



Winter

Dear OPSYRIS members,

The month, we are very pleased to bring you a revamped OPSYRIS website and quite some research news and the two conferences.

Best wishes,
Nele, Kathleen, Andrea and Elise

OPSYRIS General Annual Meeting

Thank you to all of you who attended our AGM. We had members from the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands and Australia. Some highlights:

- Launch of our new website
- In 2021, we had a webinar, an Australian meeting, and our annual meeting in the UK
- In 2022, a Dutch-Belgian branch led by Celine Gillebert and Tanja Nijboer is coming and we will be present at the WFNR annual conference in Lyon.



New website



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ABOUT

Over the past few months, Nele and Elise used their design and user experience skills to develop a brand new website for you. Have a look at opsyris.org! We now have sections for our local branches too. We will be adding more content over the next year. Doesn't it look slick and easy to navigate? Maybe I am a bit biased ☺ Let us know what you think!

Studies seeking participants

Esme Hayes and Prof Audrey Bowen are producing guidance on the screening/diagnosis of spatial neglect/inattention, with respect to the different clinical settings within a stroke service. Their first step is an online survey directed towards qualified Occupational Therapists (OTs) who are currently practising within a stroke service. The survey takes 10-20 minutes. Please help them out: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8u22fh>



Louisa Burton from the University of Leeds is developing strategies to help stroke unit professional talk more effectively about recovery with stroke survivors and their families. She is gathering feedback on some ideas through a 20-minute survey. Check it out here: <https://tinyurl.com/ykcev3tj>



OPSYRIS in the Lowlands

OPSYRIS in the Lowlands have their first hybrid symposium in Spring. The objective of this symposium is to gather Belgian and Dutch clinicians and researchers interested in the psychological aspects of stroke. They will give young researchers the opportunity to present their work, to meet other researchers, and to facilitate communication and collaboration between researchers and clinicians.

Location: Leuven (and online)
Date: 20th of May 2022
Abstract submission & registration: opening soon
More information? See: <https://ppw.kuleuven.be/opsyris/>



BRAIN conference

This two-day conference will feature a wide range of speakers from around the globe. The topic sessions feature a mix of teaching talks and research presentations. The conference will cover a wide range of neuroscience disciplines, with a keynote by Prof Gina Poe on Sleep and Your Brain. More info: <https://thebrainconference.co.uk/>



Study results on dementia after stroke

Informing Patients with Acute Stroke About their Risk of Dementia: A Survey of UK Healthcare Professionals

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Objectives: Cognitive problems following stroke are of key concern to stroke survivors. Discussing risk of dementia at the time of stroke could have implications for follow-up care. However, informing someone who has just had a stroke about risk

Last year, we asked for your help in completing a survey on informing patients about the risk of dementia after stroke. Emily Ball and her colleagues have now published their findings. The key results are: Healthcare professionals are generally aware of risk factors for post-stroke dementia, but do not routinely discuss it with patients. They think it could be helpful to discuss risk of 1-6 months after stroke. They said carers were more likely than patients to ask about risk of dementia. Read the full paper: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9yztv7>

Your event, job ads and recruitment

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