

**BUENOS AIRES**

**2026 APRIL 24-25**

# **2ND MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE ON BRAIN HEALTH**

Organized in conjunction with *The Lancet*  
Commission on Brain Health



**Brain Health**  
*The Lancet commission*



## **PROGRAM**



# Cognition, Dementia and Brain Aging

## Opening

**09:00–09:30** Facundo Manes (10 min)  
Devora Kestel (10 min)  
Claudio Bassetti (10 min)

## Session 1

**09:30–10:00** **Promoting Brain Health in Ageing Populations: Evidence, Prevention and Public Engagement**

- Jacob Mintzer (P): *Strategies for Preventing Cognitive Decline in Ageing* (10 min)
- Nagaendran Kandiah (P) *Populations-based Strategies for Dementia Prevention* (10 min)

## Keynote 1

**10:00–10:30** Natalia Rost (V): *Preventing Neurodegeneration Through Vascular Brain Health* (30 min)

## Coffee Break

## Session 2

**11:00–12:00** **Special Communication**

- Joanna Pike (P): *President & CEO, Alzheimer's Association; Chair, World Dementia Council* (15 min)
- Victor Valcour (P): *Director, Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), UCSF* (15 min)
- Juan Rodriguez (P): *Global Council on Brain Health, AARP* (15 min)

## Session 3

### **Lessons to Take in Brain Health and Neurodegenerative Diseases: National and International Perspectives**

**12:00–13:00**

- Roongroj Bhidayasiri (V): *Brain Health and Neurodegeneration in Asia: Lessons from Thailand* (10 min)
- Kailash Bhatia (V): *Key Clinical Lessons from Parkinsonism and Neurodegeneration* (10 min)
- Nilton Custodio (P): *Dementia and Brain Health Across Latin America: Regional Lessons* (10 min)

**13:00–14:00**

## Lunch

## Keynote 2

Suvarna Alladi (P): *Neurodegeneration Without Borders: What Local Populations Teach the World* (30 min)

**14:00–15:00**

## Keynote 3

Christopher Chen (P): *The Future of Alzheimer's Disease: Science, Systems Readiness and Social Impact* (30 min)

**15:00–15:30**

## Coffee Break

## Session 4

### **Biological and Psychosocial Factors Shaping Brain Health Across the Lifespan**

- Hernando Santamaría-García (P): *Social Determinants of Health and Brain Ageing in Latin American Contexts: Implications for Public Policy* (10 min)
- Soraya Seedat (V): *Stress, Inequality and the Brain: Cumulative Risk Across the Lifespan* (10 min)
- Claudia Braga (P): *The role of Deinstitutionalized Strategies: Lessons from South America* (10 min)
- Kristina Adorjan (P): *Environmental and Genetic Factors: Lessons from Africa* (10 min)

16:30–17:00

## Coffee Break

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## Session 5

*(Parallel Sessions)*

### **A) Neurorehabilitation and Brain Health: Global Perspectives**

- Daniel Zutter (P): *Brain Health and Neurorehabilitation in Switzerland (10 min)*
- Konrad Rejdak (P): *Brain Health and Neurorehabilitation in Poland (10 min)*
- Rajinder K Dhamija (V): *Neurodegenerative Diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Settings: Lessons from India (10 min)*

17:00–18:00

### **B) Sleep, Circadian Rhythms and Brain Health**

- Alexandre Datta (P): *Sleep in the First Years of Life and Brain Health (10 min)*
- Caroline Lustenberger (P): *How to Assess Sleep Health (10 min)*
- Diego Golombek (P): *Circadian Health and Brain Health (10 min)*

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## Day 2

# Brain and Mental Health

### Session 1 | Part A

#### **One Brain, One Health: Integration of Neurological and Psychiatric Approaches in Global and Regional Plans**

09:00–10:00

- Claudio Bassetti (P): *The Lancet Commission on Brain Health* (10 min)
- Andrea Fiorillo (V): *Mental Health Systems within One Brain, One Health, European Psychiatric Association (EPA)* (10 min)
- Paul Boon (P): *European Neurology and Integrated Brain Health Policy, European Academy of Neurology (EAN)* (10 min)
- Andrea Winkler (V): *The Lancet One Health Commission: harnessing our interconnectedness for equitable, sustainable, and healthy socioecological systems* (10 min)

10:00–11:00

### Keynote 4

- Steven Lewis (P): *Overcoming Fragmentation: National and Regional Lessons* (30 min)

### Keynote 5

- Danuta Wasserman (V): *Psychiatry's Role in Integrated Brain Health Strategies, World Psychiatric Association (WPA)* (30 min)

11:00–11:30

### Coffee Break

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## Session 1 | Part B

**11:30–12:30**

- **Diego Aguilar (P): *From Global Strategy to Regional Implementation, Regional Director for the Americas of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)* (10 min)**
- **Mitchell Elkind (P): *The Role of Cardiovascular Leadership in Global Brain Health: The American Heart Association (AHA)* (10 min)**
- **Stephanie Debette (V): *Vascular Brain Health and Integrated Brain Health Approaches: A European Scientific Perspective* (10 min)**
- **Nagaendran Kandiah (P) *Populations-based Strategies for Dementia Prevention* (10 min)**

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## Keynote 6

**12:30–13:00**

- **Devora Kestel (P): *Mental Health as a Cornerstone of Brain Health: From Global Policy to Population Impact* (30 min)**

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## Lunch

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## Keynote 7

**14:00–14:30**

- **Marcelo Cetkovich (P): *Mental Health Stigma in the Burnout Society* (15 min)**

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## Keynote 8

- **Oscar Gershanik (P): *Parkinson's Disease a Growing Burden on Public Health: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges* (15 min)**

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## Session 2

**14:30–15:30**

- One Brain, One Health in Practice: Implementation, Impact and Regional Experiences**

- Oscar Franco (P): *Population Brain Health and Neurodegeneration: Lessons from Colombia and the Netherlands* (10 min)
- Alfred Njamnshi (P): *Implementing Integrated Brain and Mental Health Care in African Health Systems* (10 min)
- Pratima Murthy (V): *Integrating Mental Health into Brain Health Programs: Lessons from India* (10 min)
- Mara Dierssen (P): *Translating Brain Science into Integrated Brain Health Action* (10 min)

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## Special Communication Session 3

15:30–16:30

- Indrit Bègue (P): *Insights from Switzerland on burden and cost of brain disorders: opportunities for action* (15 min)
- Augustin Ibáñez (V): *One Brain, One Health: Integrating Neurology, Psychiatry and Social Contexts* (15 min)
- Andrea Slachevsky (P): *Translating Brain Health Research into Policy and Care* (15 min)

16:30–17:00

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## Coffee Break

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## Session 3

### International Alliance on Brain Health: Next Steps and Strategic Priorities

*Roundtable with:*

- Kristina Adorjan (P)
- Suvarna Alladi (P)
- Claudio Bassetti (P)
- Indrit Bègue (P)
- Paul Boon (P)
- Marcelo Cetkovich (P)
- Christopher Chen (P)
- Mara Dierssen (P)
- Mitchell Elkid (P)
- Devora Kestel (P)
- Steven Lewis (P)
- Facundo Manes (P)
- Alfred Njamnshi (P)

17:00–18:00

# Speakers

## In Person Speakers (30)

1. Kristina Adorjan
2. Suvarna Alladi
3. Claudio Bassetti
4. Indrit Bègue
5. Claudia Braga
6. Marcelo Cetkovich
7. Christopher Chen
8. Nilton Custodio
9. Alexandre Datta
10. Mara Dierssen
11. Mitchell Elkind
12. Oscar Franco
13. Oscar Gershanik
14. Diego Golombek
15. Diego Aguilar
16. Alfred Njamnshi
17. Facundo Manes
18. Jacob Mintzer
19. Joanne Pike
20. Nagaendran Kandiah
21. Konrad Rejdak
22. Juan Rodriguez
23. Andrea Slachevsky
24. Hernando Santamaría-García
25. Steven Lewis
26. Caroline Lustenberger
27. Devora Kestel
28. Victor Valcour
29. Daniel Zutter
30. Paul Boon

## Virtual Speakers (11)

1. Roongroj Bhidayasiri
2. Rajinder K. Dhamija
3. Stephanie Debette
4. Andrea Fiorillo
5. Augustin Ibáñez
6. Pratima Murthy
7. Natalia Rost
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