33rd Alzheimer Europe Conference
New opportunities in dementia care, policy and research
Helsinki, Finland / 16-18 October 2023
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Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are very happy to welcome you to the 33rd Alzheimer Europe Conference in Helsinki from 16 to 18 October 2023, which is a collaboration between Alzheimer Europe and Muistiliitto, the Alzheimer’s Society of Finland.

After 1997, with its successful Conference “Alzheimer’s, the blind hunter”, this is the second annual Alzheimer Europe Conference organised in Helsinki. This year’s conference motto is “New opportunities in dementia care, policy and research”.

These are exciting and interesting times for the European dementia movement, with research on new treatments and progress on improved diagnostics. In parallel, we are witnessing a greater focus on making our societies more dementia-inclusive, and ensuring that the views and voices of people with dementia are fully included in care, policy and research.

Our hope, therefore, is that our 2023 conference will be another great networking opportunity. We are delighted to welcome record numbers of participants to this year’s edition, bringing together people living with dementia and their families, carers and supporters, volunteers and staff from Alzheimer associations, policy makers, health and social care professionals, researchers, academics and industry representatives from Europe and beyond. Alzheimer Europe conferences are truly unique in bringing together representatives with such different backgrounds and nationalities. Our Helsinki conference is no exception.

We were greatly encouraged by the tremendous response from our call for abstracts; there was a record number of 587 abstracts from people willing to share their projects, activities and experiences. We were able to develop a truly interesting, instructive and varied programme for all participants wishing to learn more about the latest developments and opportunities in care, treatment and management, research and policy.

We hope that your participation in this year’s conference will give you some unforgettable days of learning, sharing and networking, whilst also discovering the amazing city of Helsinki. We are delighted that we will be able to invite you to a welcome reception in Helsinki’s City Hall thanks to the generous support of the Mayor of Helsinki.

As organisers, we are deeply grateful for his support, as well as the support of all of our sponsors, who support the activities of Alzheimer Europe in general, and this Annual Conference in particular. This support makes it possible for us to provide highly competitive registration rates for a unique conference.

We look forward to meeting you in the coming days.

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Reserved areas
Seats in the front row(s) of all meeting rooms will be marked as “Reserved” for the use of people with dementia. Our staff members will be happy to direct you to those dedicated areas.

During the lunch breaks, a number of places and tables will be reserved for the sole use of people with dementia. Those areas will be marked as “Reserved”. Our hostesses/hosts will be pleased to accompany you to those areas.

During the lunch breaks, a number of places and tables are reserved in the Pangea restaurant for the sole use of people with dementia. Those areas are marked as “Reserved seated area”. Our hostesses will be able to accompany you to the area.

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This conference is not CME (Continuing Medical Education) accredited.

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Language

The language of the conference is English.

Translation will be provided into Finnish for all plenary sessions as well as the opening and closing session. Additionally, sessions P04, P18 and P25 will be in Finnish and translated into English.

To access the translation, you will need to connect to our Virtual Conference Platform on your own device (Mobile phone, tablet, laptop), access the session and select the video with the desired language. The sound feed will also be available directly on the translation app Interprefy, which can be downloaded on both Android and Apple devices. Simply include the token name 33AEC and select your language.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To use the translation system, you will need to bring your own mobile device and your own headsets. Alzheimer Europe will not be able to provide the equipment.

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All plenary sessions will be broadcast live from Helsinki and available on our virtual conference platform. A selection of parallel sessions will be included in the virtual programme.

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The virtual programme will also include exclusive pre-recorded oral presentations and a pre-recorded session.

In all broadcast sessions, you will be asked to use your mobile device to participate in the Q&A. This will allow participants online and on-site to have equal opportunities to ask questions. For on-site participants, this will be available via the conference app. Microphones will also be available in the rooms for questions.

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- Tavex: Fabianinkatu 12 or Asematunneli.

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Helsinki’s climate combines characteristics of both a maritime and continental climate. Its proximity to the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean creates cold weather, while the Gulf Stream brings in warmer air.

The evenings grow cool in October and the days grow noticeably shorter as winter approaches. The crisp air is spiced with the colours of the splendid autumn foliage.

Average temperatures in Helsinki:
- Entire year: +5.9°C
- Warmest month: July +17.8°C
- Coldest month: February -4.7°C

For the latest weather forecast by the Finnish Meteorological Institute, see website en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi.

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Voltage: 220–240 Volts. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Finland are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: Type C Europlug and Type E/F Schuko.

**Time zone**

The time zone in Helsinki is Eastern European Time (EET), 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

**Emergency number**

The emergency number for the Police, Ambulance and Fire Department is 112.

**Pharmacy and medical care**

There are a number of pharmacies around the city. Look for the sign “Apteekki”, which means pharmacy in Finnish. Yliopiston Apteekki, located at Mannerheimintie 96, is open 24/7.

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For over 30 years, Lilly has been committed to Alzheimer’s disease research and development. During this time we’ve made significant scientific advances and we’re not slowing down. In fact, our commitment is stronger than ever. Through perseverance and discovery, our goal is to make life better for those affected by Alzheimer’s disease around the world.
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**Wednesday, 18 October**

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- **14:00-15:15** P23. Advance statements and advance care planning
- **14:00-15:15** P24. Brain health and prevention II
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- **14:00-15:15** P26. Living with dementia
- **14:00-15:15** P27. Potential of artificial intelligence for risk prediction
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- **15:15-15:45** Coffee break and poster exhibition POS2 and POS3
- **15:45-17.15** PL3. Intersectionality
- **17.15-17.30** Break
- **17.30-18:30** SS4. From ideas to reality – implementing and developing dementia plans
- **17.30-18:30** SS5. Psychosocial interventions: A European overview
- **11:45-12:00** Break
- **12:00-13:00** SS7. New discoveries from shared data
- **12:00-13:00** SS8. Optimising AD health care pathways today
- **13:00-14:00** Lunch break
- **14:00-15:15** P29. Relationships and sexuality
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- **14:00-15:15** P31. Patient and public involvement in research
- **14:00-15:15** P32. Raising awareness for a future without Alzheimer
- **14:00-15:15** P33. Psychosocial interventions
- **14:00-15:15** P34. Dealing with BPSD in dementia
- **14:00-15:15** P35. Dementia-inclusive initiatives
- **15:15-15.45** Coffee break and poster exhibition POS4
- **15.45-17:00** PL5. Policy round table – Dementia as a public health and research priority
- **17:00-17.15** Closing ceremony
Monday, 16 October

13.30-14.15 (Room 101) Opening ceremony
(Hybrid – Translation into Finnish available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
Welcome words by:
• Maria do Rosário Zincke dos Reis, Chairperson, Alzheimer Europe
• Jenni Kulmala, Chairperson, Muistiliitto
• Kaisa Juuso, Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
• Marjolein de Vugt, Chairperson, INTERDEM
• Sirpa Pietikäinen, MEP, Chairperson, European Alzheimer’s Alliance
• Petri Lamminen and Chris Roberts, on behalf of the European Working Group of People with Dementia

With welcome messages from:
• Helena Dalli, EU Commissioner for Equality
• Hans Kluge, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization
• Stella Kyriakides, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

14.15-15.00 (Room 101) Plenary session PL1.
Transforming personal experiences into political advocacy and Public Involvement in dementia research
(Hybrid – Translation into Finnish available)

Moderator: Chris Roberts (United Kingdom)
PL1.1. Kevin Quaid (Ireland): Public Involvement in Ireland
PL1.2. Pia Knudsen (Denmark): Personal experience of being involved in political, cultural and societal issues
PL1.3. Věra Ryšavá (Czech Republic): Contributing to the work of the Czech Alzheimer Society to raise awareness and tackle the stigma of dementia
PL1.4. Nigel Hullah (United Kingdom): Public Involvement giving people with dementia a purpose, a sense of belonging and hope

This session is organised by the European Working Group of People with Dementia

15.00-15.30 Coffee break and poster exhibition POS1

15.30-16.45 (Room 102) Parallel session P02.
Innovative strategies for the recognition and development of psychosocial interventions and care in Young Onset Dementia (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Christian Bakker and Marjolein de Vugt (Netherlands)
P02-01 Kirsten Peetoom (Netherlands): PRECODE – obtaining insight in terminology, occurrence, early symptoms and care pathways in Young-onset Dementia
P02-02 Muireann Irish (Australia): Identifying and responding to the need for targeted interventions to manage anhedonia in frontotemporal dementia
P02-03 Rianne de Heus & Raymond Koopmans (Netherlands): YOD-INCLUDED: an innovative and unique research program focusing on people with young-onset dementia and their families
P02-04 Jacqueline Parkes (United Kingdom): Dementia Experts for Involvement Network-Young Dementia [DEfIN-YD]: Developing a national network of younger people with dementia prepared to get involved in research
P02-05 Esther Gericiten (United Kingdom): Online peer support for people with Young Onset Dementia: best practices and future directions

This session is organised by INTERDEM

15.30-16.45 (Room 103A) Parallel session P03.
Brain health and prevention I (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Jenni Kulmala (Finland)
P03-01 Nathan Dejong (Netherlands): Brain Reserve Mediates Associations Between Lifestyle and Cognition: The Maastricht Study
P03-02 Jenni Lehtisalo (Finland): Long-term lifestyle changes in the context of dementia prevention and COVID pandemic – the FINGER trial
P03-03 Lion Soons (Netherlands): Associations of sensory impairment with dementia risk
P03-04 Andreia Fonseca da Paiva (United Kingdom): Brain Health and the prevention of dementia: the General practitioners role
P03-05 Dominique Paauw (Netherlands): Public knowledge about dementia risk reduction in Denmark
15.30-16.45 (Room 103B) Parallel session P04. Muistisairaiden henkilöiden palvelujärjestelmän kehittäminen – tutkimustietoa ja suosituksia (Hybrid – Translation into English available)

Chairpersons: Pia Pulkkinen and Teija Hammar (Finland)
P04 Teija Hammar (Finland): Services for persons with memory disorders in Finland - Research, development, and recommendations

This session is sponsored by the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

15.30-16.45 (Room 206) Parallel session P05. Comorbidities in dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Angela Bradshaw (Luxembourg)
P05-01 Nafang Wang (China): Prevalence of and risk factors of multidimensional apathy in person with mild cognitive impairment: a cross-sectional study
P05-02 Sarah Bauermeister (United Kingdom): A multi-cohort approach to the impact of poor mental health on longitudinal cognition
P05-03 Torhild Holthe (Norway): Individual cognitive stimulation therapy to home-dwelling persons with dementia
P05-04 Ioana Ioancio (Romania): New-onset Neurocognitive Pathology among elderly patients infected with SARS-CoV 2; a Romanian Retrospective Study

15.30-16.45 (Room 207) Parallel session P06. Air pollution and dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Katja Kanninen (Finland)
P06-01 Katja Kanninen (Finland): Introduction to the ADAIR project on Air Pollution and Alzheimer’s disease
P06-02 Anna Oudin (Sweden): New mechanistic insight about the effects of air pollutants on the brain: results from the Betula study in Northern Sweden
P06-03 Tosca de Crom (Netherlands): Omics in Alzheimer’s disease: the cross-roads of internal and external pathways
P06-04 Rosalba Giugno (Italy): Patients classification: computational methods and challenges
P06-05 Tarja Malm (Finland): Impact of air pollution on immune cell signatures
P06-06 Andras Dinnyes (Hungary): Alzheimer’s disease iPSC-derived neuronal models for air pollution sensitivity: Acute and chronic effects of ultrafine particles in 2D and 3D neuronal cell cultures

This session is organised by ADAIR

15.30-16.45 (Room 208) Parallel session P07. Ethical and legal issues in dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Kees Blankman (Netherlands)
P07-01 Henna Nikuamaa (Finland): Equal rights - People with dementia as people with disability?
P07-02 Aurelia Dagilyte-Drevel (Netherlands): The use of closed doors in dementia wards in the Northern German and Dutch cross-border region
P07-04 Lukas Faymann (Austria): EU Legal Framework for Digital Brain Twins in Health Research: Facilitating Trustworthy AI
P07-05 Kaisa Nääkki (Finland): What causes the need for legal guardianship for a person with neurodegenerative dementia: a pilot study

15.30-16.45 (Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations QOP1. Patient and public involvement in research (On-site only)

Chairperson: Ana Diaz (Luxembourg)
QOP1-02 Emma Wolverson (United Kingdom): Stakeholder engagement to set collaborative research priorities for Dementia UK
QOP1-03 Rosalie Ashworth (United Kingdom): The highs and lows of ‘patient and public involvement’ within NRS Neuroprogressive and Dementia Network and ENRICH Scotland
QOP1-04 Katja Hautsalo (Finland): Uniting fragmented storytelling of people with Young Onset Dementia and their family members: a longitudinal narrative interview study
QOP1-05 Gili Yaron (Netherlands): Improving the alignment between research, practice, and education for more quality of life in dementia: preliminary findings from the SPREAD+ consortium
QOP1-07 Diane O’Doherty (Ireland): Communities of Practice: How can PPI contributors affect change in the dementia research environment?
QOP1-08 Anna Louisa Hoffmann (Germany): People with dementia and health care professionals as stakeholders - Forms of cooperation and support in participatory research
QOP1-09 Christina Manietta (Germany): Involvement of stakeholders in the development of a guideline for interviews with people with dementia – An example from the DEM friendly Hospital study
QOP1-11 Mike Rommerskirch-Manietta (Germany): Active involvement of people receiving adult day services: Exploring the content and structure of preferences for leisure activities (PEL-D II)
QOP1-12 Olga Klein (Germany): Patient advisory board for dementia research (PART-Beirat): Results from a survey on knowledge and attitudes towards participatory research

16.45-17.00 Coffee Break
17.00-18.15  
(Room 101) Parallel session P08.
Care staff and work force (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Andy Heffernan (Ireland)

P08-01  Stephanie Daley (United Kingdom): Time for Dementia: innovation in dementia education
P08-02  Marlies Feenstra (Netherlands): Implementation of an observational pain assessment (PAIC15) in nursing home staff working with people with dementia
P08-03  Anthony Scerri (Malta): Rehabilitation to persons living with dementia - A scoping review of the healthcare professionals’ perceived challenges and solutions
P08-04  Anthea Innes (Canada): Providing care to people living with dementia: The views and experiences of UK radiography professionals
P08-05  Annette Keuning (Netherlands): Shared decision-making in fundamental care by nurses with acutely hospitalized patients with dementia

17.00-18.15  
(Room 102) Parallel session P09.
Time is up: The need to prepare people impacted by AD for engagement in the value assessment process (Hybrid)

Moderator: Julie Hahn-Pedersen (Denmark)
Panel discussion with the participation of
  • Annie Chicoye (France)
  • David Thomas (United Kingdom)
  • Michael Happich (Germany)
  • Marco Blom (Netherlands)
This session is organised by Project Alzheimer’s Value in Europe (PAVE)

17.00-18.15  
(Room 103A) Parallel session P10.
Young onset dementia (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Jackie Parkes (United Kingdom)

P10-01  Louise Nygard (Sweden): The decisive role of stereotypical beliefs: An explorative study following five persons who developed dementia whilst working
P10-02  Stevie Hendriks (Netherlands): Risk factors of young-onset dementia: a UK Biobank study
P10-03  Laura Lebec (United Kingdom): Understanding the potential for a career development intervention to support people with dementia
P10-04  Bo Smeets (Netherlands): Experiences, values, and support needs of (former) employees with young-onset dementia and relatives regarding continued employment: an interview and focus group study
P10-05  Sophie van Westendorp (Netherlands): Understanding the Dutch landscape of dedicated post-diagnostic care in young-onset dementia

17.00-18.15  
(Room 103B) Parallel session P11.
Precision prevention of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia: advancing multidomain interventions (Hybrid)

Moderator: Mila Kivipelto (Finland)
P11-01  Francesca Mangialasche (Sweden): EU-FINGERS project: establishing the next generation of trials for dementia in Alzheimer’s disease
P11-02  Mariagnese Barbera (Finland): A new precision-prevention approach combining lifestyle changes and metformin repurposing for the prevention of cognitive decline: MET-FINGER trial protocol and update
P11-03  Alara Abaci (Sweden): Perspectives of memory clinic patients on participation in (dementia prevention) research
P11-04  Ana Diaz (Luxembourg): Involving members of the public in brain health research: the EU-FINGERS example
This session is organised by EU-FINGERS

17.00-18.15  
(Room 206) Parallel session P12.
Detection and diagnosis (On-site only)

Chairperson: Ira Haraldsen (Norway)
P12-01  Katharina Bolsewig (Netherlands): Informal caregiver’s attitudes towards use of blood-based biomarker testing for Alzheimer’s disease diagnosis and population-wide screening
P12-02  Tanja de Rijke (Netherlands): Needs of individuals with subjective cognitive decline regarding amyloid PET disclosure in the consulting room: an ABOARD study
P12-03  Rachael Kelley (United Kingdom): The COUNTED Study - Communication about treatment for Dementia in Memory Assessment Services
P12-04  Harriet Demnitz-King (United Kingdom): Investigating proteomics-derived biological age as a predictor of symptom progression in Alzheimer’s disease
P12-05  Filip Agatić (Slovenia): Performance evaluation of an EEG-based Early Dementia Screening Tool

17.00-18.15  
(Room 207) Parallel session P13.
INTERDEM Academy - Transitioning from PhD-student to postdoc: skills, challenges, and opportunities (On-site only)

Chairperson: Fania Dassen (Netherlands)

• Frans Verhey (Netherlands): Introduction on the transition from PhD-student to postdoc
• Charléss Dupont (Belgium): Early career challenges and needs
• Sara Bartels (Netherlands), Gill Yaron (Netherlands) and Sarah Janus (Netherlands): Sharing personal stories
• Plenary discussion
This session is organised by INTERDEM
17.00-18.15
(Room 208) Parallel session P14.
National dementia strategies (On-site only)

Chairperson: Jim Pearson (United Kingdom)
P14-01  Wendy Rankin (United Kingdom): National Dementia Strategies - Ensuring meaningful engagement with those with Lived Experience
P14-02  Lieselotte Klotz (Germany): Why is the National Dementia Strategy so important? the perspective of a person living with dementia from Germany
P14-03  Anne de Boer (Netherlands): A former minister as independent dementia ombudsman in the Netherlands - From policy to practice
P14-04  Julie Meerveld (Netherlands): “Dementia in Sight” map - Analysis of policy plotted on a map
P14-05  Clodagh Whelan (Ireland): A Decade of Dementia Advocacy - The story of the advocacy work of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in the ten years following Ireland’s first National Dementia Strategy

17.00-18.15
(Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations QOP2.
Technology and dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Anna Heino (Finland)
QOP2-01  Franziska Anushi Jagoda (Germany): Technology acceptance of family caregivers of people with dementia regarding a chatbot-based service delivery platform to assist in dealing with agitation
QOP2-02  David Neal (Netherlands): Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the FindMyApps eHealth intervention for people with mild dementia and their caregivers: results from a randomised controlled trial
QOP2-03  Esmee Adam (Netherlands): Valuable eHealth applications in long-term elderly care, a survey study among healthcare professionals
QOP2-04  Jennifer MacRitchie (United Kingdom): Co-designing new creative musical devices for people living with dementia
QOP2-05  Marie Poole (United Kingdom): Forward with Dementia: Expanding and adapting an online post diagnostic dementia support guide to support inclusivity and engagement with social care in the UK
QOP2-06  Sophie van der Landen (Netherlands): The shortened version of a web-based cognitive test tool (cCOG) retains good accuracy in detecting mild cognitive impairment and dementia
QOP2-07  Anne Sofie Thorup (Denmark): Digital Dementia Communities: A Safe and Accessible Starting Point for People with Dementia and Their Families
QOP2-08  Syed Muhammad Ali Hasnain (Ireland): Dementia and Technology (DaTe): Understanding technology use and need for dementia care at home(s) in Republic of Ireland
QOP2-09  Lucas Paletta (Austria): Digital Biomarkers with AI-based Decision Support Using Mobile Playful Exercise with High Adherence in Mild Dementia

18.30
Departure by bus to City Hall for Welcome reception

Tuesday, 17 October

08.30-10.00
(Room 101) Plenary session PL2.
Brain Health and prevention (Hybrid - Translation into Finnish available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
PL2-01  Miia Kivipelto (Finland): Building the evidence base for multimodal interventions through European and International collaborations
PL2-02  Nikolaos Scarmeas (Greece): The role of nutrition in the prevention of dementia
PL2-03  Katja Kanninen (Finland): Environmental factors and air pollution as risk factors for dementia
PL2-04  Giovanni Frisoni (Switzerland): Dementia prevention in memory clinics: recommendations from the European task force for brain health services

10.00-10.30
Coffee break and poster exhibition POS2 and POS3

10.30-11.45
(Room 101) Parallel session P15.
Integrated care (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Sonata Mačiulskytė (Lithuania)
P15-01  Rhoda Macrae (United Kingdom): The integrated health and care needs of people living with dementia in prison
P15-02  Carola Döpp (Netherlands): The first steps to develop an interprofessional approach to prevent and treat malnutrition people with dementia living at home
P15-03  Sara van de Schraaf (Netherlands): Care in a “no man’s land”: perspectives of healthcare professionals on care for people with vascular cognitive impairment and their caregivers – a focus group study
P15-04  Björn Schott (Germany): A teaching-hospital based dementia consultation service for rural primary care hospitals
P15-05  Emily Spencer (United Kingdom): Improving provision of annual reviews and care planning for people living with dementia: Learning from the PriDem implementation study
10.30-11.45  
(Room 102) Parallel session P16.  
Social health and dementia: Promoting Person-Centred Care and Human Rights (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Esme Moniz-Cook
P16-01 Myrna Vermooij-Dassen (Netherlands): Social health and the threat of stigma attached to dementia
P16-02 Dorota Szczesniak (Poland): Social health in dementia, what next?
P16-03 Georgina Charlesworth (United Kingdom): Interactional qualities of social dynamics in dementia: an agenda for future research
P16-04 Briony Harden (United Kingdom): A comprehensive review of National Dementia Plans: are human rights considered?

This session is organised by INTERDEM

10.30-11.45  
(Room 103A) Parallel session P17.  
Economic cost of dementia (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Owen Miller (Luxembourg)
P17-01 Laura O’Philbin (Ireland): The Economic Cost of Caring in Ireland: The Impact of the Cost of Living Crisis on Family Carers and Taking Action to Address It
P17-02 Soeren Mattke (United States): Closing the gap: Estimated investment need to increase England’s capacity to deliver an Alzheimer’s treatment to G7 average levels and implications for wait times
P17-03 Bethany Anthony (United Kingdom): An online pre-death grief and loss programme for carers of people living with a rare dementia: a micro-costing analysis of ‘The Road Less Travelled’
P17-04 Hanna-Maria Roitto (Finland): Incidence and prevalence of dementia diagnoses in Finland in 2016–2021
P17-05 Chiara Brück (Netherlands): Can case managers curb the financial burden of dementia in the future?

10.30-11.45  
(Room 103B) Parallel session P18.  
Tuki ja osallisuus muistisairauden eri vaiheissa - Support and involvement at different stages of dementia (Hybrid - Translation into English available)

Chairperson: Outi Ronkainen (Finland)
P18-01 Henna M. Leino (Suomi - Finland): "Kyl te olette sit ihmeellisilii" – Sairaalakluvni tuomassa iloa ja osallisuutta muistisairaille asukkaille - "You two are so peculiar!" Hospital clowns bringing joy and inclusion to residents with dementia
P18-02 Elisa Virkola (Suomi - Finland): Tunne voimavarasi -vertaisy-hmämällä tarjoaa keinoja omaishoitosuhteissa tapahtuvan kaltoinkohtelun ennaltaehkäisyyn / ‘Tune voimavarasi’ peer support group offers means to prevent abuse and neglect in care relationships
P18-03 Ulla Halonen (Suomi - Finland): Resurseija, yhteistyökumpanelta vai asiakkaita: Muistisairaiden omaishoitajat palvelujärjestelmässä / Family carers for people with memory disorders in the service system
P18-04 Milla Kammonen (Suomi / Finland): Muistiperheiden tuke-minen ravitsemuksen kautta / Supporting families dealing with dementia through organizing cooking classes
P18-05 Petri Lampinen (Suomi - Finland): Osallisuus minun elämässäni / Living life to the fullest - my way of meaningful engagement

This session is organised by Muistiliitto

10.30-11.45  
(Room 206) Parallel session P19.  
Informal carer support and training (On-site only)

Chairperson: Trevor Salomon (United Kingdom)
P19-01 Patricia Masterson Algar (United Kingdom): iSupport for Young Carers: An Adaptation of an e-health Intervention for Young Dementia Carers
P19-02 Barbara Bradbury (United Kingdom): Supporting healthcare professionals to provide continence advice to people living at home with dementia
P19-03 Tarja Välimäki (Finland): Depression trajectories in dementia caregiving - 5-year follow up
P19-04 Monika Gross (United States): “Partnering with Poise”: Retention of benefits 12 months after an Alexander technique online group course for care partners of people living with dementia

10.30-11.45  
(Room 207) Parallel session P20.  
Participation in a clinical trial, perspectives of a patient, clinician and pharma (On-site only)

Moderators: Lieza Exalto (Netherlands) and Marissa Zwan (Netherlands)  
With the participation of  
- Chris Roberts (United Kingdom), Chairperson of the European Working Group of People with Dementia  
- Jayne Goodrick (United Kingdom), Dementia Carers Count Advisory Member & Campaigner for National Association of Care Caterers  
- Blanche Tavernier (France), Associate Director, Global Clinical Operations, Clinical Country Management, Biogen France SAS

This session is organised by ABOARD

10.30-11.45  
(Room 208) Parallel session P21.  
Minority ethnic groups (On-site only)

Chairperson: Karan Jutlla (United Kingdom)
P21-01 Jennifer Lim (United Kingdom): The implementation of a culturally tailored Think Brain Health intervention in the Chinese communities across the UK: strategies and challenges
P21-02 Orla McDermott (United Kingdom): What works well for people with dementia from South Asian or Afro-Caribbean back-
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10.30-11.45
(Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations. QOP3.
Detection and diagnosis (On-site only)

Chairperson: Charles Scerri (Malta)
QOP3-01 Aniek van Gils (Netherlands): Use of a clinical decision support tool in memory clinic daily practice – The DAILY pilot study
QOP3-02 Sona Mkhtryan (Armenia): Early Detection Memory Screening with older adults in Armenia
QOP3-03 Alan Duncan (United Kingdom): To test or not test for dementia: perspectives of patients, significant others and primary care health care professionals
QOP3-04 Sarah Main (Canada): Canada’s First National Dementia Guidelines: A Collaborative Approach to Improving the Diagnosis Experience
QOP3-05 Linda Gjøra (Norway): Undiagnosed dementia in Norway
QOP3-06 Jetske van der Schaar (Netherlands): Patients’ perceptions and considerations regarding DNA testing in a memory clinic: DNA-ABOARD
QOP3-07 Esther van den Berg (Netherlands): Indirect speech comprehension in frontotemporal dementia and Alzheimer’s dementia: Validation of the Dutch version of the Hinting Task
QOP3-08 Heleen M.A. Hendriksen (Netherlands): Outcomes and experiences of participants with Subjective Cognitive Decline regarding disclosure of amyloid-PET results: the ABOARD project
QOP3-09 Alison McKeen (United Kingdom): Healthcare System Preparedness for Early Detection of Alzheimer’s – A Multi-partner Quality Improvement Project in Scotland
QOP3-10 Malin Aspö (Sweden): Perspectives of patients regarding the diagnostic trajectory at a specialized memory clinic: an interview study
QOP3-11 Maria Kaltsa (Greece): Implementing a Linguistic Lens for the Early Detection of Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer’s Disease: Evidence from language deficits in narrative discourse
QOP3-12 Tammie Gottschlich (United Kingdom): Patient experiences with early detection pathway in the Davos Alzheimer’s Collaborative (DAC) flagship programme Scotland site

11.45-12.00
Short Break

12.00-13.00
(Room 102) Special symposium SS1.
Housing and dementia (Hybrid)

Moderator: Anne de Boer (Netherlands)
With the participation of:
- Joost van Hoof (Netherlands)
- Leonie van Buuren (Netherlands)
- Vivian van Raaij (Netherlands)
This session is organised by Alzheimer Nederland

12.00-13.00
(Room 103A) Special symposium SS2.
Dementia researchers of the future (Hybrid)

Chairpersons: Iva Holmerová (Czech Republic) and Fania Dassen (Netherlands)
SS2-01 Thais Lorenzo (Spain): Engaging participants in lifestyle interventions to prevent cognitive decline: The role of psychosocial factors and age in the PENSA study
SS2-02 Carlos Gómez Martínez (Spain): COVID-19 and cognitive impairment in older adults: Longitudinal analysis from the PREDIMED-PLUS Cohort
SS2-03 Ieva Petkutė (Lithuania): Photovoice practice and carer of people living with dementia involvement for transformative change in Lithuania
SS2-04 Thais Lorenzo (Spain): Engaging participants in lifestyle interventions to prevent cognitive decline: The role of psychosocial factors and age in the PENSA study
SS2-05 Aysan Mahmoudi Asl (Spain): Acceptability of the Social Robot Mini and Attitudes of People with Dementia and Mild Cognitive Impairment
SS2-06 Miren Altuna Azkargorta (Spain): Down Syndrome - Basque Alzheimer Initiative (DS-BAI): Integrative health care plan based on personalized medicine and clinical-biological research cohort
SS2-07 Rafaela Toulou (Greece): Music-making for older people with and without dementia in residential care facilities: Preliminary findings from a community music intervention
SS2-08 Naia Ros (Spain): Including the socio-emotional approach in a finger-like multi-domain intervention to prevent cognitive decline. CITA Go-On Study
SS2-09 Electra Chatzidimitriou (Greece): Premorbid personality traits and their relationship with functional impairment in early-stage behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia
SS2-10 Marina Makri (Greece): Attitudes, motivations, and barriers to pre-symptomatic Alzheimer’s disease screening: a comparison between informal caregivers in five European countries
This session is organised by the Alzheimer Europe Foundation and the INTERDEM Academy with thanks to Roche for supporting the meeting space.
12.00-13.00  
(Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations QOP4. Ethical and legal issues (On-site only)  
Chairpersons: Maria do Rosário Zincke dos Reis (Portugal)  
QOP4-01 Kajius Ervasti (Finland): The well-being and rights of people living with dementia in Finland during the pandemic  
QOP4-02 Flore Schuthof (Netherlands): Forget Me Not: the Human Right to Legal Capacity of Persons with Dementia  
QOP4-03 Kevin De Sabbata (United Kingdom): Dementia, autonomy and advance decisions: towards a new vision of life  
QOP4-04 Elisabeth Stock (Switzerland): From fork to mind: Ethical considerations of nutrition in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease  
QOP4-05 Kees Blankman (Netherlands): Elder abuse, undue influence and (non-)intervention  
QOP4-06 Henna Nikumaa (Finland): Autonomy of People with Dementia – an Experience of Agency or a Legal Capacity to be Assessed?  
QOP4-07 Pietro Refolo (Italy): The ethical relevance of explainibility for AI-solutions for early diagnosis of dementia  
QOP4-08 Elleke Landeweer (Netherlands): Freedom restricting measures in dementia special care units: Negative and positive concepts of liberty operationalized in practice  
14.00-15.15  
(Room 102) Parallel session P23. Advance statements and advance care planning – Bridging the gap between disciplines (Hybrid)  
Moderators: Kees Blankman (Netherlands) and Rieneke Stelma-Roorda (Netherlands)  
P23-01 Adrian Ward (United Kingdom): A multi-disciplinary approach is essential: a former practitioner’s view, including the development of advance choices  
P23-02 Eefje Sizoo (Netherlands): Decision making with people with dementia: towards an inclusionary approach  
P23-03 Rieneke Stelma-Roorda (Netherlands): Decision making by and for adults with impaired capacity: the potential of the Dutch levenstestament  
P23-04 Jenny van der Steen (Netherlands): Advance care planning: moving conceptualizations beyond a capacity dichotomy towards inclusiveness  
This session is organised by Alzheimer Nederland  
14.00-15.15  
(Room 103A) Parallel session P24. Brain health and prevention II (Hybrid)  
Chairperson: Craig Ritchie (United Kingdom)  
P24-01 Sophie Fraser (United Kingdom): Reach for the STARS: The My Amazing Brain schools programme  
P24-02 Lukas Duffner (Netherlands): Life-course engagement in mental and social leisure activities and late-life cognitive decline in the Lothian Birth Cohort 1936  
P24-03 Colin Rosenau (Netherlands): Validation of the updated “Lifestyle for BRAin health” (LIBRA) index: A 10-year follow up of the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing  
P24-04 Lotte Truin (Netherlands): Knowledge, needs and preferences of persons with subjective cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment and their healthcare providers on dementia risk reduction  
P24-05 Jens Soeterboek (Netherlands): Association of ambient air pollution with cognitive functioning and structural brain damage: The Maastricht Study  
14.00-15.15  
(Room 103B) Parallel session P25. Muistisairaat ihmiset Suomessa, toimintamallit ja toimijuus - People with dementia in Finland - policies and participation (Hybrid - Translation into English available)  
Chairperson: Krista Pajala (Finland)  
P25-01 Hanna-Maria Roitto (Finland): Diagnostic and treatment algorithms of dementia in Finland 2016-2021. Incidence and prevalence of dementia diagnoses in Finland in 2016-2021  
P25-02 Outi Ronkainen (Finland): Muistisairaiden ja lääisten koke-muksia sopeutumisvalmentusskurseista ja ajatuksia ihan-
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P25-03 Tiina Ahonen (Finland): Tun kuulet, pystyt myös osallistumaan! - Muistisairaan henkilön kuolukuntoutus kognition ja vuorovaikutuksen tukena / Hearing well, living well - fully participating

P25-04 Päivi Jussila (Finland): Kohtaamistaideyhymästä onnistumisen kokemuksia työäväisenä sairastuneelle / Encounter Art group gives experiences of achievement to people with young-onset dementia

P23-05 Teija Mikkilä (Finland): Muistiryhmä kehittämässä asuinymympäristön turvallisuuskävelyä / Developing a neighbourhood safety walk with groups of people with dementia

This session is organised by Muistiliitto

14.00-15.15 (Room 206) Parallel session P26. Living with Dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Helen Rochford-Brennan (Ireland)

P26-01 Eimear McGlincey (Ireland): Developing best practice guidelines for post-diagnostic dementia support for people with an intellectual disability

P26-02 Margaret McCallion (United Kingdom): The Voices of People Living with Dementia: A book reading by Margaret

P26-03 Gianna Kohl (United Kingdom): Predictors of stigma resistance in people living with dementia

P26-04 Katherine Bak (Canada): Experiences of workplace accommodations for individuals with dementia in the workplace: stories from three countries

P26-05 Petri Lampinen (Finland): I have not let dementia limit my life. This is my story

14.00-15.15 (Room 207) Parallel session P27. The potential of artificial intelligence for dementia risk prediction (On-site only)

Chairperson: Ira Haraldsen (Norway)


P27-02 Ainar Drews (Norway): Opportunities created by Artificial Intelligence in dementia research and diagnosis

P27-03 Robin Vermeulen (Netherlands): The potential value of a dementia risk estimation tool for subjects with mild cognitive impairment: an early health technology assessment

P27-04 Eugenio Di Brino (Italy): What do we know on patient perception of the artificial intelligence?

This session is organised by AI-MIND

14.00-15.15 (Room 208) Parallel session P28. LGBTQ+ community (On-site only)

Chairperson: Paddy Crosbie (Ireland)

P28-01 John Hammond (United Kingdom): Exploring the experiences of LGBTQ+ people living with dementia using the Candidacy Framework

P28-02 Linn Sandberg (Sweden): Still here, still queer: LGBTQ people with dementia and Swedish dementia care

P28-03 Daithí Clayton (Belgium) and Phil Harper (United Kingdom): The Space Between - Understanding the experiences of non-binary individuals with dementia. A qualitative exploration

P28-04 John Hammond (United Kingdom): Documenting the experiences of a non-binary researcher living with dementia

P28-05 Patrick Ettenes (United Kingdom): Raising awareness of the needs and requirements of LGBTQ+ BPoC affected by dementia

14.00-15.15 (Room 204/205) Quick Oral Presentation - QOP5. Care staff and work force (On-site only)

Chairperson: Esme Moniz-Cook (United Kingdom)

QOP5-01 Amy Pepper (United Kingdom): Research involvement, support needs, and factors affecting research participation: A survey of dementia specialist nurses

QOP5-02 Annikki Immonen (Finland): Care staff and the sense of history

QOP5-03 Robyn Dowlen (United Kingdom): Embedding musical care - the impacts of a music-based training programme on care staff wellbeing and caring practices

QOP5-04 Eileen Harkess-Murphy (United Kingdom): Trauma Informed Approach in Dementia (TrIAD): Understanding trauma within family-based dementia care: an analysis of Telephone Helpline Calls

QOP5-05 Mairead Bracken-Scally (Ireland): Developing an Education Programme for Healthcare Staff in the Implementation of a National Clinical Guideline on Appropriate Prescribing of Psychotropic Medication

QOP5-06 Anna Jack-Waugh (United Kingdom): Learning lessons from dementia workforce education to develop general hospital dementia change agents for the future: A constructivist grounded theory study

QOP5-07 Kate Brennan (Ireland): Outcomes and key findings from the evaluation of the Dementia Care and Support Programme

QOP5-08 Leonie Copraj (Netherlands): Collaboration to foster lifelong learning and development: first experiences from four Dutch learning communities enabling to live well with dementia

QOP5-09 Ann-Christin Kärrman (Sweden): Star Branded dementia care – From national guidelines to implementation of person-centred care

QOP5-10 Marleen H. Lovink (Netherlands): Optimising skill mix in nursing homes

QOP5-11 Lizzy Boots (Netherlands): Implementing a supportive eHealth intervention for caregivers of people with dementia in daily practice: the Partner in Balance societal business case

QOP5-12 Anders Möller Jensen (Denmark): Dementia training for third-semester nursing students – involving people with dementia
15.15-15.45
Coffee break and poster exhibition POS2 and POS3

15.45-17.15
(Room 101) Plenary session PL3.
Intersectionality in dementia (Hybrid - Translation into English available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
PL3-01 Karan Jutlla (United Kingdom): Achieving Cultural Inclusivity in Dementia Care
PL3-02 Linn Sandberg (Sweden): Are they here, are they queer? LGBTQ People with Dementia and the limits of person-centred care
PL3-03 Alain Dekker (Netherlands): Dementia in people with intellectual disabilities: introduction to both Down syndrome and severely disabled populations
PL3-04 Päivi Topo (Finland): How to better support people with dementia from socio-economically disadvantaged groups

17.30-18.30
(Room 102) Special symposium SS4.
From ideas to reality: real life experience and tangible examples of developing and implementing national dementia plans (Hybrid)

Moderator: Wendy Weidner (United Kingdom)
With the participation of:
• Lorène Gilly (France)
• Monika Kripp (Austria)
• Jane Mahakian (Armenia)
• Jim Pearson (United Kingdom)

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17.30-18.30
(Room 103A) Special symposium SS5.
Psychosocial interventions and dementia: a European overview (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Jean-Bernard Mabire (France)
With the participation of:
• Hélène Jacquemont (France)
• Christine Tabuenca (France)
• Victoria Tischler (United Kingdom)
• Andrea Fabbo (Italy)
• Martina Roes (Netherlands)

This session is organised by Fondation Médéric Alzheimer.

17.30-18.30
(Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations QOP6.
Brain health and prevention (On-site only)

Chairperson: Alina Solomon (Finland)
QOP6-01 Iris Blotenberg (Germany): Dementia in Germany: Case Numbers and Prevention Potential
QOP6-02 Anna Rosenberg (Finland): Digitally supported lifestyle program to promote brain health among older adults (LETHE pilot trial) – Study design and progress
QOP6-03 Jeroen Bruinsma (Netherlands): The public’s perspectives on lifestyle-related behaviour change for dementia risk reduction: a qualitative study in the Netherlands
QOP6-04 Irene Heger (Netherlands): Using mHealth for primary prevention of dementia: A proof-of-concept study on usage patterns, appreciation, and beliefs and attitudes regarding prevention
QOP6-05 Danielle Jones (United Kingdom): Communicating the risk of dementia in memory clinics: a conversation analytic perspective
QOP6-06 Stephanie Van Asbroeck (Netherlands): Brain-healthy behaviour and its determinants in the flow of everyday life: a smartphone-based experience sampling method pilot study
QOP6-07 Elaheh Moradi (Finland): Machine learning prediction of future amyloid positivity in amyloid-negative individuals
QOP6-08 Morgane Kuenzl (United Kingdom): Early adverse experiences and later life cognitive functioning: Importance of the ventral striatum
QOP6-09 Lewis Arthurton (United Kingdom): The World Alzheimer Report 2023: Dementia risk reduction is everyone’s business
QOP6-10 Arlene Astell (Canada): RESILIENT: A lifestyle coaching app for subjective cognitive decline

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08.30-10.00
(Room 101) Plenary session PL4.
New opportunities (Hybrid session – Translation into Finnish available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
PL4-01 Nicolas Villain (France): How to evaluate the efficacy and safety of anti-amyloid treatments as a researcher, a clinician or patient
PL4-02 Ulrika Granér (Sweden): Vision zero: A Swedish model for dementia care without restraint
PL4-03 Eino Solje (Finland): Beyond Alzheimer’s disease – the treatment and care of people with other types of dementia: Focus in FTD and LBD
PL4-04 Martin Orrell (UK): Improving the lives of people with dementia through technology

10.00-10.30
Coffee break and Poster exhibition POS4
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Chairperson: Heike von Lützau-Hohlbein (Germany)
P29-01 Päivi Eskola (Finland): Until death do us part – Dementia and intimacy in a couplehood
P29-02 Rosie Dunn (United Kingdom): Exploring the role of dementia, multiple health conditions and couplehood: a qualitative evidence review and meta-ethnography
P29-03 Sara Johnson Hjulström (Sweden): Sexuality, Intimacy, and dementia – make it talkable!
P29-04 Maaret Meriläinen (Finland): Spousal relationship support - website for couples living with dementia

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Chairperson: Simone Anna Felding (Germany)
P30-01 Simone Anna Felding (Germany): Introduction: Results from DISTINCT & INDUCT
P30-02 Sara Laureen Bartels (Netherlands): Presentation of the recently published INDUCT anthology
P30-03 Josephine Rose Tan (Netherlands) & Gianna Kohl (United Kingdom): Experiences and learnings from developing web-based interventions
P30-04 Pascale Heins & Golnaz Atefi (Netherlands): Feasibility and user experiences of e-health and m-health interventions for people living with dementia and their informal caregivers
P30-05 David Neal (Netherlands) & Beliz Budak (Germany): Evaluation and implementation of technologies for people with dementia

This session is organised by INTERDEM

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(Room 103A) Parallel session P31. Patient and public involvement in research (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Soraya Moradi-Bachiller (Luxembourg)
P31-01 Sarah Griffiths (United Kingdom): Co-producing a dementia research funding application with a diverse partnership group
P31-02 Meg Wyatt (United Kingdom): Using Art to support Patient and Public Involvement for people living with dementia
P31-03 Anna Smith (United Kingdom): The powerful impact of Dementia Research when designed in partnership with people diagnosed with Dementia
P31-04 Noora Narsakka (Finland): Co-creating changes with older adults in nursing homes for increased activity and improved mobility
P31-05 Mervi Issakainen (Finland): Co-authoring as means for discussing the rights of people living with young onset dementia

10.30-11.45
(Room 103B) Parallel session P32. Raising awareness for a future without Alzheimer’s: the example of the Pasqual Maragall Foundation and its research centre (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Cristina Maragall Garrigosa (Spain)
P32-01 Karine Fauria (Spain): Facing the new paradigm in the Alzheimer’s research results through social awareness
P32-02 Eva Nebot (Spain): Turning research into a societal and policy priority
P32-03 Angels Arrazola Díaz (Spain): Reaching the general public to change consciousness

This session is organised by the Pasqual Maragall Foundation

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(Room 106) Parallel session P33. Psychosocial interventions (On-site only)

Chairperson: Franka Meiland (Netherlands)
P33-01 Melanie Boekholt (Germany): Do older people with cognitive impairment benefit from Intersectoral Care Management during and after hospital stay? Results of a randomized controlled trial (IntersecCM)
P33-02 Reinhard Guss (United Kingdom): Embedding new research outputs in clinical practice - a catalogue of psychosocial interventions and online tools for cognitive rehabilitation and “living well”
P33-03 Jodie Bloска (United Kingdom): Implementing an intervention trial residential care: lessons for research from the MIDDEL study of music intervention
P33-04 Clara O’Reilly (Ireland): The Buddy Programme – An Intergenerational Dementia Intervention
P33-05 Karin Wolf-Ostermann (Germany): Reducing Hospital Admissions for People living with Dementia – Results of the cluster-randomized DemWG-study

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(Room 206) Parallel session P34. Dealing with BPSD in special medical care units (On-site only)

Chairperson: Mario Possenti (Italy)
P34-01 Sara Fassendini (Italy): Reaching a consensus on the SCU-B (Special Care Unit for BPSD): General overview of the RECage Project
P34-02 Anna Giulia Guazzarini (Italy): Exploring the innovations and challenges of SCU-B units for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia: a qualitative study in the RECage project
P34-03 Paraskevi Sakka (Greece): Scaling up activities and possible alternative responses to BPSD issues
P34-04 Sander Ostyn (Netherlands): Cost-effectiveness of the special care unit for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia

This session is organised by RECage
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(Room 208) Parallel session P35.
Dementia-inclusive initiatives (On-site only)

Chairperson: René Thyrian (Germany)
P35-01 Clarissa Giebel (United Kingdom): The landscape of inequalities in dementia across Europe: First insights from the INTER-DEM Taskforce
P35-02 Ruth Bartlett (United Kingdom): Social farms: an inclusive or exclusive initiative?
P35-03 Annabelle Long (United Kingdom): Community exercise classes for people living with dementia – inclusive or exclusive? Recommendations from a PhD thesis
P35-04 Kevin Rabiant (France): Dementia-inclusive initiative: A partnership agreement with the National Gendarmerie
P35-05 Daniela Berardinelli (Italy): A Dementia Friendly Community-led educational intervention to reduce dementia-related stigma

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(Room 204/205) Parallel session QOP7.
Living with dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Carmel Geoghegan (Ireland)
QOP7-01 Jonna Jensen (Denmark): Calming Touch for People with Agitation or Other Behavioral Symptoms of Dementia
QOP7-02 Hanne Kristensen (Denmark): Enabling Work in Everyday Life for people with Dementia (EWELID): A person-centered and activity-based intervention
QOP7-03 Simone De Bruin (Netherlands): Portrayals of living with dementia: citizen science to reduce dementia fear
QOP7-04 Alain Bérard (France): Driving: a comparison between seniors and people living with dementia
QOP7-05 Emma Harding (United Kingdom): “I want to DO something” – Exploring what makes activities meaningful for community-dwelling people living with dementia: a focused ethnographic study
QOP7-06 Anna Heino (Finland): Beyond words – practical methods and tools for enriching communication with people with dementia
QOP7-07 Lina Van Aerschot (Finland): People with dementia and their informal carers: at particular risk of care poverty
QOP7-08 Catrin Hedd Jones (United Kingdom): Developing bilingual peer guides to living with dementia: the Knowledge is Power series
QOP7-09 Ben Hicks (United Kingdom): Exploring the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the quality of life of people with dementia and their family carers in the DETERMIND cohort

11.45-12.00
Short Break

12.00-13.00
(Room 102) Special symposium SS7.
New discoveries from shared data (Hybrid)

Moderator: Angela Bradshaw (Luxembourg)
With the participation of:
SS7.1 Sarah Bauermeister (United Kingdom): Insights from UK Biobank: connecting adversity and cognition
SS7.2 Alina Solomon (Finland): Insights from the FINGER trial: impact of depression and cardiovascular health on dementia risk
SS7.3 Sandar Aye (Sweden): Insights from SveDem: using population-based data to improve diagnosis, treatment and care
SS7.4 Stina Saunders (United Kingdom): Insights from the EPAD-LCS study: biomarkers, cognition, and participant involvement.

This special symposium is supported by GatesVentures

12.00-13.00
(Room 103A) Special symposium SS8.
Optimising Alzheimer’s disease Health Care Pathways today: best practices in action (Hybrid)

Moderator: Phyllis Ferrell (USA)
SS8-01 Marguerite Keating (United Kingdom): My journey in Alzheimer’s disease
SS8-02 Jane Mahakian (Armenia): Brain Health Armenia: Large scale mobile cognitive screening and education
SS8-03 Ira Haraldsen (Norway): AI Mind: a novel, artificial intelligence approach to diagnosis
SS8-04 Craig Ritchie (United Kingdom): Real World experience of the Brain Health approach in practice in Scotland

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12.00-13.00
(Room 204/205) Quick oral presentations QOP8.
Informal carer support and training (On-site only)

Chairperson: Jayne Goodrick (United Kingdom)
QOP8-01 Tina Cartwright (United Kingdom): Typologies of caregiving: Understanding support needs of carers across four continents
QOP8-02 Nina Zerrar (France): Dynamics in Dementia’s perception and care provision in France between 2020 and 2023: evidence from Elders cohort
QOP8-03 Füsun Kocaman (Turkey): Informal female caregivers trained to be formal carers
QOP8-04 René Thyrian (Germany): Effectiveness of a digitally supported care management programme to reduce unmet needs of family caregivers: first results of a cluster randomised controlled trial (GAIN)
QOP8-05 Nikolas Dietzel (Germany): Predictors of support service utilization of people with dementia and their family caregivers: Digital Dementia Registry Bavaria
QOP8-06 Tamara Backhouse (United Kingdom): Caregiver confidence and support needs in advanced dementia: how can we measure these areas?

QOP8-07 Najoua Lazaar (Netherlands): ‘How do you persevere?’: a qualitative study looking into the experiences of informal caregivers with diverse backgrounds living in the Netherlands

QOP8-09 Shirley Evans (United Kingdom): Crossing the Line: co-producing resources to support family carers providing personal care

QOP8-10 Golnaz Atefi (Netherlands): Theory-guided e-health for informal caregivers of people with dementia: Results of a mixed-methods feasibility study

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(Room 101) Parallel session P36. Residential care (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Barry Northedge (United Kingdom)

P36-01 Stefanie Wiloth (Germany): The importance of verbal feedback and nursing skill development to promote quality of life in people with dementia in the context of long-term care

P36-02 Øyvind Kirkevold (Norway): Resistance to care, coercive measures, and undone care in nursing homes

P36-03 Zena Aldridge (United Kingdom): Using moral courage to reduce moral distress in end-of-life care decision-making for people living with advanced dementia in care homes

P36-04 Angela Gregory (United Kingdom): Understanding the meaning within activities and interactions with people living with advanced dementia in a Scottish care home

P36-05 Christine Tabuenca (France): Encouraging new * homes * for people living with dementia

14.00-15.15
(Room 102) Parallel session P37. Using the patient and caregiver voice to improve our understanding of their experiences living with Alzheimer’s disease (Hybrid)

Moderator: Jim Pearson (United Kingdom)

With the participation of

• Sonya Miller (United Kingdom)
• Linda Somerlade (United Kingdom)
• Jeffrey LaVaute (United States)

This session is organised by TauRx

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(Room 103A) Parallel session P38. Clinical trial recruitment and retention (Hybrid)

Chairperson: Sasha Bozeat (Switzerland)

P38-01 Thais Lorenzo (Spain): Enhancing participant adherence to a multidomain lifestyle intervention for preventing cognitive decline: Insights from the PENSA study

P38-02 Victoria Shepherd (United Kingdom): Improving the inclusion of people with impaired capacity to consent in dementia clinical trials: the development of interventions to support inclusivity

P38-03 Sarah Griffiths (United Kingdom): Inclusion of people living with dementia in research: findings from the PriDem feasibility study

P38-04 Clare Burgon (United Kingdom): Barriers to the inclusion of underserved groups in research about co-existing dementia and hearing conditions: An experience-based co-design study

P38-05 Ana Perez (Norway): Classifications of MCI and its potential selection-bias in an AI-based modelling

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(Room 206) Parallel session P40. Technology and dementia (On-site only)

Chairperson: Marco Blom (Netherlands)

P40-01 Franka Meiland (Netherlands): Stress detection in people with dementia using sensors in garments: the MASQUE project

P40-02 Simone Anna Felding (Germany): Facilitating social robots and playfulness in a nursing home for people with dementia

P40-03 Aisling Flynn (Ireland): Evaluating a virtual reality social connecting space for older adults living with dementia and their support person

P40-04 Francesca Toso (Netherlands): Supporting companies to design better technological products for people living with dementia – a case study

P40-05 Hanneke Smaling (Netherlands): Developing an emotion-intelligent robot for nursing home residents with dementia to facilitate personalized care

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(Room 207) Parallel session P41. When care homes stop caring (On-site only)

Moderators: Trevor Salomon (United Kingdom) and Sonata Mačiulskytė (Lithuania)

This interactive session is organised by the European Dementia Carers Working Group
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Chairperson: Chris Bintener (Luxembourg)
P42-01 Olivier Constant (Belgium): The ‘Flemish working group of people with dementia’: our call to action for respectful communication
P42-02 Katherine Ruilinga (Netherlands): Young people are an indispen-nsable link in a dementia friendly society
P42-03 Rubina Qureshi (Canada): Turning Alzheimer Diagnosis into an opportunity to help break down the stigma associated with dementia
P42-04 Lorène Gilly (France): “Let’s act together!” - a magazine to raise awareness among decision makers
P42-05 Silke Creten (Belgium): Surveying attitudes towards dementia as an essential first step to counter the stigma

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QOP9-02 Sabrina Ross (Germany): Evaluating a memory aid handbook for older people with memory problems
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QOP9-05 Phyllis Fehr (Canada): Empowering Dementia-Friendly Communities Through research and implementation
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QOP9-10 Ilaria Chirico (Italy): A systematic review of interventions for promoting well-being in young carers
QOP9-11 Lizzy Boots (Netherlands): First results from the Dutch SPREAD+ consortium: Sustainable and Personalised Advances in Dementia care: updated review and needs prioritisation
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(Room 101) Plenary session PL5. Policy round table “Dementia as a European public health and policy priority” (Hybrid – Translation into Finnish available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
With the participation of:
• Andy Heffernan, Chief Executive, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland and Board member, Alzheimer Europe, Ireland
• Taru Koivisto, Director General, Department for Communities and Functional Capacity / Functional Capacity Unit, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
• Sonata Mačiulskytė, Chairperson, European Dementia Carers Working Group, Lithuania
• Anne Remes, Council President, Muistiliitto, Finland
• Chris Roberts, Chairperson, European Working Group of People with Dementia, United Kingdom
• Elina Suzuki, Health Policy Analyst, OECD

17.00-17.15
(Room 101) Closing ceremony (Hybrid – Translation into Finnish available)

Moderators: Kim Coppes (Netherlands) and Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
- Presentation by winner of 2023 Alzheimer Europe Anti-Stigma Award
- Stefanie Becker (Switzerland): Welcome to 34th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Geneva, Switzerland
Closing comments by
- Anne Remes, Council President, Muistiliitto, Finland
- Maria do Rosário Zincke dos Reis, Chairperson, Alzheimer Europe
We remain committed to transforming Alzheimer’s disease and to preserving what makes people who they are.
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**POS1-02** [Rosie Bradley (United Kingdom)]: Risk Reduction: A Novel Brain Health-focused Pathway for Patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment in Greater Manchester

**POS1-03** [Laura Mussalo (Finland)]: Altered cellular response of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease to traffic related ultrafine particles

**POS1-04** [Ondrej Machaczka (Czech Republic)]: Analysis of the association between risk factors for dementia and atherosclerosis: Czech case-control study

**POS1-05** [Greg Flynn (United Kingdom)]: Decentralised clinical trials: How the support for Dementia Carers study identifies, recruits and communicates with unpaid carers across Britain

**POS1-06** [Sander Osstyn (Netherlands)]: The effectiveness and health-economic evaluation of ‘Partner in Balance’, a blended self-management program for early-stage dementia caregivers: study protocol

**POS1-07** [Mary Michael (United States)]: Cost Considerations of Untreated Agitation: Direct, Indirect, and Intangible

**POS1-08** [Anthea Innes (Canada)]: Involving people living with dementia in research

**POS1-09** [Monica Leverton (United Kingdom)]: Using science illustration to co-produce a model of Dementia Champions in homecare: The ‘DemChamp’ study

**POS1-10** [Lina Van Aerschot (Finland)]: Socially sustainable care: participation and care poverty of persons with dementia and their informal carers

**POS1-11** [Hsiu-Chen Shih (Taiwan)]: Initiate Patient and Public Involvement in Research: decide a good research question

**POS1-12** [Milka Lintinen (Finland)]: The Musical Living Will Method

**POS1-13** [Esther Hui (United Kingdom)]: Impact of treatments for diabetes mellitus on the risk of developing mild cognitive impairment, dementia or cognitive decline

**POS1-14** [Sam Asher (Finland)]: Differential effect of anterior and posterior tooth loss on 11-year risk of cognitive decline

**POS1-15** [Annalisa La Face (Austria)]: The first Cognitive Reserve instrument for people with Intellectual Developmental Disorders

**POS1-16** [Björn Schott (Germany)]: Preserved inhibitory temporo-parietal effective connectivity is associated with explicit memory performance in older adults

**POS1-17** [Evelyn Morrison (United States)]: Addressing Inequities in Clinical Trial Representation – Lessons from a Community Centered Pilot

**POS1-18** [Lorenzo Agostino Citterio (Italy)]: Evaluation of the effects of Glibenclamide-loaded nanovector on inflammasome-related genes and microRNAs in Alzheimer’s disease

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**POS1-21** [Jacob Huizenga (Netherlands)]: Brain Power: A Dutch Group of People with Dementia as Co-researchers in What Matters Most in Everyday Life

**POS1-22** [Malin Aspö (Sweden)]: Family members experiences’ of living close to a person with young-onset dementia

**POS1-23** [AnnaKaisa Haapasalo (Finland)]: Pre-diagnostic early synaptic disturbances in neurodegenerative diseases (SynaDeg project)

**POS1-24** [Charles David (Netherlands)]: The pre-diagnostic phase of young-onset dementia: a scoping review

**POS1-25** [Hanna Bodde (Netherlands)]: The current status of care and support directly following the diagnosis of young-onset dementia in the Netherlands

**POS1-26** [Lucas Duffner (Netherlands)]: Social relationship factors, cognitive activity engagement and cognitive decline across 25 years in the Maastricht Ageing Study

**POS1-27** [Dominique Pauuw (Netherlands)]: Netherlands Dementia Prevention Initiative (NDPI)

**POS1-28** [Kevin Rabiant (France)]: The ALFA3 pilot study: a unique cohort involving people living with Alzheimer’s disease, and their first-degree relatives and caregivers

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**POS1-31** [Julie Vanderlinden (Belgium)]: Sleep characteristics in people with early onset dementia

**POS1-32** [Maud Ritzen (Belgium)]: Needs of individuals, dyads and families living with young-onset dementia explored by phase scoping review

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**POS1-34** [Kristina Horne (Australia)]: Using anhedonia to understand rigid behaviours in younger-onset dementia

**POS1-35** [Arlene Astell (United Kingdom)]: Together Stronger: Creative arts group for children of a parent with young onset dementia

**POS1-36** [Johan Renssen (Netherlands)]: Neuropsychology in the Digital Age: Stakeholder Perspectives on the Future Role of Digital Cognitive Assessment in the Memory Clinic
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VOP4-13 Silvia Pellegrini and Silvia Grandi (Italy): Giving value to the identity of people with dementia in Validation® group sessions
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Social programme

Welcome reception
Monday, 17 October (18.30-20.30)

The welcome reception is hosted by the City of Helsinki, and will take place at the Helsinki City Hall. Conference delegates interested in attending need to register for this event separately, using the link provided on our website.

A bus transfer will be organised for registered participants leaving at 18.30 from Messukeskus (the conference venue), travelling to the Helsinki City Hall, where the welcome reception will take place from 19.00 to 20.30. After the reception, delegates are free to explore the city or return to their hotels, but no return transfer will be provided.

The welcome reception is organised without financial support from industry sponsors.

Networking dinner and Anti-Stigma award ceremony
Tuesday, 18 October (19.30-23.00)

The Networking dinner and Anti-stigma award ceremony is sponsored by the Alzheimer Europe Foundation. This event will take place at the Old Student House on Tuesday 17 October at 19:30.

Vanha Ylioppilastalo is an event house in the heart of Helsinki, opened more than 140 years ago. The Old Student House (usually just ‘Vanha’ in Finnish, meaning ‘the old one’) is perhaps the most legendary event venue in Helsinki, being an integral part of Helsinki’s cultural history. The banquet hall is breathtakingly beautiful, and the restaurant is known for its high-end cuisine.

The Old Student House is located at Mannerheimintie 3. It is within walking distance from the central train station and many city centre hotels.

No bus transfer will be organised for this event.
Keynote speakers

Alain DEKKER
Dr. Alain Dekker is Head of the department of Practice-oriented Scientific Research (PWO) at Alliade, a care organization providing diagnostics, treatment, care and support for >7000 people with intellectual disabilities and vulnerable elderly in the Dutch province of Friesland. In addition, he works as lecturer-researcher at the University of Groningen and University Medical Center Groningen. Dr. Dekker is specialised in intellectual disability research, in particular dementia in people with intellectual disabilities (his dissertation about Alzheimer’s disease in people with Down syndrome received distinction/cum laude). Currently he oversees a range of practice-oriented scientific studies, focussing on people with intellectual disabilities and elderly people; focusing, on dementia in people with Down syndrome and with severe/profound intellectual (and multiple) disabilities, as well as studies addressing care interventions and comorbidities often related to dementia, such as dysphagia and obstructive sleep apnea. As a board member of the Dementia Table Groningen foundation, he organizes symposia to disseminate knowledge and exchange of experiences in daily practice with people that have intellectual disabilities and dementia.

Giovanni FRISONI
Giovanni Frisoni is a Clinical neurologist, full Professor of Clinical Neuroscience at the University of Geneva (Switzerland), Director of the Memory Clinic of the Geneva University Hospital, and formerly the Scientific Director at the National Alzheimer’s Centre in Brescia, Italy. He has authored over 700 scientific papers listed in PubMed, is an imaging editor for Neurobiology of Aging, and founding editorial board member of The Lancet Neurology. Has led national and international projects funded by the European Commission, IMI, the Alzheimer’s Association, Italian and Swiss Ministry of Health, and industry. He is chairman of Alzheimer’s Imaging Consortium at the International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease in 2010 and 2011, and an honorary member of the Austrian and French Neurological Societies. He received the Investigator Award Winner of European Academy of Neurology in 2016.

Ulrika GRANÉR
Ulrika Granér is a specialist nurse (MSc) in geriatric care and a registered Silvia Nurse. She started her career 2006 in oncological inpatient care, moving on to working in community home care and then in specialized palliative home care. From 2016 to 2021 she worked as a dementia care specialist consultant in the municipality, educating and supporting staff working in day centre/centres, home care services, and in nursing homes. Family support and supporting people living with dementia was also a part of everyday work. Since 2021, she is a team member of the Stiftelsen Silviahemmet Foundation, working with dementia care education and international relations. She is an ambassador of the “Vision Zero – for dementia care without restraint” program from the Swedish Dementia Center.

Andy HEFFERNAN
Andy Heffernan is currently the Chief Executive of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, having previously served as the National Secretary of the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP), one of the largest voluntary charitable organisations in Ireland. Prior to his role at the SVP, he was Chief Executive of St John of God Community Services, an organisation providing a range of services to those with learning disabilities and mental health issues across Ireland. He served in the Defence Forces for 19 years, holding a range of training, command and staff appointments. He also served abroad, including three tours in the Middle East with the United Nations, Central Africa with Goal and the Balkans with the European Union. Andy has a BSc from NUIG, an MSc from the University of Ulster and a certificate in Charity Law, Trustee-ship and Governance from the Law Society of Ireland. His interests include current affairs, rugby and reading.

Nigel HULLAH
Nigel Hullah was nominated by Alzheimer’s Society (United Kingdom) to join the European Working Group of People with Dementia in October 2020. He is the Chair of the 3 Nations Dementia Working Group (3NDWG) and has gained exposure to the development of services and helping with innovation of strategies. He also supports the rights of all disabled people (including those with a dementia diagnosis) for equitable services, the fulfilment of statutory and civil rights and the promotion of their preferences and a right to be heard at a regional and national level. Nigel was diagnosed with early-onset dementia in 2012.

Karan JUTLLA
Dr Karan Jutlla is a passionate researcher and educator dedicated to promoting cultural inclusivity in dementia care. As an academic, Karan’s research interests in the challenge of dementia care, particularly within ethnic minority backgrounds have spanned over a decade.
She continues to support policy makers, and health and social care service providers to potentially address and deliver superb outcomes for a hitherto neglected but growing part of the community. Karan has a ‘grass roots’ approach, and is passionate about ensuring that leadership level decisions are reflected in the quality of care received by service users. For more information about Karan, and her work, visit www.djjutilla.com

Katja KANNINEN
Katja Kanninen, PhD, is a professor of cellular neurobiology at the A.I. Virtanen Institute for Molecular Sciences at University of Eastern Finland, Finland. Her research is focused on the cellular and molecular mechanisms of Alzheimer’s disease. By using human cell cultures and animal models for the research, she investigates how lifestyle and environmental factors affect brain health and are implicated in neurodegeneration. Her research strives to understand how airborne agents such as air pollutants or viruses affect the brain, and to explain the cellular and molecular pathways involved.

Miia KIVIPELTO
Miia Kivipelto, MD, PhD, is Professor of Clinical Geriatrics at Karolinska Institutet (KI), Center for Alzheimer Research, senior geriatrician and Director for Research & Development of Theme Aging at Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden. Part of her Nordic-UK Brain Network (NBN) multidisciplinary research team (around 100 researchers and clinical staff) is located at University of Eastern Finland and Imperial College London (ICL), UK, where she is a part-time Professor. Her frontline research findings have been published in leading journals 400+ publications, and she has received numerous prestigious national and international awards.

Professor Kivipelto is the founder of the FINGERS Brain Health Institute (www.fbhi.se), which aims to find novel solutions to promote brain health and prevent cognitive impairment and dementia. She is the principal investigator of the landmark FINGER Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) (Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability). She launched the world-wide FINGERS network, a unique interdisciplinary network to share experiences, harmonise data, and plan joint international initiatives for the prevention of cognitive impairment/dementia (45 countries currently involved).

She has received numerous of prestigious awards, including Forska! Sverige Research Award (2022), Melvin R. Goodes Prize, USA (2021) for excellence in drug discovery (for FINGER concept), the Ryman Prize, New Zealand (2020), Arthur C. Cherkin Award, USA (2019), Swedish Doctoral Union Alzheimer prize (2018), Neuroscientist of the Year (Finland, 2018), MetLife Foundation Major Award for Medical Research (2016), Swedish Alzheimer Research Foundation Major Award (2016), Waijlit and Eric Forsgren’s award for dementia researcher (2015), Best PI at KI award (2014) and AXA Research Award (2014), Karolinska Institutet Skandia’s Lennart Levi prize (2013), Junior Chamber International Award for Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World (2011), Academy of Finland Award for Social Impact (2009).

Pia KNUDSEN
Pia Knudsen was nominated by Alzheimerforeningen (Denmark) to join the European Working Group of People with Dementia in October 2022. Educated as a visual artist, designer and teacher, Pia has loved her work - making exhibitions in many places in Europe, as well as working as a teacher at a folk high school and at a school for foreigners who live, study or work in Denmark. Since she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s dementia two years ago, she has been a spokeswoman for people with dementia at the Parliament in Denmark, as an ambassador of dementia in Aarhus, appearing on the media, talking about her experience of living with dementia and participating in lectures with the Danish Alzheimer’s association. She focuses on preserving her physical and cognitive ability and strength by attending a qualified program tailored for people with dementia offered by the Municipality of Arhus.

Taru KOIVISTO
Taru Koivisto is Deputy Director General at Department for Communities and Functional Capacity, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland. Her work focuses on promotion of health, well-being and functional capacity, disease prevention, rehabilitation, as well as services for older people and persons with disabilities. She has long experience in state administration and public health, and has been involved in a number of committees, conferences and advisory groups, both nationally and internationally. She has served as the chairperson of the Council of Europe’s health committees, and chaired the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for WHO/EURO. She has worked in the Ministry since 1998 and before that in other positions in national health administration since 1989.

Jenni KULMALA
Jenni Kulmala is the President of the Alzheimer Society of Finland. She has a PhD in Gerontology and Public health. She currently works as an Associate Professor of Gerontology at Tampere University, Finland and as a Senior researcher at the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare. She is also affiliated with Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. With
a longstanding background in health sciences and gerontology, Kulma’s research efforts in the last years have focused on brain health, midlife predictors of cognitive impairment and functional ability, and prevention of memory disorders. She currently leads several large research projects related to dementia, and is involved in the FINGER research group. She has published, for example, about the effects of the FINGER intervention on daily functioning.

Petri LAMPINEN
Petri was nominated by the Alzheimer Society of Finland (Muisliitto) in 2017 to join the European Working Group of People with Dementia. He was diagnosed with fronto-temporal dementia in 2015, but he refused to let the difficulties associated with dementia defeat him. He continues to live an active life, working in his garden, cycling and playing ping-pong and badminton. Being open about his condition and remaining as calm as possible in any situation helps him to navigate life with dementia, with the support of others when needed.

Sonata MAČIULSKYTÉ
Sonata Maciulskyte, a 46 year old Lithuanian, is Chair of EDCWG and a board member of „Dementia Lithuania”. She has been a family carer since her mother was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease nearly ten years ago, and she started noticing the early signs of dementia-related behaviour changes in her mother. She was awarded a doctoral degree in Social Sciences, is an associate professor, and currently serves as the vice-rector for academic affairs at Klaipeda University.

Martin ORRELL
Professor Martin Orrell is the Director of the Institute of Mental Health, a partnership between the University of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. He led the research to develop and evaluate Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for dementia, which is now established in NICE dementia guidance and in use in 35 countries. He has been awarded 7 major dementia care research grants totalling £17 million and has published 350+ academic papers. He has led the cross-European DISTINCT and INDUCT EU funded Marie-Curie Innovative Training Networks. DISTINCT and INDUCT supported 30 early career researchers and PhD students developing and evaluating useful technology to improve dementia care. From 2009-2023 he was Chair of the UK Memory Services National Accreditation Panel (MSNAP). He is an NIHR Senior Investigator, President of the European Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, and a Board member of INTERDEM. He is Editor of the international journal Aging & Mental Health.

Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN
Ms. Sirpa Pietikäinen is a Finnish member of the European People’s Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. Ms. Pietikäinen is a former Finnish Minister of Environment (1991-1995). Her career at the Finnish parliament is extensive, ranging from 1983 to 2003. At the European Parliament, Ms. Pietikäinen is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee and the Women’s Right and Gender Equality Committee, as well as a substitute member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee. She seeks to combine her two specialities in her work, that of the environment, focusing on one health approach, and economics. She is active in several organisations and was a member of the Alzheimer Europe Board. She currently chairs the European Alzheimer’s Alliance. Her positions of trust include Chair-womanship of the Globe EU and MIELI Mental Health Finland, and vice-presidency of The Alzheimer Society of Finland’s union council. Currently she is leading the work on the EU directive on minimum standards for national equality bodies. A graduate from the Helsinki School of Economics, Ms. Pietikäinen has an MSc in Business.

Kevin QUAID
Kevin is Chairperson of the Irish dementia working group and Vice-Chair of the European Working Group of People with Dementia, as well as being the co-founder of Lewy body Ireland. Diagnosed with Parkinson just over 6 years ago, and later also diagnosed with Lewy body dementia, Kevin became very involved in Public and Patient Involvement and has written two books about Lewy body dementia entitled Lewy Body Dementia Survival and Me and I am KEVIN not Lewy. He was one of the first people in the world to write a book about Lewy Body Dementia from the patient’s point of view. He recently received the Presidential award from Longford International College in Ireland for outstanding achievements in bringing awareness of Lewy Body Dementia to people not just in Ireland but around the world.

Anne REMES
Anne Remes, MD, is a professor of neurology, and her clinical work and research have been focused on dementing diseases. She is an expert in diagnostics, imaging, biomarkers, and molecular genetics of early-onset dementia and especially frontotemporal dementia (FTD). She belongs to the international Genetic FTD Initiative (GENFI) and FRONTIERS networks. She is also the partner of FTD spectrum disorders in ERN-RND (European Reference Network for Rare Neurological Diseases). Prof. Remes has worked actively with patient associations as well as in training of medical doctors, nurses and volunteers. She acts as the President of Union Council of The Alzheimer Society of Finland (Muisliitto).
Chris ROBERTS
Chris Roberts is the Chair of the European Working Group of People with Dementia and ex-officio Board Member of Alzheimer Europe. He is also an ambassador for Alzheimer’s Society (UK/Cymru), Co-Founder & Member of the 3 Nations Dementia Working Group (England, N. Ireland and Wales), Honorary Fellow & Lecturer in MSc Dementia Studies (School of Healthcare Sciences, Bangor University), Salzburg Global Fellow (International Seminar 587), Member of Dementia Alliance International (DAl), BSI Committee Member (British Standards Institution CH/315) and member of the Expert Working Group for the Wales Dementia Strategy. He was also part of the NICE Clinical Guidance Dementia Review Committee.

Chris Roberts is living with emphysema and with mixed dementia, vascular and Alzheimer’s. He spends a lot of time raising awareness of dementia and its symptoms. He also works to promote better services and support for persons with dementia, and to dispel the stigma that is associated with it. He speaks to and educates all citizens across the globe, wherever and whenever he can, supported by his wife Jayne Goodrick.

Věra RYŠAVÁ
Věra Ryšavá was nominated by the Czech Alzheimer Society to join the European Working Group of People with Dementia in October 2022. For 25 years she enjoyed her work in a library in Prague in the children’s department and at the zoo for a while as a cultural worker. She is now retired and fills her time with nature walks with her dogs and friends, visiting interesting exhibitions or theatre performances and reading books. Věra was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 2020.

Linn SANDBERG
Linn J Sandberg is Associate Professor in Gender Studies and Senior Lecturer in the School of Culture and Education, Södertörn University, Sweden. Sandberg’s research interests are in the field of ageing, gender, sexuality, embodiment and dementia. She has conducted a qualitative interview study on sexual and intimate couple relationship after the onset of Alzheimer’s Disease. Currently she is the Principal Investigator of a project on LGBTQ people with dementia and Swedish dementia care, funded by the Swedish research council for Health, Working life and Welfare (FORTE).

Prof. Sandberg is the co-editor of Critical Dementia Studies: an introduction (2023) which is the first volume in the book series Critical Dementia Studies published by Routledge. She is also the co-founder of the Critical Dementia Studies network (https://memoryfriendly.org.uk/programmes/critical-dementia-network/)

Nick SCARMEAS
Originally from Athens, Greece, Dr Scarmeas obtained an M.D. degree from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, following which he completed his Neurology residency training and then a 2-year clinical fellowship in Aging and Dementia at Columbia University Medical Center (USA). He also completed a Master’s degree in Biostatistics – Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Dr Scarmeas joined the faculty of Columbia University in 2002. Whilst maintaining an Academic affiliation at Columbia University in New York, he is currently a professor of Neurology at the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Dr Scarmeas was the Principal Investigator in studies funded by either the Alzheimer’s Association or the NIH-NIA and a Co-Investigator in multiple others. His research work has resulted in multiple original PubMed publications in international journals and multiple presentations in internationally acclaimed scientific conferences - meetings. He reviews for multiple international scientific journals and international funding agencies including the Alzheimer’s Association, the NIH, the European Union programs (i.e. Marie Curie, European Research Council, Horizon programs).

Eino SOLJE
Eino Solje currently works as a Director of Brain Research Unit, UEF and Neurologist in Kuopio University Hospital. He completed his PhD degree, his dissertation focussing on clinical aspects of the C9orf72 repeat expansion carriers, the most common genetic etiology for familial frontotemporal dementia (FTD). Following his PhD, he continued his work as a post doc researcher in the Anne Remes research group, focusing more on immunological, clinical and imaging aspects in FTD.
In 2019, he was nominated as a research group director (Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration and Early Onset Dementia). He has one of the participants in so-called FRONTIERS network (frontotemporal dementia incidence European Research Study), NIC-FTD consortium (Neuropsychiatric International Consortium on Frontotemporal Dementia) FinFTD (Finnish FTD network) and GENFI (Genetic Frontotemporal Dementia Initiative). He is vice-coordinator of EU-funded SynaDeg-JPND -research consortium. He worked as a visiting researcher with Prof. Barbara Borroni in University of Brescia, Italy, (2020-2021).

Elina Suzuki

Elina Suzuki is a health policy analyst at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where she has worked extensively on dementia, ageing and long-term care. In addition to her work on dementia and ageing, she leads the Health Division's work on climate change and health and also works on topics related to long COVID and the health systems response to the pandemic, as well as people-centred health systems. She was previously an advisor to the Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD.

Elina was formerly based at SEEK Development in Berlin, where she worked with a range of organisations and international institutions on issues of health financing and global health governance. She graduated from McGill University and received her master’s degree from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. na SUZUKI

Päivi TOPO

Päivi Topo is the Ombudsman for the Older People in Finland. She has a PhD in Social Sciences, and works as an Adjunct Professor at the Universities of Jyväskylä and Helsinki. Päivi Topo’s specialty is social gerontology, or sociological research in ageing and old age. She has held various research posts, including Academy of Finland Research Fellow and Senior Researcher at the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare. Päivi Topo has also worked as a General Secretary of the National Advisory Board on Social Welfare and Health Care Ethics ETENE, and as Director of the Age Institute.

Päivi Topo is particularly interested in the realisation of older people’s fundamental rights in situations where they need a great deal of help and services from others to support their daily lives. Her research has mainly focused on the psychosocial needs of people with dementia and dementia friendly environments and technology.

Nicolas VILLAIN

Nicolas Villain is a tenured Associate Professor of Neurology at Sorbonne University (Paris), and a cognitive and behavioral neurologist at the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer’s Disease, Department of Neurology in Pitité-Salpêtrière Hospital (Paris). He trained as a MD and a clinical fellow in Paris in Prof. Bruno Dubois’ group and did his PhD with Dr. Gaël Chételat in Caen, France, where he worked on multimodal neuroimaging and disconnection mechanisms in Alzheimer’s disease. He currently leads projects on brain network vulnerability using multimodal neuroimaging and on fluid biomarkers of Alzheimer’s disease in Prof. Kaj Blennow’s new group at the Paris Brain Institute.

Maria do Rosário ZINCKE DOS REIS

Rosário has been practicing law in Portugal since 1987, with a focus on family law and the legal rights of people with diminished capacity. She is also a trainer on these same issues.

She held the position of Chairperson at Alzheimer Portugal from 2001 to 2012, followed by her role as Vice Chairperson from 2013 to 2022, and she has recently resumed her position as Chairperson once more since 2023. She is the Chairperson of “Plataforma Saúde em Diálogo” an umbrella organisation of 62 organisations, mostly of patients organisations of people living with chronic diseases and a member of CEIC - National Ethics Committee for Clinical Research. Rosário has been a member of the Alzheimer Europe Board since 2008, was the Honorary Treasurer from 2010-2020 and now serves as Chairperson since 2022.
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