

**5<sup>th</sup> International Joint Seminar of St. Lukas-Klinik (Stiftung Liebenau),  
EAMHID, NEED and the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation**

**Advanced Aspects of Emotional Development (SEO/ED)  
in People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)**

**07.05.2026, Gallussaal, Stiftung Liebenau (Germany) and Online (Hybrid)**

We are happy to invite you to the 5<sup>th</sup> International Joint Seminar of St. Lukas Clinic, EAMHID, NEED and the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation. During some of our previous symposiums, the basic concept of emotional development (ED) according to Prof. Dr. Anton Došen (SEO) was presented in detail. This symposium will now focus on advanced aspects of ED. For this we have been able to secure internationally renowned experts as speakers. First *Rahela Došen* will refer to the legacy of Prof. Dr. Anton Došen and the mission of the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation. *Leen De Neve and Filip Morisse* will demonstrate the meaning of ED for front-line staff caring for clients with IDD. *Els Ronsse* will talk about aspects of ED and comorbid autism in day-to-day care of people with IDD. *Jolanda Vonk* will show the relevance of sexuality in the context of ED in the primary care of people with IDD. Finally, *Trine Lise Bakken* will refer to case studies from her practice to illustrate the importance of ED for the daily care of individuals with IDD.

The lectures will be held in English and will be simultaneously interpreted to German via headphones (on-site) or dual-channel audio (online). Questions may also be asked in German. The lectures offer a high degree of practical relevance and are aimed at all professionals serving people with IDD, but especially at front-line staff providing primary care to clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

**Program**

08:00 a.m.: *Admission* (coffee, tea, water, juice)

08:30 a.m.: *Alfons Ummenhofer & Brian Fergus Barrett: Welcome and Introduction*

08:40 a.m.: *Rahela Došen: The legacy of Anton Došen and the mission of the Prof. Došen Foundation*

09:00 a.m.: *Leen De Neve & Filip Morisse: What does the level of emotional development (ED) mean for front-line staff caring for clients with IDD?*

10:45 a.m.: *Coffee break* (buttered pretzels, coffee, tea, water, juice)

11:15 a.m.: *Els Ronsse: Aspects of ED and comorbid autism in day-to-day care of clients with IDD*

01:00 p.m.: *Lunch break* (lunch box, coffee, tea, water, juice)

01:45 p.m.: *Jolanda Vonk: The relevance of sexuality in ED in the primary care of people with IDD*

03:30 p.m.: *Coffee break* (pastries, coffee, tea, water, juice)

04:00 p.m.: *Trine Lise Bakken: Practical case studies demonstrating the importance of ED in the daily care of people with IDD*

05:00 p.m.: *Alfons Ummenhofer & Brian Fergus Barrett: Farewell*

## Speakers in alphabetical order

**Dr. Trine Lise Bakken, MPH:** Psychiatric nurse; Specialist in public health and psychiatric nursing; Associate Professor and expert for the differential diagnosis of challenging behavior in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway; Scientific Director of the Norwegian National Advisory Board for Mental Health in intellectual and developmental disabilities; Member of the Executive Board of EAMHID and NEED. Over 30 years of experience treating people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

**Dr. Brian Fergus Barrett, MD:** Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist; Senior psychiatrist at the St. Lukas psychiatric outpatient clinic for adult people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), Stiftung Liebenau, Germany; Assistant Professor for psychiatric aspects in people with IDD at the Catholic University, Freiburg, Germany; Past President of the European Society for Mental Health in Intellectual Disabilities (EAMHID) and the German Society for Mental Health in People with Intellectual Disabilities (DGSGB). Founding member of NEED; Director of the Consult-IDD.com institute.

**Rahela Došen, M. A.:** Expert on Eastern Europe and Russia; Daughter of Anton Došen; Specialized in international cooperation and EU-funded (capacity- and institution-building) assistance programmes in the areas of inclusivity, human rights and the rule of law; Creator of international initiatives and networks of governments and NGOs; Currently developing the implementation of a Policy Knowledge Center at the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment; Founder and President of the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation.

**Dr. Filip Morisse, M. Sc.:** Special Needs Teacher; Associate Professor for special needs education at the University of Ghent, Belgium; Director of special needs education at Dr. Guislain Psychiatric Center, Ghent; Consultant at the Center of Consultation and Expertise (CCE), Netherlands; Supervisor and lecturer at various educational institutions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Vice President of EAMHID and founding member of SENS-EO and NEED; Board member of the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation.

**Leen De Neve, M. Sc.:** Special Needs Teacher, Supervisor; Long-time head of outpatient and consulting services (Outreach) at Dr. Guislain Psychiatric Center, Ghent, Belgium; Lecturer at various educational institutions for disability services; Member of SENS-EO and founding member of NEED.

**Els Ronsse, M. Sc.:** Clinical psychologist and psychotherapist; Supervisor; Works in her own practice (PsySense) in Asper, Belgium; Specialized in autism and emotional development for over 20 years; Lecturer at various educational institutes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Board member of EAMHID; Chair of SENS-EO and founding member of NEED.

**Alfons Ummenhofer, M. A.:** Special Needs Teacher; Systemic therapist and supervisor; Managing Director of Liebenau Kliniken gGmbH – St. Lukas Klinik and Liebenau Teilhabe gGmbH, Stiftung Liebenau, Germany.

**Jolanda Vonk, M. Sc.:** Educational Scientist, Sexologist and Healthcare Psychologist; Behavioral Therapist at ORO, Netherlands; Supervisor and Consultant for differential diagnostics of complex behavioral problems in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) at the Center of Consultation and Expertise (CCE), Netherlands; Lecturer at various support training institutions for people with IDD; 40 years of experience treating people with IDD; Founding member of NEED; Board member of the Prof. Anton Došen Foundation.

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