

# Non-verbal Communication

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Nonverbal communication applies across different groups of people and even different species, and it varies within and between individual people, making it a prime candidate for an integrative science initiative, said **Anne Maass** (Università di Padova, Italy), who chaired an Integrative Science Symposium on the topic. **Beatrice de Gelder** (Maastricht University, the Netherlands) elaborated on cognitive neuroscience research investigating how we perceive emotional expression through the body, even outside awareness, while **Klaus Scherer** (University of Geneva, Switzerland) discussed the fundamental architecture of the emotion system and how our bodies and faces convey our appraisals of, and intentions to act on, environmental stimuli. Speaker **David Puts** (The Pennsylvania State University) discussed how sexual dimorphism in one form of nonverbal expression — vocal pitch — can have significant social consequences, influencing how we perceive a person's leadership qualities, electability, and perhaps even the salary they deserve. And **Jessica Tracy** (University of British Columbia, Canada) detailed her comprehensive program of research on nonverbal expressions of pride, indicating that pride may be a universal signal of high social status.