## 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**

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16.30-16.45  Comfort Break

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

Chair: Thierry Vansweevelt (BE)


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
## PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 8 MARCH, 2019**

**08.30-09.00  WELCOME COFFEE KAPITTELZAAL**

**09.00-10.30  PARALLEL SESSIONS 3**

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<td>Legal and ethical challenges of new media in advance directives&lt;br&gt;Hui Yun Chan (UK)</td>
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**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)

**PALLIATIVE SEDATION**  
Chair: Karen Detering (AUS)

- Palliative sedation at the end of life: state-of-the-art, challenges and opportunities for improvement  
  Lenzo Robijn (BE)
- Deep and continuous sedation until death: A first national retrospective survey in France  
  Sandrine Bretonnière (FR)
- Development of an information leaflet for palliative sedation  
  Frank Spichiger (SWI)

#### Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)

**ASSISTED SUICIDE VS SUICIDE**  
Chair: Greg Mewett (AUS)

- Understanding the concept of suicide in an age of assisted dying (a global issue through the lens of Canadian experience)  
  Jocelyn Downie (CAN)
- Suicide prevention in an age of medical assistance in dying: a Canadian perspective  
  Mona Gupta (CAN)
- Suicide or not suicide: how people involved in conversations about assisted suicide distinguish assisted suicide from suicide in Switzerland  
  Samuel Blouin (CAN)

#### Oude Infirmerie (2nd floor)

**END OF LIFE ISSUES IN DEMENTIA**  
Chair: Lara Pivodic (BE)

- Termination of life based on a written request: what do the Regional Review Committees say?  
  Laura De Vito (NL)
- Views on assisted dying for people with dementia: a Netnographic approach  
  Aida Dekhoda (NZ)
- 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  
  Marcus Sellars (AUS)
- Moral Distress and Autonomy at the End of Life  
  Dena Davis (USA)

#### Priorzaal (1st floor)

**SELECTED THEMES**  
Chair: Aline De Vleminck (BE)

- Dying on an emergency department and the decisions at the end-of-life  
  Annelies Vermeir (BE)
- Access to Home Palliative Care: pilot project in Portugal  
  Guida Da Ponte (POR)
- Knowledge and attitude to end of life choices including medical assistance in dying (MAID) in marginalized indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada  
  Ellen Wiebe (CAN)
- Restricted palliative care  
  Marius Ciurlionis (LIT)

### 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

Refter (Plenary Hall)
From legislative provisions on End of Life to application on clinical grounds: Which ethical challenges?
A European - French, German, Italian - comparative perspective
Chair: Véronique Fournier (FR)

Zaal Rector Vermeylen (2nd floor)
Issues of Overlap between "Suicide" and "Physician Aid in Dying"
Chair: Margaret Battin (USA)

Oude Infirmerie (2nd floor)
STATISTICS FOR ASSISTED DYING
Chair: Kenneth Chambaere (BE)

Priorzaal (1st floor)
DEFINING DEATH
Chair: James Downar (CAN)

From legislative provisions on End of Life to application on clinical grounds: Which ethical challenges?
A European - French, German, Italian - comparative perspective
Chair: Véronique Fournier (FR)

Margaret Battin (USA), Joachim Cohen (BE), Jocelyn Downie (CAN), Agnes van der Heide (NL), Ellen Wiebe (CAN) & Lindy Willmott (AUS)

Completion of medical certificates of death after an assisted death: An environmental scan of practices
Chair: Kenneth Chambaere (BE)

Véronique Fournier (FR), Gerald Neitzke (GER) & Renzo Pegoraro (IT)

Janine Brown (CAN)

Consensus, controversies and dilemmas concerning the definition of death in the USA
Betty Levin (USA)

Miho Tanaka (JPN)

Brane Death and the Law: Hard Cases and Legal Challenges
Thaddeus Pope (USA)

Drugs used for euthanasia: A repeated Population-Based Mortality Follow-Back Study in Flanders, Belgium
Sigrid Dierickx (BE)

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
Mona Gupta (CAN)

Brain Death and the Law: Hard Cases and Legal Challenges
Thaddeus Pope (USA)

Final death
Helen Towers (USA)

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

### Refter (Plenary Hall)

- **Implementation of Assisted Dying**
  Chair: Sandrine Bretonnière (FR)
  - Developing a medical assistance in dying curriculum in specialty residency training programs
    - Susan Macdonald (CAN)
  - Impact of a Unique Canadian approach to Medical Assistance in Dying by Nurse Practitioners in the patient’s home environment
    - Calvin Pelletier (CAN)
  - Psychiatric Patients Requesting Euthanasia: Initiatives for Sound Clinical and Ethical Decision Making
    - Monica Verhofstadt (BE)
  - A regulatory analysis of Victoria’s Voluntary Assisted Dying Regime
    - Ben White & Katrine Del Villar (AUS)

### Kapittelzaal

- **Neonates & Minors**
  Chair: Kim Beernaert (BE)
  - Neonatologists’ and neonatal nurses’ attitudes towards perinatal end-of-life decisions
    - Laure Dombrecht (BE)
  - 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
    - Veerle Piette (BE)
  - Age Distinction in Canada’s Bill C-14: Necessary or Discriminatory?
    - Kathryn Morrison (CAN)
  - The fraught notion of a good death for children: Can a child ever really ‘die well’?
    - Bryanna Moore (USA)

### Oude Infirmerie (2nd Floor)

- **Assisted Dying from a Rights Perspective**
  Chair: Lindy Willmott (AUS)
  - 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
    - Stevie Martin (UK)
  - The semantics of the ‘right to assisted dying’
    - Adam McCann (UK)
  - Legal change on assisted dying revisited
    - Penney Lewis (UK)
  - Right-to-Die Society in Belgium: history & future
    - Marc Van Hoey (BE)

### Priorzaal (1st Floor)

- **Policy Development**
  Chair: Mona Gupta (CAN)
  - Policy development in contested spaces: drivers of change and evidence based policy
    - James Cameron (AUS)
  - The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017: the role of the public service in significant government reform
    - Jackie Kearney (AUS)
  - Minors & MAiD: Canadian Law Reform Process & Debate
    - Constance Macintosh (CAN)
  - Guidelines-based regulation on end-of-life care decisions in Japan
    - Futoshi Iwata (JPN)
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**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*