

# PROGRAMME

**THURSDAY 7 MARCH, 2019**

**08.00-09.00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE ENTRANCE HALL & KAPITTELZAAL**

**09.00-09.30 OPENING REFTER (PLENARY HALL)**

- 09.00-09.10 Welcome by the Chair of the Scientific Committee - Kenneth Chambaere (BE)
- 09.10-09.30 Introduction by Jean-Jacques De Gucht (BE) - Member of the Flemish Parliament (Liberal Party)

**09.30-12.00 PLENARY 1: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ASSISTED DYING AROUND THE WORLD REFTER (PLENARY HALL)**

Chair: Kenneth Chambaere (BE)

- 09.30-10.00 Developments in European countries - Agnes van der Heide (NL)
- 10.00-10.30 Recent developments and the future of MAiD in Canada - Jocelyn Downie (CAN)
- 10.30-11.00 A review of developments in Australia - Lindy Willmott (AUS)
- 11.00-11.15 Comfort Break
- 11.15-12.00 Global Panel - Moderator Freddy Mortier (BE) - Members: Agnes van der Heide (NL), Jocelyn Downie (CAN), Lindy Willmott (AUS), Luc Deliens (BE) & Thaddeus Pope (USA)

**12.00-13.00 LUNCH KAPITTELZAAL**

**13.00-14.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 1**

<b>Refter (Plenary Hall)</b>	<b>Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Oude Infirmierie (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Priorzaal (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</b>
<p><b>MAiD in Canada 2 years of experience</b> Chair: Stefanie Green (CAN)</p> <p><i>Stefanie Green, Ellen Wiebe, Shanaaz Gokool, Tanja Daws (CAN)</i></p>	<p><b>ASSISTED DYING &amp; IDEOLOGY</b> Chair: Freddy Mortier (BE)</p> <p>Euthanasia embedded in palliative care? <i>Jan Bernheim (BE)</i></p> <p>Pillarization' as/and biopolitics. Institutional shaping of the requests for euthanasia in Belgium: a sociological approach <i>Natasia Hamarat (BE)</i></p> <p>Euthanasia in Italy: A battle between religion and secularism <i>Johannes Agterberg (IT)</i></p>	<p><b>CAPACITY</b> Chair: Constance MacIntosh (CAN)</p> <p>Cognitive Distortions and Capacity in MAiD Requests where Mental Illness is Present <i>Justine Dembo (CAN)</i></p> <p>Executive dysfunction and capacity for medical decision-making in MAiD Requests <i>Lilian Thorpe (CAN)</i></p> <p>Rights! Freedom! Autonomy! Capacity? <i>Peter Saul (AUS)</i></p> <p>A new law in Taiwan: the convergence of legal capacity and mental capacity in Patient Autonomy Act <i>Wan-Ting Hsieh (TWN)</i></p>	<p><b>SELECTED THEMES</b> Chair: Thaddeus Pope (USA)</p> <p>Bioethical and legal dilemmas on hunger strike in prison settings <i>Maria Ciruzzi (ARG)</i></p> <p>VSED for Advanced Dementia Patients in the US <i>Robert Rivas (USA)</i></p> <p>Primum non nocere: medical liability in end-of-life scenarios <i>Vera Lúcia Raposo (CHN)</i></p>

14.30-15.00 COFFEE BREAK KAPITELZAAL

15.00-16.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 2

Refter (Plenary Hall)	Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Oude Infirmierie (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Priorzaal (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
<p><b>ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS IN ASSISTED DYING</b> Chair: Thierry Vansweevelt (BE)</p>	<p><b>ASSISTED DYING: DEVELOPMENTS IN BELGIUM &amp; THE NETHERLANDS</b> Chair: Bregje Onwuteka-Philipsen (NL)</p>	<p><b>PROMOTION OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING</b> Chair: Agnes van der Heide (NL)</p>	<p><b>ACCESS TO ASSISTED DYING</b> Chair: Luc Deliens (BE)</p>
<p>Making Sense of Medical Aid in Dying: how physicians in Québec (Canada) experience MAiD in relation to the ordinary practice of medicine <i>Samuel Blouin (CAN)</i></p> <p>The physician's role in medical aid-in-dying: perspectives from Vermont <i>Mara Buchbinder (USA)</i></p> <p>Clinicians' perspectives, and willingness to participate in voluntary assisted dying in Victoria, Australia <i>Karen Detering (AUS)</i></p> <p>Health Care Professionals' Perspectives on Medical Assistance in Dying <i>Hope Fast (CAN)</i></p>	<p>Slippery slope in the Netherlands? <i>Laura De Vito (NL)</i></p> <p>Study on denied requests for euthanasia submitted at the End-of-Life Clinic <i>Caroline Van den Ende (NL)</i></p> <p>Factors associated with requesting and receiving euthanasia: A nationwide mortality follow-back study with a focus on psychiatric disorders, dementia and an accumulation of health problems related to old age <i>Kirsten Evenblij (NL)</i></p> <p>Euthanasia in Belgium: Shortcomings of the law and its application and of the monitoring of practice <i>Sigrid Sterckx (BE)</i></p>	<p>Transforming Advance Care Planning Australia, a collaborative national effort <i>Linda Nolte (AUS)</i></p> <p>Advance directives: What does a campaign of loco-regional public debates reveal of citizens' perception of them? <i>Stéphanie Pierre (FR)</i></p> <p>The cost-effectiveness of advance care planning for older adults with end-stage kidney disease <i>Marcus Sellars (AUS)</i></p>	<p>Assisted dying laws in Victoria: Restricting discussions about end of life options <i>Lindy Willmott (AUS)</i></p> <p>The Waxing and Waning of the Informed Consent Principle in the Law Governing End of Life Decision-making in Canada <i>Thomas McMorrow (CAN)</i></p> <p>Deployment of 'the dying': Voluntary assisted dying in the Australian state of Victoria <i>Courtney Hempton (AUS)</i></p> <p>Representing the collective voice of the newly emerging MAiD community in Canada <i>Liana Brittain (CAN)</i></p>

16.30-16.45 Comfort Break

16.45-17.45 PLENARY 2: CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION REFTER (PLENARY HALL)

Chair: Thierry Vansweevelt (BE)

16.45-17.15 Let Thy Conscience Be Thy Guide—But Whose Conscience Wins? Personal and Institutional Objections to Providing MAiD - Daphne Gilbert (CAN)

17.15-17.45 Conscientious objections: Can health institutions legally refuse end-of-life care treatments? Sylvie Tack (BE)

18.00-20:00 RECEPTION AT GHENT TOWN HALL

Stadhuis Gent, Botermarkt 1, 9000 Ghent



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FRIDAY 8 MARCH, 2019

08.30-09.00 WELCOME COFFEE KAPITTELZAAL

09.00-10.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 3

Refter (Plenary Hall)	Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Oude Infirmierie (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Priorzaal (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
<p><b>WITHHOLDING &amp; WITHDRAWING TREATMENT</b> Chair: Ben White (AUS)</p> <p>Withdrawing and withholding treatment in a post-best interests world <i>James Cameron (AUS)</i></p> <p>Medical futility at the end-of-life: an Australian policy analysis <i>Eliana Close (AUS)</i></p> <p>To eat or to die: a crucial dilemma in Elderly <i>Véronique Fournier (FR)</i></p> <p>The Vincent Lambert case: An illustration of the limits of an EoL law to resolve all ethical clinical issues <i>Denis Berthiau (FR)</i></p>	<p><b>VIEWS ON END-OF-LIFE TREATMENT</b> Chair: Joachim Cohen (BE)</p> <p>Staff Positions on End-Of-Life Treatment in patients with incurable diseases <i>Rina Gabison (ISR)</i></p> <p>Non-beneficial treatment at the end of life in a palliative care population with cancer: a systematic review of reasons <i>Marleen Moors (NL)</i></p> <p>What do people with life-limiting illness considering euthanasia/assisted dying think about treatments at the end-of-life? <i>Jessica Young (NZ)</i></p> <p>Medical Futility Dispute Resolution Options in the United States: Law &amp; Ethics Fundamentals <i>Thaddeus Pope (USA)</i></p>	<p><b>ADVANCE DIRECTIVES</b> Chair: Eliana Close (AUS)</p> <p>Legal and ethical challenges of new media in advance directives <i>Hui Yun Chan (UK)</i></p> <p>Doctors' perspectives on adhering to advance care directives when making medical decisions for patients with chronic disease: an interview study in a Melbourne metropolitan hospital <i>Karen Detering (AUS)</i></p> <p>Prevalence of advance care directives among older Australians accessing health and residential aged care services: multi-centre audit study <i>Linda Nolte (AUS)</i></p> <p>The association between knowledge of end-of-life options and attitudes and behaviors regarding advance directives in Switzerland: Evidence from a National Population-based Study <i>Sarah Vilpert (SWI)</i></p>	<p><b>ASSISTED DYING IN PSYCHIATRY</b> Chair: Jocelyn Downie (CAN)</p> <p>When Unbearable Suffering Incites Psychiatric Patients to Request Euthanasia: a Qualitative Study <i>Monica Verhofstadt (BE)</i></p> <p>Public and physicians' support for euthanasia in people suffering from psychiatric disorders: A cross-sectional survey study <i>Kirsten Evenblij (NL)</i></p> <p>Perspectives from mental health professionals in Saskatchewan, Canada about the potential expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying to patients with mental illness <i>Cadence MacPherson (CAN)</i></p>

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK KAPITTELZAAL

11.00-12.00 PLENARY 3: NUTRITION AND HYDRATION AT THE END OF LIFE

REFTER (PLENARY HALL)

Chair: Constance MacIntosh (CAN)

11.00-11.30 Withdrawing Clinically Assisted Nutrition and Hydration: New Supreme Court decision and professional guidance in England and Wales - Celia Kitzinger (UK)

11.30-12.00 VSED Divulged: Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Status of the Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking Exit Option - Thaddeus Pope (USA)

## 12.00-13.00 LUNCH KAPITTELZAAL

## 13.00-14.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 4

Refter (Plenary Hall)	Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Oude Infirmierie (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Priorzaal (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
<b>PALLIATIVE SEDATION</b> Chair: Karen Detering (AUS)	<b>ASSISTED SUICIDE VS SUICIDE</b> Chair: Greg Mewett (AUS)	<b>END OF LIFE ISSUES IN DEMENTIA</b> Chair: Lara Pivodic (BE)	<b>SELECTED THEMES</b> Chair: Aline De Vleminck (BE)
<p>Palliative sedation at the end of life: state-of-the art, challenges and opportunities for improvement <i>Lenzo Robijn (BE)</i></p> <p>Deep and continuous sedation until death : A first national retrospective survey in France <i>Sandrine Bretonnière (FR)</i></p> <p>Development of an information leaflet for palliative sedation <i>Frank Spichiger (SWI)</i></p>	<p>Understanding the concept of suicide in an age of assisted dying (a global issue through the lens of Canadian experience) <i>Jocelyn Downie (CAN)</i></p> <p>Suicide prevention in an age of medical assistance in dying: a Canadian perspective <i>Mona Gupta (CAN)</i></p> <p>Suicide or not suicide: how people involved in conversations about assisted suicide distinguish assisted suicide from suicide in Switzerland <i>Samuel Blouin (CAN)</i></p>	<p>Termination of life based on a written request: what do the Regional Review Committees say? <i>Laura De Vito (NL)</i></p> <p>Views on assisted dying for people with dementia: a Netnographic approach <i>Aida Dekhoda (NZ)</i></p> <p>Perspectives of people with dementia and carers on advance care planning and end-of-life care: A systematic review and thematic synthesis of qualitative studies <i>Marcus Sellars (AUS)</i></p> <p>Moral Distress and Autonomy at the End of Life <i>Dena Davis (USA)</i></p>	<p>Dying on an emergency department and the decisions at the end-of-life <i>Annelies Vermeir (BE)</i></p> <p>Access to Home Palliative Care: pilot project in Portugal <i>Guida Da Ponte (POR)</i></p> <p>Knowledge and attitude to end of life choices including medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in marginalized indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada <i>Ellen Wiebe (CAN)</i></p> <p>Restricted palliative care <i>Marius Ciurlionis (LIT)</i></p>

## 14.30-15.00 COFFEE BREAK KAPITTELZAAL

## 15.00-16.00 PLENARY 4: PRESSURE POINTS IN END-OF-LIFE DECISION MAKING

### REFTER (PLENARY HALL)

Chair: Joachim Cohen (BE)

15.00-15:30 Dementia, capacity and advance directives: current developments in the Netherlands  
*Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen (NL)*

15.30-16.00 Palliative sedation as an alternative to assistance in dying? - James Downar (CAN)

16.00-16.15 Comfort Break

## 16.15-17.45 PARALLEL SESSIONS 5

Reffer (Plenary Hall)	Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Oude Infirmierie (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	Priorzaal (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
<p><b>From legislative provisions on End of Life to application on clinical grounds: Which ethical challenges?</b>  <b>A European - French, German, Italian - comparative perspective</b>  <i>Chair: Véronique Fournier (FR)</i></p>	<p><b>Issues of Overlap between "Suicide" and "Physician Aid in Dying"</b>  <i>Chair: Margaret Battin (USA)</i></p>	<p><b>STATISTICS FOR ASSISTED DYING</b>  <i>Chair: Kenneth Chambaere (BE)</i></p>	<p><b>DEFINING DEATH</b>  <i>Chair: James Downar (CAN)</i></p>
<p><i>Véronique Fournier (FE), Gerald Neitzke (GER) &amp; Renzo Pegoraro (IT)</i></p>	<p><i>Margaret Battin (USA), Joachim Cohen (BE), Jocelyn Downie (CAN), Agnes van der Heide (NL), Ellen Wiebe (CAN) &amp; Lindy Willmott (AUS)</i></p>	<p>Completion of medical certificates of death after an assisted death:            An environmental scan of practices  <i>Janine Brown (CAN)</i></p> <p>An Analysis of Euthanasia Statistics in Various Countries  <i>Miho Tanaka (JPN)</i></p> <p>Drugs used for euthanasia: A repeated Population-Based Mortality Follow-Back Study in Flanders, Belgium  <i>Sigrid Dierickx (BE)</i></p> <p>Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada:            An assessment of the evidence with respect to advance requests, mature minors, and where a mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition  <i>Mona Gupta (CAN)</i></p>	<p>Consensus, controversies and dilemmas concerning the definition of death in the USA  <i>Betty Levin (USA)</i></p> <p>Brain Death and the Law: Hard Cases and Legal Challenges  <i>Thaddeus Pope (USA)</i></p> <p>Final death  <i>Helen Towers (USA)</i></p>

## 18.30-20.30 CONGRESS DINNER AT GHENT CITY MUSEUM

STAM, Godshuizenlaan 2, 9000 Ghent

Free museum visit from 18:00 (until midnight).

Welcome drink from 18:30.

Congress dinner starts at 19:00.



# PROGRAMME

**SATURDAY 9 MARCH, 2019**

**08.30-09.00 WELCOME COFFEE KAPITTELZAAL**

**09:00-10.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS 6**

<b>Refter (Plenary Hall)</b>	<b>Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Oude Infirmierie (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)</b>	<b>Priorzaal (1<sup>st</sup> floor)</b>
<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSISTED DYING</b> Chair: Sandrine Bretonnière (FR)</p> <p>Developing a medical assistance in dying curriculum in specialty residency training programs <i>Susan Macdonald (CAN)</i></p> <p>Impact of a Unique Canadian approach to Medical Assistance in Dying by Nurse Practitioners in the patient's home environment <i>Calvin Pelletier (CAN)</i></p> <p>Psychiatric Patients Requesting Euthanasia: Initiatives for Sound Clinical and Ethical Decision Making <i>Monica Verhofstadt (BE)</i></p> <p>A regulatory analysis of Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Regime <i>Ben White &amp; Katrine Del Villar (AUS)</i></p>	<p><b>NEONATES &amp; MINORS</b> Chair: Kim Beernaert (BE)</p> <p>Neonatologists' and neonatal nurses' attitudes towards perinatal end-of-life decisions <i>Laure Dombrecht (BE)</i></p> <p>Every single day we resuscitate her... what are we doing, where are we going? Modifiable factors for improving end-of-life decision making for neonatologists, nurses, and parents in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit <i>Veerle Piette (BE)</i></p> <p>Age Distinction in Canada's Bill C-14: Necessary or Discriminatory? <i>Kathryn Morrison (CAN)</i></p> <p>The fraught notion of a good death for children: Can a child ever really 'die well'? <i>Bryanna Moore (USA)</i></p>	<p><b>ASSISTED DYING FROM A RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE</b> Chair: Lindy Willmott (AUS)</p> <p>A re-examination of the compatibility of the English blanket ban on assisted suicide with the prohibition on ill-treatment in article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights <i>Stevie Martin (UK)</i></p> <p>The semantics of the 'right to assisted dying' <i>Adam McCann (UK)</i></p> <p>Legal change on assisted dying revisited <i>Penney Lewis (UK)</i></p> <p>Right-to-Die Society in Belgium: history &amp; future <i>Marc Van Hoey (BE)</i></p>	<p><b>POLICY DEVELOPMENT</b> Chair: Mona Gupta (CAN)</p> <p>Policy development in contested spaces: drivers of change and evidence based policy <i>James Cameron (AUS)</i></p> <p>The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017: the role of the public service in significant government reform <i>Jackie Kearney (AUS)</i></p> <p>Minors &amp; MAiD: Canadian Law Reform Process &amp; Debate <i>Contance MacIntosh (CAN)</i></p> <p>Guidelines-based regulation on end-of-life care decisions in Japan <i>Futoshi Iwata (JPN)</i></p>

**10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK KAPITTELZAAL**

**11.00-12.15 PLENARY 5: THE LONG-TERM VIEW ON END-OF-LIFE PRACTICE**

**REFTER (PLENARY HALL)**

Chair: Luc Deliens (BE)

11.00-11.30 Ethical reflection on what has passed: predictions for the future - Freddy Mortier (BE)

11.30-12.15 Global Panel: Moderator: Kenneth Chambaere (BE) - Members: Freddy Mortier (BE), Jocelyne Downie (CAN), Bregje Onwuteaka-Philipsen (NL), Ben White (AUS) & Peggy Battin (USA)

**12.15-12.30 CLOSING**

Closing by Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee - Luc Deliens (BE)

**12.30-13.30 LUNCH KAPITTELZAAL**