

Edward H.F. de Haan

Edward de Haan trained as a clinical neuropsychologist in Groningen, the Netherlands (1983) with Prof. Betto Deelman. In the same year, he moved to Oxford to work with Prof. Freda Newcombe at the MRC Neuropsychology Unit in the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. He finished his PhD on face recognition disorders in 1988, co-supervised by Andy Young. From 1991 until the 2008, he was Professor in Neuropsychology at Utrecht University. Collaboration with the medical faculty led to the award of a research chair in Neurology at the Academic Hospital in Utrecht. He currently holds a Chair in Neuropsychology at the University of Amsterdam, combined with the managerial role as Dean. He holds clinical neuropsychological qualifications in the UK and the Netherlands.

His research interests range from applied clinical neuropsychological issues to fundamental neuroscience, particularly visual, auditory and somatosensory perception, memory, emotion, and consciousness. His work on the (preconscious) processes involved in the perception of faces, colour and brightness has attracted considerable attention. He publishes extensively on the neurocognitive basis of hallucinations in neurological and psychiatric populations. His clinical research has focussed on the neuropsychological cerebrovascular disease and risk factors, as well as schizophrenia and other neuropsychiatric disorders.

Edward de Haan is a long-time INS member, Fellow of the BPS, and recipient (2007) of the Medal of Honour of the Dutch Society of Psychonomics. He is (co)applicant of grants totalling many millions of Euros, from European Union, British and Dutch sources. He is (co)author of over 250 scientific papers, 25 chapters and (co)editor of four books. He has served on the boards of several national and international learned societies, including the board of INS, the Dutch Psychological Society (NIP), and the Netherlands Neuropsychological Society (NVN). He also served in scientific advisory boards, for instance of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics and the Donders Centre for Neuroimaging.

So far, Prof. de Haan has supervised over 38 PhD students, some of whom now hold professorships themselves, or are senior researchers or esteemed clinicians. In addition, he was one of the initiators of the postdoctoral clinical training in neuropsychology in the Netherlands that combines both research and clinical application. Whether through his textbooks, one-to-one supervision, or as a referee, Edward de Haan is a mentor in the true sense, inspiring and stimulating his students to outperform themselves.