

Workshop Announcement

Language, Cognition and Parkinson's Disease: A Multidisciplinary Meeting University of Groningen The Netherlands

Thursday the 10th of May 2007

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive, degenerative neurological disease and the diagnosis is made when the patient is presented with at least two of the major motor symptoms: resting tremor, rigidity, and bradykinesia. Recent studies have shown that the cardinal motor symptoms are often accompanied by various cognitive impairments. Impairments in language, being a cognitive function, have recently also been described, both at the word and at the sentence level. Internationally, several laboratories are working on this topic.

For this workshop, international experts have been invited to present and discuss the latest findings of their research on language functioning in Parkinson's disease.

The target audience of the Workshop includes post-doctoral fellows, students, and clinicians in the fields of Linguistics, Neurology, and Neuropsychology and others with an interest in the current research on language, cognition, and Parkinson's disease.

Confirmed speakers

Prof. M. Grossman, MD (Keynote speaker, University of Pennsylvania, US)

Prof. Dr. K.L. Leenders (University of Groningen)

Dr. J. Hochstadt (Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute, Philadelphia, US)

Dr. D. Copland (The University of Queensland, Australia)

Dr. A. Angwin (The University of Queensland, Australia)

Dr. P. Péran (I.R.C.C.S Fondazione Santa Lucia, Department of Radiology, Italy)

Dr. P.F. Dominey (Institut des Sciences Cognitives, France)

Drs. K. Colman (University of Groningen)

Drs. J. Koerts (University of Groningen)

Registration

You can register on www.let.rug.nl/parkinson to participate in the workshop. Deadline for registration is the 1st of May, 2007.

Fee

The Workshop registration fee will be €150 and includes coffee, tea and lunch.

For further information and regular updates please visit our website: www.let.rug.nl/parkinson. Contact for the organization is Femke Wehrens, e.j.h.m.wehrens@rug.nl, 0031-(0)503635870.