The International Symposium on “Quality of Life and Participation in Young People with Chronic Physical and Mental Health Conditions and Disabilities” intends to bring together researchers and practitioners with an interest in the concepts of quality of life and participation in youth with disabilities. The focus will be on international expertise, perspectives and interdisciplinary exchange. In addition to the traditional fields such as medicine, rehabilitation and nursing care, epidemiology and psychology, we will have a special focus on diversity sociology and ethics. There will be keynote lectures but also a high level of participatory input through four interdisciplinary workshops to promote concepts for further research. The symposium is predicated on the European Study on Participation of Children with Cerebral Palsy in Europe (SPARCLE) but will include the themes of transition in young adulthood and the impact of disability on the achievement of autonomy.

We invite national and international attendants interested in this emerging field and we hope to increase the awareness for the inclusion of people with disabilities in research and policy making.

We would like to invite attendants to present posters about current and anticipated projects. Travel grants are available upon request.
Thursday, 15th February 2018

9.00 a.m.— 9.15 a.m.  
**Welcome and greeting**  
Professor Dr. Silke Schmidt (Greifswald)  
Professor Dr. Ute Thyen (Lübeck)

9.15 a.m. — 9.30 a.m.  
**Health and participation in children and adolescents with cerebral palsy – a sparkling study**  
Marion Rapp (Lübeck)

9.30 a.m. — 9.45 a.m.  
**Person-Centered Outcomes and Quality of Life in the Transition Phase**  
Silke Schmidt (Greifswald)

9.45 a.m. — 10.15 a.m.  
**Disability Mainstreaming and Indicators for Inclusion**  
Elisabeth Wacker (München)

10.15 a.m. — 10.45 a.m.  
**Discussion**

10.45 a.m. — 11.15 a.m.  
**Coffee Break**

11.15 a.m. — 11.45 a.m.  
**Young people and their families**  
Kai-Olaf Maiwald (Osnabrück)

11.45 a.m. — 12.15 p.m.  
**Transition phase in youth with mental health problems**  
Jörg Fegert (Ulm)

12.15 p.m. — 12.45 p.m.  
**Health related Quality of Life in Chronic Conditions**  
John Chaplin (Göteborg)

12.45 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.  
**Discussion**

1.00 p.m. — 2.00 p.m.  
**Lunch**

2.00 p.m. — 2.30 p.m.  
**Shared decision-making in Family Medicine**  
Nobert Donner-Banzhoff (Marburg)

2.30 p.m. — 3.00 p.m.  
**Rehabilitation in the community - experiences from Portugal**  
Joaquim Alvarehao (Aveiro)

3.00 p.m.— 3.30 p.m.  
**Transition of young people with long term conditions**  
Allan Colver (Newcastle)

3.30 p.m. — 4.00 p.m.  
**Discussion**

4.00 p.m. — 6.00 p.m.  
**Break/Leisuretime**

6.00 p.m.  
**Public Evening Lecture**  
Trotz Krankheit mitentscheiden – Partizipation von Jugendlichen in medizinischen Behandlungen  
Claudia Wiesemann (Göttingen)  
**Moderation: Ute Thyen**  
**Afterwards reception**

Friday, 16th February 2018

9.00 a.m. — 11.00 a.m.  
**WORKING GROUP 1**  
Lead: Jerome Fauconnier & Henriette Markwart  
**How do we assess and evaluate participation?**  
Input statements by Elisabeth Wacker and Chirine Herkommer

**WORKING GROUP 2**  
Lead: Lindsay Pennington & Mariken Tacke  
**What are the specific effects of impairments?**  
(Mobility, Speech and language, Cognitive abilities)  
Input statements by Kate Himmelmann and Marion Rapp

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WORKING GROUP 3  
Lead: Marco Marcelli & Silke Schmidt  
**What are the associations and implications of mental health problems and disability?**  
Input statements by Jörg Fegert and Monika Bullinger

WORKING GROUP 4  
Lead: Ute Thyen & Claudia Wiesemann  
**Autonomy and trust – how do we care?**  
Input statements by Kai-Olaf Maiwald and Norbert Donner-Banzhoff

11.00 a.m. — 11.30 a.m.  
**Coffee Break**

11.30 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.  
**Panel discussion with presentation of results from the working groups**  
Silke Schmidt

1.00 p.m. — 2.00 p.m.  
**Lunch**

2.00 p.m. — 3.30 p.m.  
**Open space: Setting a research agenda for European Collaboration**  
Ute Thyen

3.30 p.m. — 4.00 p.m.  
**Coffee Break**

4.00 p.m. — 6.00 p.m.  
**Business meeting of the SPARCLE consortium**  
Jerome Fauconnier

6.00 p.m.  
**End of the meeting**

8.00 p.m.  
**Dinner**