

COST ACTION BM1004 TRAINING SCHOOL
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UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, UK

**INTERACTION MEASUREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERVENTION
STUDIES ACROSS THE INFANCY AND PRE-SCHOOL YEARS**

Organiser

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About 30 participants

from UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Norway, Macedonia, Italy, Israel, Germany, France, Belgium.

Trainers

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Aim

- ***Context*** of COST, EU-Aims and other research projects
- ***Introduction to 3 methods of approaching and coding caregiver-child interaction***
 - *Manchester Assessment of Caregiver-Infant Interaction (MACI)*
 - Infancy prodrome
 - *Dyadic Communication Measure for Autism (DCMA)*
 - Pre-school, diagnosed
 - *Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-Change (ADOS-C)*
 - Change sensitivity in treatment
- ***Discussion*** of background theory, practical procedures, and training
- ***Consideration of planned research projects***
- ***General seminar*** on measurement strategies in Autism intervention research

Content

It was a really enjoyable and interesting training school.

We had three successful days each broadly dedicated to one of the instruments

Each day also included general discussion covering theory and practical topics, and an opportunity for participants to discuss their own research projects and the use that they might have for the instruments discussed.

At the end there was a successful general seminar on measurement strategies and participants made informal posters of their research proposals.

We also had a very enjoyable social time in glorious weather!

Outputs

We have collated the research proposals submitted by participant groups.

There has been extensive further discussion about the use of the instruments discussed (and others) in future projects including EU-Aims collaborations.

A specific STSM this spring will involve three researchers (from Belgium, Netherlands, and Poland) coming to Manchester to do further investigation of the use of the instruments in the context of EU-Aims collaboration.

There is the offer of further training in MACI and DCMA if and when appropriate. DCMA has been adapted for Middle childhood and is being used in studies in UK and South Asia. MACI has been used in studies in the infancy prodrome.

Development of the ADOS-C (now the 'Brief Observation of Social Communication Change, BOSCC) has continued and the instrument is planned to be used in a number of EU proposed studies.

Jonathan Green
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