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**Presentation of candidates  
for the election of the Executive  
Committee  
EHDN Election 2026**

# Executive Committee (EC) members standing for re-election

- Åsa Petersén, current Deputy Chair of EHDN Executive Committee
- Edward Wild

# New candidates

- Mayke Oosterloo
- Niall Pender
- Niels Henning Skotte
- Chiara Zuccato



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**Åsa  
Petersén**

## Current position



**Professor in Medical Research, Medical  
Faculty, Lund University, Sweden  
Senior Consultant in Psychiatry, Region  
Skåne, Sweden**

# Åsa Petersén



## Education

- 2017 Specialization in Psychiatry - Region Skåne, Sweden
- 2005 MD - Lund University, Sweden
- 2001 PhD in Neuroscience - Lund University, Sweden

# Åsa Petersén



## Research interests

- Psychiatric manifestation of HD
- Bridge between basic science and clinical care of individuals affected by HD with a focus on the psychiatric aspects
- Molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying early features of HD with the aim of identifying novel therapeutic targets
- Providing education to healthcare professionals and families on HD



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# Åsa Petersén



## Contributions to EHDN and EC

- Combination of clinical and scientific experience of HD
- Deputy-chair of the EHDN EC, Membership of the EHDN Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee, chair/co-chair of the program committee for several EHDN plenary meetings

## Vision for EHDN

- EHDN can play an even more important role in defining standards of care, providing education, and influencing developments in research and clinical trials.



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**Edward  
Wild**

## Current position



**Professor of Neurology, University College  
London (UCL), UK**

**Associate Director, UCL HD Centre, UK**

**Consultant Neurologist, National Hospital for  
Neurology & Neurosurgery, UK**

# Edward Wild



## Education

- 2009 PhD in Neuroscience - University College London, UK
- 2001 MB Bchir - Cambridge University School of Clinical Medicine, UK
- 1999 MA Medical Sciences - Christ's College, Cambridge University, UK



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# Edward Wild



## Research interests

- Biomarkers in HD
- Clinical trial design and implementation



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## Edward Wild



### Contributions to EHDN and EC

- Clinician scientist with 21 years' HD experience in clinical care and research focusing on biomarkers and clinical trials
- Member of the EHDN EC
- Co-lead facilitator, EHDN Early Brain Banking Task force

### Vision for EHDN

- Continue to fund and endorse the most promising science and rigorous clinical trials
- Support newcomers to the field and the invaluable efforts of the working groups



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**Mayke  
Oosterloo**

## Current position



**Assistant Professor, Maastricht University,  
Netherlands (NL)**  
**Chair, Expertise Center HD Maastricht  
University Medical Center (MUMC), NL**  
**Movement Disorders Neurologist, MUMC, NL**

# Mayke Oosterloo



## Education

- 2020 PhD - Maastricht University, Netherlands
- 2011 Specialisation in Neurology - Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands
- 2004 Graduation Medicine (MD) - Leiden University, Netherlands
- 2002 Medical degree - Leiden University, Netherlands

# Mayke Oosterloo



## Research interests

- Clinical and scientific HD research
  - Biomarkers in tears and imaging
  - Quality of life & care in patients, caregivers and their children
  - Intermediate repeat sizes
  - Neuropsychiatric symptoms and treatment in HD



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# Mayke Oosterloo



## Contributions to EHDN and EC

- Expertise on both clinical and scientific topics
- Committed to bringing initiatives to successful completion
- EHDN Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee
- Lead facilitator, EHDN Behavioral phenotype Working group (WG) and Paediatric HD WG

## Vision for EHDN

- Expand educational initiatives such as webinars and podcasts for both clinicians and patients
- Establish a scientific fellowship in addition to the existing clinical fellowship
- Strengthen collaboration between EHDN working groups



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**Niall  
Pender**

## Current position



**Professor of Psychology/Head of  
Department of Health Psychology, Royal  
College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)  
Clinical Neuropsychologist, Blackrock Health  
Hermitage Clinic, Dublin, Ireland**

# Niall Pender



## Education

- 2005 PhD in Neuropsychology - University of London, Institute of Psychiatry
- 1996 MSc in Clinical Psychology - King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry
- 1992 MSc in Neuropsychology - University of Wales, UK
- 1991 BA in Psychology - University College Dublin, Ireland

# Niall Pender



## Research interests

- Cognitive, behavioural, and affective dimensions of HD and related disorders, with a strong emphasis on translational and patient-centered research



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# Niall Pender



## Contributions to EHDN and EC

- Senior board and leadership roles in clinical, academic, and charitable organisations across Europe and internationally

## Vision for EHDN

- Strengthen the integration of research, clinical care, education, and advocacy, while supporting the next generation of HD researchers and clinicians



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**Niels  
Henning  
Skotte**

## Current position



**Associate Professor, Department of Drug  
Design and Pharmacology, University of  
Copenhagen, Denmark**

# Niels Skotte



## Education

- 2011 PhD Neuroscience - University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 MSc Human Biology and Neuroscience - University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2002 BSc Biochemistry and Immunology - University of Copenhagen, Denmark

# Niels Skotte



## Research interests

- **Fluid biomarker discovery in HD:** CSF, plasma, serum, tears, and saliva
- **Mass spectrometry**–based clinical proteomics and target discovery
- **Preclinical evaluation** of gene therapies, and small molecules in HD models
- **Spatial & single-cell proteomics** of the CNS
- **Machine-learning-driven biomarker panel assays** using targeted proteomics
- **Translational collaborations** with HD clinical centers and industry



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# Niels Skotte



## Contributions to EHDN and EC

- 18-year engagement with EHDN (2008-)
- Lead facilitator, EHDN Fluid Biomarker WG (2017-)
- EHDN Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee (2022-)
- Enroll-HD Scientific Review Committee (2018-)
- Bridging fundamental research, clinical application, and industry translation

## Vision for EHDN

- Establish EHDN as the global reference for HD biomarker development — moving them from discovery to regulatory-qualified tools that shape how trials are designed and how therapies are approved



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**Chiara  
Zuccato**

## Current position



**Associate Professor of Pharmacology,  
University of Milan, Italy**

# Chiara Zuccato



## Education

- 2005 PhD in Biotechnology applied to Pharmacology - University of Milan, Italy
- 1998 Graduation in Biological Sciences - University of Insubria Varese, Italy

# Chiara Zuccato



## Research interests

- Identify the molecular determinants of HD synaptic dysfunction
- Develop innovative disease-modifying strategies to prevent cognitive decline in HD



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# Chiara Zuccato



## Contributions to EHDN and EC

- Current co-chair of the EHDN Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee

## Vision for EHDN

- Create an HD young scientists network within the EHDN community to connect early-career researchers working on HD across Europe
- Promote a dedicated session at the EHDN conference where young scientists meet the HD families