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CALL FOR PAPERS

Thinking outside of the box

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Motor skills and their development are key components in the lives of individuals across the lifespan, both for those developing typically and atypically. Indeed, motor skills are associated with many other developmental domains such as cognition, socio-emotional development, or psychological aspects. This holistic perspective was the central theme of the DCD15-IMDRC6 conference, “Thinking outside the box”, held in Ghent from June 5-8, 2024.



This call for papers to a Special Issue provides a platform to disseminate recent evidence to a broad audience and seeks manuscript submissions that embody the conference theme by building bridges between specialized subdomains, age groups, neurodevelopmental disorders, geographical borders, and methodologies. We welcome contributions from participants of the DCD15-IMDRC6 conference on topics such as typical development, DCD and other neurodevelopmental conditions. We hope to engage scholars, therapists, psychologists, paediatricians, teachers, movement scientists, families and people with lived experiences who are eager to share their knowledge to improve the lives of all developing individuals. Submitting authors will be invited to participate in the peer-review process of other Special Issue submissions, under the guidance of the guest editors.

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Prof. Bernard Dan (BEL), Towards the end of disability?

Prof. Ellen Beate Hansen Sandseter (NOR), Children’s risky play – thrilling experiences and developmental benefits

Prof. Herbert Roeyers (BEL), Known but unloved: Motor difficulties in autism

Prof. Bradley King (USA), When children outperform young adults: Examinations into the neural underpinnings of childhood advantages in motor learning

Prof. Caterina Pesce (ITA) & **Prof. David Stodden** (USA), A holistic approach to development: Implications for motor development research

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