

# 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025

## Facilitating neurodevelopment in new-borns with Cerebral Palsy

**Elsass research Prize Symposium, Elsass Foundation, Copenhagen**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this symposium is to put focus on one of the research fields where Professor Andrea Guzzetta has made an important contribution: Early intervention in infants with Cerebral Palsy. To highlight his career the mini symposium will provide a historical perspective on early detection and assessment in a theoretical framework and practical guidelines in neonatal and infant neurology.

It will be a hybrid symposium with the possibility of participating both physically at the Elsass Foundation and online. Physical (onsite) or online participation will require registration ([Minisymposium om tidlig diagnose af CP | Elsass Fonden | Forskningsprisen 2025](#)). Online participation is possible for everyone by following a link which will be sent out a few days prior to the event.

### **Target groups**

Pediatricians, researchers, family members and therapists with specific interest in Cerebral Palsy.

### **Registration fee**

Free

### **The venue**

Elsass Foundation  
Holmegårdsvej 28  
Charlottenlund

### **Local organizers**

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## Program

### Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of May

09.00-09.15 Welcome and introduction by organizer Jens Bo Nielsen

#### Historical overview

09:15-9:45 Giovanni Cioni, University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy

*A historical overview for detecting and understanding general movements in infancy: the legacy of Heinz Prechtl*

09:45-10:15 Eugenio Mercuri, Gemelli Hospital Catholic University Foundation, Rome, Italy

*A historical overview for detecting and understanding neurological impairment in infancy: the legacy of Lilly Dubowitz*

10:15-10:30 **Break**

#### Global collaboration and early interventions for babies

10:30-11:00 Iona Novak, Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Sydney, Australia

*How can global collaboration support early intervention?*

11:00-11:30 Roslyn Boyd, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

*International implementation of Early Detection and Early Intervention in Low Resource Settings (LEAP International in India, Georgia, Sri Lanka, Indigenous Australia)*

11:30-11:45 **Break**

#### The Danish perspective on early diagnosis and intervention

11:45-12:15 Christina Høi-Hansen, Copenhagen University hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Implementation of an early diagnosis of CP set-up in Denmark: The CP-EDIT trial*

- 12:15-12:45 Julie Enkebølle Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Early psychological development in the context of a diagnosis of high risk of CP*  
Jens Bo Nielsen, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*BornTogether in Danish clinical perspectives*
- 12.45-13.00 Wrap up by organizer Jens Bo Nielsen
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch *(only for on-site attendees)*
- 14:00 – 15:20 Elsass Foundation Research Prize Ceremony 2025**  
**Recipient keynote lecture: Professor Andrea Guzzetta**  
*Theoretical aspects of early development, intersubjectivity and early intervention through the eyes of visually impaired infants*
- 15:20-16:30 **Reception** *(including canapés and drinks only for on-site attendees)*