The 2018 EANS Summer School will be hosted by the University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery of the Ghent University in Belgium. This centre is located at the Ghent University Hospital. We look forward to welcome you in Ghent!

Some early information on the 2018 EANS Summer School is provided here.

**Ghent: Belgium’s best kept secret**

Ghent is a city and a municipality in the Flemish Region of Belgium. It is the capital and largest city of the East Flanders province and after Antwerp the largest municipality of Belgium. The city started as a settlement at the confluence of the rivers Scheldt and Lys and in the Late Middle Ages became one of the largest and richest cities of northern Europe. It is a port and university city.

Ghent is truly a historic city, yet at the same time a contemporary one. The modern daily life of the city’s active inhabitants plays itself out against a gorgeous historical backdrop. In Ghent, they live, work and enjoy life over and over again each day. A couple enjoys the peace of an authentic beguinage. Parents and children stroll through the traffic-free streets of the city centre. A tourist snaps a photo of the three towers, as so many have before, but just a little differently. A businessman with an iPhone walks along the distinctive Graslei, crosses the Lys and enters his stylish four-star hotel hiding behind a medieval facade. Dozens of pavement cafes invite you to discover Ghent’s specialties. The sun is reflected in the many waterways. The city is alive and bids you welcome...

Watch the [video about Ghent](#)!
And ... nice to know, when you visit Ghent in July 2018, you will be enamoured by the ‘Gentse Feesten’ (roughly translated as the ‘Ghent parties’) that will take place from Friday, July 13 to July 22. During this time, Ghent becomes an even more vibrant and beautiful city with lots of acts, art, music, festivals, shows, .. which are organised throughout the city! This seems to be a very good reason to stay a little longer in Ghent! Regarding the latter, arrangements with the hotel were made to stay in Ghent a little longer at the same price.
Ghent University

The Ghent University was founded in 1817 by King William I of Orange. The past 200 years, Ghent University employed many eminent scientists such as Nobel Prize winner Corneille Heymans, Leo Baekeland, Joseph Guislain, Walter Fiers, Marc Van Montagu, Peter Piot,... You'll also find many prominent persons among the alumni such as Robert Cailliau (co-inventor of the Internet), Dirk Frimout (astronaut), Peter Piot (United Nations) and Jacques Rogge (former President of the International Olympic Committee). Ghent University is a top 100 university and one of the major Belgian universities counting over 41,000 students and 9,000 employees.

The University is located in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium and the cultural and economic heart of Europe. It is one of the leading institutions of higher education and research in the Low Countries. Ghent University is an open, committed and pluralistic university with a broad international perspective. The 11 faculties are composed of 117 faculty departments. These departments offer more than 230 high-quality courses in every one of their scientific disciplines, each inspired by innovative research. Ghent University is an active partner in national and international educational, scientific and industrial cooperation. With a view to cooperation in research and scientific service, numerous research groups, centres and institutes have been founded over the years. Several of them are renowned worldwide, in various scientific disciplines such as biotechnology, aquaculture, microelectronics, and history. Watch the Ghent University video!
The University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery

The University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery (UCVV) is part of the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, which is part of part of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ghent University and is located at the Ghent University Hospital campus. The team consists of 25 staff members, active in academic education, research, and societal/academic services in nursing and midwifery.

The UCVV is led by Prof. dr. Sofie Verhaeghe, Prof. dr. Ann Van Hecke, and Prof. dr. Dimitri Beeckman.

(from left to right: Prof. dr. Sofie Verhaeghe, Prof. dr. Ann Van Hecke, Prof. dr. Dimitri Beeckman)
The UCVV (www.ucvvgent.be) is a dynamic research centre that focuses on the development, validation and valorisation of scientific knowledge that leads to safe, evidence-based and efficient care and organization of care. This includes a focus on the translation and implementation of complex interventions in practice. Through partnerships and collaborations with external partners, the UCVV aims to support research skills of professionals in clinical practice. The research work is divided into seven domains: oncology, midwifery, education and training, mental health care, geriatric care, skin care, and nutrition. In these research domains, there is a focus on self-management, patient participation, care relationships and care organisation, intervention development and implementation, Advanced Practice Nursing and family care.

The UCVV is responsible for the organization of the Master in Science in Nursing and Midwifery. In 2016 and 2017, the UCVV was listed in the top-100 QS World University Ranking for Nursing based on global reputation and research impact.
Ghent University Hospital

The 2018 EANS Summer Schools will be located at the Ghent University Hospital.

Ghent University Hospital is one of the largest and most specialized healthcare providers in Flanders. It stands out for its optimum clinical patient care. Patient care, teaching, scientific research and providing services to the population are the main tasks of the hospital. Through the combined action of these tasks and the close-knit cooperation with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Ghent university, the hospital is able to provide a wide range of high-quality primary and specialized care, nationally as well as internationally. The hospital has more than 1,000 beds for acute care and extensive services for ambulatory diagnosis, treatment and care. Annually, about 75,000 patients are admitted and 400,000 outpatients are treated.
How to get to Ghent.. some travel information

By plane
Belgium has two main airports: Brussels International Airport (BRU) and Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL). Check carefully at which airport you will arrive!

A. From Brussels International Airport (BRU) to Ghent
The easiest way to get to Ghent is by train. There are direct trains from the airport to Ghent (Ghent Central Railway Station = Gent-Sint-Pieters). Another option is to take the train from the airport to Brussels Central Station, and switch to another train to Ghent (Gent Central Railway Station = Gent-Sint-Pieters). Travel time is about 1 hour and the price for a single fare is approximately €16.00. More information can be retrieved here. From the train station you can take a tram (line 1) to the hotel. The tram stop is located just in front of the hotel.

B. From Brussels South Charleroi Airport (CRL) to Ghent
The fastest way to get to Ghent is by bus. Bus services are provided by the private company Flibco. Travel time is about 1h20’ and the price for a single fare is approximately €15.00. The bus arrives in front of the Ghent Central Railway Station. More information can be retrieved here. From the train station you can take a tram (line 1) to the hotel. The tram stop is located just in front of the hotel.

By international train (Eurostar & Thalys)
International trains (Eurostar and Thalys) arrive in Brussels Central Station (= Brussel-Zuid / Bruxelles-Midi). Switch trains there to catch a train to Ghent (Ghent Central Railway Station = Gent-Sint-Pieters). Travel time is about 30’ and a single fare will cost approximately €9.00. More information can be retrieved here. From the train station you can take a tram (line 1) to the hotel. The tram stop is located just in front of the hotel.

By car
The city of Ghent is situated on the intersection of two major European motorways: the E17 (connecting Northern and Southern Europe), and the E40 (connecting the North Sea to Eastern Europe). From the E17 you take the ‘Gent Centrum’ turnoff. On the E40, from the motorway...
intersection in ‘Zwijnaarde’ you first follow ‘Antwerpen’ (E17) and then take the ‘Gent Centrum’ turnoff. The P-route leads you to the various car parks which provide access to the city centre. The city has a circulation plan and is therefore divided into seven sectors. Vehicles can travel between the various sectors using the ring road (R40). More information can be retrieved here. The centre of the city of Ghent is a pedestrian area and difficult to manoeuvred if you are not used to it. Free parking will be provided in the Ghent University Hospital. From there you can take tram 4 & 1 to the hotel.

Where to stay in Ghent.. some information on your accommodation

All students (1st, 2nd and 3rd years) will be staying at the IBIS Hotel Ghent Centrum Opera.

Note, there is no need for you to book your own accommodation. Best prices have been negotiated for you by the hosting university.

More detailed information on your stay, on additional travel information to Ghent, the best places to eat and drink, ... will be provided in the spring of 2018!