HILDE VAN ESCH

Professional career

Year	
1988-1995	Medical Doctor at KU Leuven
1996-2000	PhD in Medical Sciences, KU Leuven
1995-2002	Specialisation in Pediatrics
2002-2003	Post-Doc at Institut Cochin, Paris, France
2003-	Clinical geneticist, University Hospitals Leuven
2008-	Associate professor K.U. Leuven
2008-	Clinical Investigator Fund Scientific Research Flanders
2008-	Head of the laboratory for the Genetics of Cognition

Awards

- Winner of the Research Prize of the W. and M. de Vooght Foundation for Scientific Research, 2000-2001, Belgium.
- Winner of the Pfizer Research Prize 2002, Belgium.
- Poster Award at the European Society of Human Genetics, 2009, Vienna.

Clinical work and/or service in and outside the University Hospitals Leuven

- Out-patient clinic within the hospital for patients with congenital diseases, intellectual disability, fertility problems, neurological diseases, epilepsy as well as specific clinics for Rett syndrome and Fragile X syndrome.

- Out-patient clinic in the St-Augustinus Hospital Antwerp, as well as different institutions for individuals with intellectual disability.

Teaching and education activities

- Intellectual Disability: genetic, medical and psychosocial aspects, 9 hours course in 3rd bachelor Medicine, course runs twice a year, KU Leuven and KULAK
- Human Genetics, 30 hours course for 2nd bachelor Psychology, KU Leuven
- Genetics related to orofacial diseases, Master in orthodontics, KU Leuven

Main research fields

- Intellectual disability syndromes
- Congenital brain malformations
- Identification of genes involved in cognition and congenital anomalies

Memberships

- Belgian Society for Human Genetics
- European Society for Human Genetics
- European Consortium for Research on X-linked mental retardation
- Rett syndrome Research advisory board
- Fragile X Clinical and Research Consortium