The 'Meet-the-Expert' initiative wants to facilitate the opportunity for European doctoral students in Nursing and Midwifery, the scientific academic staff, the clinical community, as well as senior researchers to network and exchange information. About 170 researchers and clinicians will be invited to exchange and discuss experiences and ideas on similar research methods and/or similar research topics. Four groups of researchers and caregivers are invited:

- EANS senior researchers and EANS doctoral students;
- Belgian association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (BVVS);
- Nurse managers, head nurses, researchers and clinical experts of the Ghent University Hospital;
- Researchers of the Faculty of Medicine and Social Sciences and of the University Centre of Nursing and Midwifery.

Date: Tuesday July 10th 2018, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Venue: Ghent University - Ghent University Hospital – C. Heymanstaan 10, 9000 Ghent – restaurant, entrance 8 – FREE entrance

Partners

University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery (UCVV):
The University Centre for Nursing and Midwifery (UCVV) is part of the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ghent University. The team consists of 25 members of staff actively involved in academic education, research, and societal/academic services in nursing and midwifery. The UCVV 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 also aims to support research skills of professionals in clinical practice. The research is mainly related to skin care, oncology, midwifery, mental health care, patient participation, family care and self-management. The UCVV is responsible for the organization of the Master in Science in Nursing and Midwifery. Since 2016, the UCVV is listed in the top-100 QS World University Ranking for Nursing based on global reputation and research impact. The international recognition was also given by ranking on place 13 in the category Nursing of the Shanghai Ranking of World Universities.

European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS):
The European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS) is a network composed of individual members who have made significant contributions to the advancement of nursing science in Europe through scholarship and research. The purpose of EANS is to be the scientific community in Europe providing inspiration, collaboration and academic leadership in nursing. EANS does this by sustaining a forum of European nurse scientists who are developing and promoting knowledge in nursing. EANS links individual nurse scientists from health services and universities across Europe.

University Hospital Ghent (UZ Ghent):
The University Hospital Ghent is one of the largest and most specialized hospitals in Flanders with over 3,000 patients a day and more than 6,000 employees. A full range of highly specialized, qualitative care is provided through extensive facilities. Customer-friendly services are central to the care provision. As a university hospital, UZ Ghent also invests in scientific research and training. The hospital closely collaborates with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Ghent University. Divers medical and paramedical specialists are trained and researchers is conducted on numerous new techniques for diagnostics and treatment.

Belgian association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (BVVS):
The Belgian association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (BVVS) was founded in 2016 and has as main objective to clearly define the CNS job and competency profile. In addition, the BVVS aims to establish the legitimacy and protected job title on a national level. Moreover, the BVVS wants to clarify their role and the added value at various levels: to patients, nurses and other health care providers, universities and training institutes, and to the government. Finally, the BVVS offers opportunities for networking and support by education on topics related to their innovative role. CNS want to meet the needs of future health care in Belgium.