

3rd Child Eating Behaviour Symposium 12 December 2024



Dr. Carole Tournier

Research engineer Food Oral Processing and Head of the ChemoSens Research Platform at INRAE (Fr)

Dr. Carole Tournier is a leading researcher at INRAE and head of the ChemoSens research platform at the Center of Taste and Feeding Behaviour (CSGA). She specializes in food oral processing, modifying food texture for infants, flavour perception interactions, and fostering infant food texture acceptance.

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Keynote Title:

Development of Oral Processing and Eating Behaviour



Dr. Ale Teklu Toni

Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, School of Medicine, University of Gondar, Ethiopia
PhD Candidate, HNH, WUR

Dr. Toni is a senior clinician, medical educator, and researcher with a focus on preventable child death in low-resource settings. His research area includes malnutrition, immunization, pneumonia, and implementation research. Currently he is pursuing a sandwich PhD program, and his current project involves on the developing a novel tool to assess appetite of severely malnourished children, aiming to improve treatment outcome for this vulnerable population.

Title: Appetite and childhood malnutrition: from etiology to treatment outcome.



Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt

Assistant Professor in Clinical Eating Behaviour, Nutrition and Physiology

Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt is an assistant professor in the Sensory Science and Eating Behaviour group at Wageningen University. Marlou has a background in clinical dietetics and completed her PhD at Wageningen University where she studied sensory physiological systems involved in satiation. During her Postdoc she worked with researchers from all technical universities in the Netherlands to develop novel technologies to measure food intake and eating behavior. Her current research focuses on the link between eating behavior and physiology in healthy and clinical populations.

Title: Development of Child Eating Behaviours in Clinical Populations

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Catoo Krale

PhD candidate, HNH, WUR

Catoo is a 2nd year PhD student within the Sensory Science and Eating Behaviour group of the division of Human Nutrition and Health. She is passionate about children and their eating behaviour, specifically the development of individual differences within this behaviour and the association with (appetitive) traits. Her attention also lies on investigating the possible stability of certain eating traits such as eating rate and how this behaviour can be measured most efficiently and accurately. She is going to present about her first study with children in a primary school, focusing on textural differences in sandwiches.

Title: Modifying Eating Behaviour through Food Texture: Insights from a Lunch meal study in school children



Femke de Gooijer

PhD Candidate, HNH, WUR

Femke is a PhD candidate at the Global Nutrition and OnePlanet Research Center. Born and raised in Wageningen, she longed to study in a different city (little did she know...). She obtained her bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering and master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Twente. Now, she is applying this engineering knowledge in the field of nutrition in the Hungry Robots group under the supervision of Guido Camps, Marlou Lasschuijt, and Edith Feskens. She is particularly interested in studying children's eating behaviors and how technology can assist in this area.

Title: Strategies to enhance vegetable intake



Dr. Abigail Pickard

Research Fellow, The University of Edinburgh

Dr Abigail Pickard is an independent research fellow at the University of Edinburgh in the School of Health in Social Sciences. Her overarching research interests are child psychology, specifically eating behaviour in children and adolescents and cognitive and behavioural development. More specifically she has explored eating profiles in young children 3-5 years old and looked at the predictors (for example, parental feeding practices, cognitive function, temperament) of overeating in childhood. Abigail's current research looks at the development of persistent fussy eating in childhood and the links with cognitive development.

Title: From food rejection to avid eating: the behavioural differences in children's eating

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Britt Fleischeuer

PhD candidate, Maastricht University

Britt Fleischeuer is a PhD candidate at Maastricht University. Her research focuses on the cognitive processes behind picky eating, with the aim of encouraging children to eat more fruits and vegetables. Her previous studies explored inductive reasoning, memory, and the use of hunger as a strategy to promote fruit consumption in children.

Title: Investigating Shared Cognitive Traits in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Picky Eating



Ilse van Lier

PhD candidate, Maastricht University

Ilse van Lier is a PhD candidate at the chair Youth, Food & Health (UM). Her research focuses on nutrition education and food innovation for and with primary school children. At the CEBS, she will highlight the process of developing insect snack balls with a group of children.

Title: Sustainable foods and kids



Dr. Guido Camps

Researcher, HNH, WUR

Guido Camps was born in 1983 in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. He obtained his BSc in Social Sciences from University College Utrecht and a BSc in Artificial Intelligence from Radboud University in Nijmegen. He obtained MSc degrees in Veterinary Medicine and Applied Cognitive Psychology from Utrecht University. In 2017 he obtained his PhD from Wageningen University on MRI data based analysis of digestion. From 2017 to 2020 he worked as researcher at the Division of Human Nutrition & Health at Wageningen University where he subsequently became an Assistant Professor in AI and Data Science applied the Nutrition domain. In 2023 he became an affiliate scholar at the MIT Senseable City lab.

Title: Novel Approaches to Studying Child eating behaviours 'in the wild'

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Professor Kathleen Keller

Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Health and Human Development, Penn State University(US)

Prof.Kathleen Keller is a professor in Nutritional Sciences and Director of the Metabolic Kitchen and Children's Eating Behaviour Laboratory at Penn state University. Her research focusses on eating behaviors and taste preferences in children and the underlying neural mechanisms and genetics as well as food marketing and childhood obesity

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Keynote Title:

*Teaching children eating related self-regulation
(online talk)*



Janine Feassen

PhD candidate, HNH, WUR

Janine Faessen is a 4th year PhD candidate focusing on early life nutrition. Her research centres on developing an app for dietary coaching during pregnancy and postpartum. As part of this project, she has conducted a variety of studies, including epidemiological and qualitative research, and developed a diet quality index.

Title: Development of nutrition app for pregnant and postpartum woman



Fieke Franken

Project manager, Consumer Research, WUR

Leads a team responsible for the coordination and development of Smaaklessen and EU-Schoolfruit. In cooperation with national and local governments, the education sector, companies and social organizations, Wageningen University & Research develops objective food education for children. Already 75% of the schools make use of our offer.EU-School Fruit stimulates children to eat fruit and vegetables together at school. Participating primary schools receive three portions of fruit and vegetables for all pupils every week for 20 weeks. We inform schools about the various possibilities for continuing to eat fruit and vegetables at school after the program has ended.

Title: Nutrition Education – Taste lessons
(Dutch: Smaaklessen)