



## SIG Communication & Swallowing

In-between meeting:

Let's communicate!

Turku and Masku, Finland

Local Organizers: Leena Maria Heikkola (FI)

Chair and Co-Chair SIG: Leonie Ruhaak (NL) and Francesca De Biagi (I)

Accommodation: Hotel Helmi, Tuureporinkatu 11, 20100 Turku

## PROGRAM MEETING

**Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting Venue: Masku Neurological Rehabilitation Center, Vaihemäentie 10, 21250 Masku

08.30-09.16	Public bus from Turku to Masku
09.16-09.30	Registration with Coffee and Tea
09.30-10.30	Welcome / Neuropsychological aspects in MS <i>Päivi Hämäläinen</i>
10.30-11.30	How we work in Masku – Speech and language therapy with MS patients <i>Piia Slivonen &amp; Eeva-Liisa Warinowski</i>
11.30-12.30	Lunch
12.30-14.00	Walking around the center and practical exercises with SLPs and physiotherapists <i>Piia Siivonen, Eeva-Liisa Warinowski &amp; Anders Romberg</i>
14.00-14.30	Coffee Break
14.30-14.45	SIG-update <i>Leonie Ruhaak</i>
14.45-15.30	Optimal parameters of NMES in the treatment of dysphagia in MS – a pilot study <i>Leonie Ruhaak</i>
15.30-16.00	Recap of the day
16.25-17.20	Public bus from Masku to Turku
19.00	Social diner in Turku

**Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting Venue: Åbo Akademi University, Arken Building, Tehtaankatu 2, 20500 Turku,  
lecture hall Kramer (M220), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Building M

09.30-10.00	Language and communication in MS - patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) and cross-sectional studies <i>Sarah El-whash</i>
10.00-12.00	Assessment and Rehabilitation of Pragmatics Session - current practice - developments - RIMS Grant project idea (video connection with Italy) <i>Francesca De Biagi, Giorgio Arcara</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Walk along the Aura river
14.00-14.15	Recap of the morning session
14.15-14.45	Naming impairment in Dutch patients with MS – Explorative study <i>Leonie Ruhaak (Master thesis of Robin 't Hart)</i>
14.45-15.15	Testing naming in Finnish persons with MS – a new project <i>Leena Maria Heikkola</i>
15.15-15.30	Coffee break
15.30	What's next? <i>Leonie Ruhaak</i>

## REGISTRATION

**RIMS members: free**

**Non-RIMS members: 83 euros**

Registration includes:

- Attendance
- Coffee breaks and lunches
- Joint dinner on Thursday (for RIMS members only)
- Accommodation for one night (for RIMS members only)
- Certificate of attendance