch, vision & hearing.

A few words of welcome from Ges Roulstone, informal welcome with buffet and drinks

Thursday 2 November

09.30 – 09.45 **Practical information**

09.45 – 10.30 **Official opening – speeches from**

Ges Roulstone, Chair of ADBN, United Kingdom

Hans Ouwerkerk, President of VGN, Netherlands

Marten de Bruine, CEO of VISIO, Netherlands

William Green, President of Dbl, Italy

10.30 – 11.00 **BREAK**

11.00 – 12.30 **First Plenary Presentations**

The art of Communication

Lex Grandia, President WFDB, Denmark

Megan Mann, Sense, United Kingdom
Guusje van Raay, Netherlands

12.30 – 14.00 **LUNCH**

Thursday 2 November

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14.00 – 16.30 **Workshops**

14.00 – 15.00 **Is there a guideline for optimal communication with deafblind persons**

Presenters: *Rob Vriens, Viataal, Netherlands*
Altina Robijn, Viataal, Netherlands

Communicating emotions and empathic listening as part of rehabilitation for deafblind people

Presenters: *Megan Mann, Sense, United Kingdom*
Josephine Stimson, Sense,
United Kingdom

The importance of personal initiative of the deafblind person as a communicative strategy

Presenter: *Marina Martín Rodríguez,*
Consultant on Employment, Culture and
Sports at the Deafblind Unit of
ONCE in Spain

Haptonomy

Presenter: *Guusje van Raay, Netherlands*

15.00 – 15.30 **BREAK**

15.30 – 16.30 **Being seen and heard**

Presenters: *Monique Mul, Visio, Netherlands*
Maartje de Kok, Netherlands

Developing better psychotherapy practices for deafblind clients

Presenters: *Leena Hassinen, Finland*

*Eeva-Marja Loukola, The Service
Foundations for the Deaf, Finland*

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Workshops

Identifying Dual Sensory Losses among elderly

Presenters: *Else Marie Svingen, Norway*

Marie-Dominique Lussier, Cresam, France

Liz Duncan, Sense, United Kingdom

A unique living project for young adults with Usher Syndrome, working together with the diagnostic Usher team

Usher team

Presenters: *Hanneke Brekelmans, Viataal, Netherlands*

Andrea Reinders, Viataal, Netherlands

Ekrem Koç, Viataal, Netherlands

18.00

DINNER

Friday 3 November

09.00 – 09.15 Practical information

09.15 – 10.00 Feedback from workshops from 2 November

10.05 – 11.00 **Second plenary presentations**

Usher Syndrome – new findings concerning prevalence, diagnosis, habilitation, rehabilitation, treatment and eventually cure

*Dr. Claes Möller, University Hospital Gothenburg,
Sweden*

11.00 – 11.30 **BREAK**

Friday 3 November

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11.30 – 12.30 Third plenary presentations

Usher speakers on Quality of Life

Carol Brill, Ireland

George Kabel, Netherlands

Nina Skorge, Norway

*Beat Marchetti, SNAB, Swiss National Association
of and for the Blind, Switzerland*

12.30 LUNCH

SOCIAL EXCURSION AND DINNER

Saturday 4 November

09.00 – 09.15 Practical information

09.15 – 10.00 Fourth plenary presentation

Nordic Project

*Ole Mortensen, Information Centre for Acquired
Deafblindness, Denmark*

Brigitte Ravn Olesen, Roskilde University, Denmark

10.00 – 10.15 BREAK

10.15 – 11.00 Fifth plenary presentation

New Technology GPS systems for

deafblind people

*Oystein Dale, NAV National Centre for Assistive
Information Technology, Norway*

Saturday 4 November

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11.00 – 11.30 **BREAK**

11.30 – 12.30 **Sixth plenary presentation**

**Making it happen: How to influence the
development of services for deafblind people**

*Beryl Palmer, Kent County Council, United Kingdom
Lex Grandia, President WFDB, Denmark*

12.30 – 14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00 – 16.30 **WORKSHOPS**

14.00 – 15.00 **Communication by art**

Presenters: *George Kabel, Netherlands
Adri Hopman, Netherlands*

**A multi-level approach to communication
improvement**

Presenter: *Han van den Boogaard, Kalorama,
Netherlands*

**Support and social groups for people with acquired
deafblindness. A formula for success?**

Presenter: *Marylin Kilsby, Sense, United Kingdom*

**Understand and being understood: form with its simplified
communication**

Presenter: *Catherine Hutter, Gersam, Switzerland*

15.00 – 15.30 **BREAK**

Saturday 4 November

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15.30 – 16.30 **The Nordic Project: from information to knowledge**
Presenters: *Ole Mortensen, Information Centre for
Acquired Deafblindness, Denmark
Brigitte Ravn Olesen, Roskilde University,
Denmark*

Usher social life

Presenter: *Emma Hancock, Sense, United Kingdom*

**Communicating the needs of older deafblind
people: campaigning and politics**

Presenters: *Sue Brown, Sense, United Kingdom
Beryl Palmer, Kent County Council,
United Kingdom*

The art of communication with medical practitioners

Presenters: *Live Fuglesang and Jorunn Lie
Regional Centre for Deafblind,
Oslo, Norway*

19.30 GALA DINNER

Sunday 5 November

10.00 – 10.15 **Practical information**

10.15 – 11.00 **Feedback from workshops on 4 November**

11.00 – 11.05 **Communications break**

11.05 – 11.35 **Feelgood Theatre Company – Fear & Joy**

11.35 – 11.45 **Closing speech & venue for 2008**