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An International Imagery Conference took place in 1985 in Swansea, UK. The conference was organized by John Richardson, of Brunel University.



A session of the Swansea conference.

The Swansea conference was an opportunity for cognitive psychologists working in several European countries to realize that they had converging interests in topics related to mental imagery. They also recognized that they formed a community large enough to justify organizing focused Europe-wide meetings similar to other major European meetings like the ESCOP conferences.

Michel Denis contacted a group of European cognitive psychologists interested in mental imagery who were ready to establish closer links in order to facilitate future interactions and launch common projects.

The meeting explicitly referred to "imagery and cognition" to emphasize the fact that it would be dedicated to an empirical approach of mental imagery, anchored in broader research on human cognition. We did not, then, expect the meeting to be the first of a series.

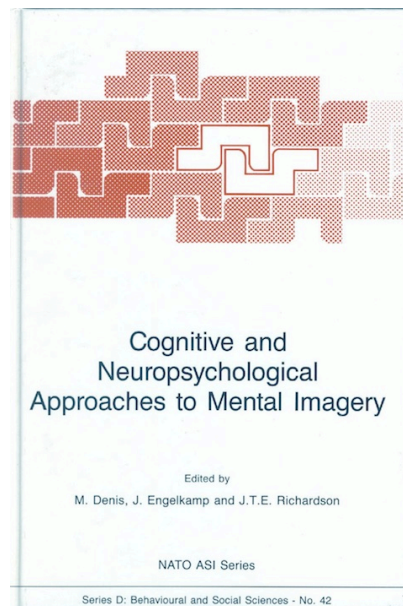
Michel Denis arranged the meeting to be held on the Orsay campus of the Université de Paris-Sud. John Richardson (Brunel) and Johannes Engelkamp (Saarbrücken) kindly agreed to co-organize the event, which was supported by a generous grant from the NATO Scientific Affairs Division.

We were very happy to welcome two internationally recognized figures as keynote speakers: Allan Paivio (University of Western Ontario) and Steven Pinker (MIT). Alan Baddeley (MRC APU) also contributed to the workshop, as well as three mostly dedicated invited discussants: Alain Desrochers (Ottawa), Mark McDaniel (Purdue), and Marc Marschark (North Carolina).



Group photo of the first EWIC on the Orsay campus.

The proceedings of the workshop were published as a book in the NATO ASI Series.



M. Denis, J. Engelkamp, & J. T. E. Richardson (Eds.) (1988). *Cognitive and neuropsychological approaches to mental imagery*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff.

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