

# First Scientific Dutch Ataxia Symposium



Friday 8 June 2018



## Welcome in Groningen!

We proudly welcome you at the first scientific Dutch Ataxia Symposium in the UMCG, Groningen. This one-day meeting will bring together a wide-range of ataxia scientists to increase and strengthen national collaborations.

We have selected abstracts covering exciting topics in the field of ataxia research that will be presented by young scientist. Our keynote speaker Dr. Luis Pereira de Almeida from the University of Coimbra in Portugal will present on his team's recent discoveries on therapeutic strategies for Machado-Joseph Disease.

During the World café we will discuss the “bright” future of ataxia research in the Netherlands.

The symposium will be followed by drinks and snacks in the Blauwe Patio of the UMCG and a network diner at own expenses for those who are interested. To make the necessary preparations please register for the network diner by **25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018** at the latest by sending an email to [N. Tuinman@umcg.nl](mailto:N.Tuinman@umcg.nl)

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## Programme

- 10.00 am **Registration**
- 10.45 am **Welcome** by Gerard Kulker (Chair of Dutch Ataxia Society)  
Marlies Bergmans (living with ADCA)  
  
Chair: Louise Mennen
- 11.05 am Developments and challenges in clinical ataxia research  
**Bart van de Warrenburg (Radboudumc)**
- 11.25 am Cognition and emotion regulation in early onset ataxia  
**Maraïke Coenen (UMCG)**
- 11.40 am Trajectories of motor abnormalities in milder phenotypes of ataxia telangiectasia  
**Nienke van Os (Radboudumc)**
- 11.55 am Ataxin-3 exon skipping as a treatment strategy for spinocerebellar ataxia type 3  
**Lodewijk Toonen (LUMC)**
- 12.10 pm Identification of modifiers of age of onset variance and disease progression in a Dutch cohort of Machado-Joseph Disease patients  
**Miaozhen Huang (UMCG)**
- 12.30 pm Lunch with posters
- 14.00 pm Novel insights in the underlying pathways causing spinocerebellar ataxias  
**Dineke Verbeek (UMCG)**
- 14.20 pm Inhibition of the formation of FMRpolyG-positive intranuclear inclusions by small chemical compounds specifically targeting the CGG repeat RNA in an inducible mouse model for FXTAS  
**Saif Haify (Erasmus MC)**

- 14.35 pm A patient-derived 3D cerebellar model for spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1)  
**Ronald Buijsen (LUMC)**
- 14.50 pm How do SCA19/22 mutations affect Kv4.3 channel activity at the single channel and the whole cell level  
**Claudio Tiecher (UMCG)**
- 15.05 pm Identification of developmental deficits in a mouse model for spinocerebellar ataxia type 1  
**Catarina Osorio (Erasmus MC)**
- 15.30 pm Tea/coffee break
- 15.45 pm **World-café**
- 16.50 pm Keynote lecture  
**Luis Pereira de Almeida (University of Coimbra, Portugal)**
- 17.30 pm **Closing** by Louise Mennen (Chair)
- 17.45 pm **Refreshments**  
Panel discussion on standard level of care by Julia Martens (VSOP)
- 19.00 pm **Network diner**

## Location

The symposium will be held in the UMCG in Groningen. In the UMCG, please follow the direction signing. Registration is in the Blauwe Patio, 1<sup>st</sup> floor and the presentations are in Room 16 of the Educational Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

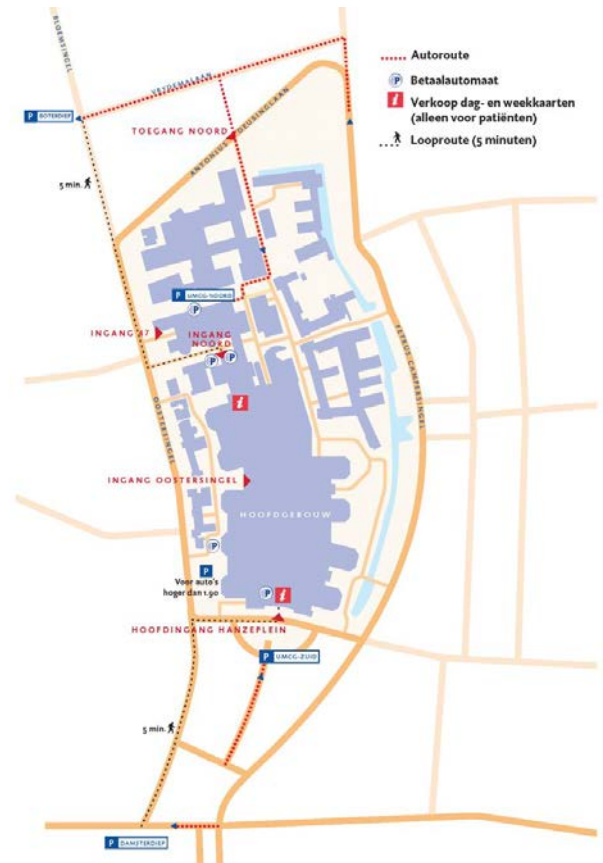
## How to get to the UMCG

You can park in the *UMCG Zuid* car park, entrance via L.J. Zielstraweg or the *UMCG Noord* car park, entrance via de Vrijdemalaan. Both car parks have paid parking (20 euro max. per day). Car Park Boterdiep, entrance via Boterdiep, is 10 euro max. per day, but is a bit further away from the UMCG.

Alternatively, you can park at one of the free P+R sites on the edge of town and travel on to the UMCG by bus.

There are roadworks on the southern ring so you may need more time than normal to reach the UMCG. Please see the website [www.groningenbereikbaar.nl](http://www.groningenbereikbaar.nl)

When traveling by public transport to Groningen central station, you can catch a bus every 10 minutes to the UMCG's main entrance.



## More information

### Symposium

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### VSOP: for rare and genetic disorders

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