Editorial

Welcome!

Where to begin? This issue of our newsletter covers August and September, which have been a very busy and exciting period for Alzheimer Europe (AE).

During August we were finalising details for our 25th annual conference (25AEC), which we hosted together with Alzheimer Slovenia. I am delighted to say that the conference, from 2 to 4 September in Ljubljana, was a big success. My heartfelt thanks go to Stefanija and her colleagues at Alzheimer Slovenia and to Gwladys Stefanija and her colleagues at Alzheimer Slovenia for being the first to welcome new AE members. We have created a new Policy Officer position, which has had a positive impact on our website, and photos and videos will soon join them.

Following our AGM in Ljubljana, I would like to give a warm welcome to two new AE members. We have a new full member, EMDA – The Alzheimer’s Association of Israel, and a new provisional member, Alzheimer's Association of Israel. Our full member in Greece has also changed, from Alzheimer Hellas to the Panhellenic Federation of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders.

On the subject of newcomers, I am also delighted to welcome a new AE team member, Vanessa Challinor, who joined us as Policy Officer in mid-August. Vanessa has had a busy start, heading straight off to our conference in Slovenia and shortly thereafter representing Alzheimer Disease International (ADI) at the 65th Session of the World Health Organisation Regional Committee for Europe.

Our European Alzheimer’s Alliance has had a busy and successful period as well, with seven more MEPs joining, all of whom signed the Glasgow Declaration during September. I extend a warm welcome to them all and hope to see them at our European Parliament lunch debate on 1 December.

MEPs have not been the only ones signing the Glasgow Declaration. We recently passed the halfway mark on our target of 10,000 individual signatures, in no small part thanks to initiatives by AE and its members to gather signatures on and around World Alzheimer’s Day (WAD). WAD was also, as ever, a day on which our members organised a variety of fantastic events, many of which are showcased in a special section in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to announce that following feedback from our newsletter survey earlier this year and from member feedback at our AGM, we are making some changes. We have created a new section, “Living with Dementia”, for articles by people living with dementia, about different aspects of their lives since diagnosis. I would like to thank Alv Orheim and Helen Rochford Brennan, members of our European Working Group of People With Dementia (EWGPWD), for being the first two contributors. Please mark the dates for our 26th Alzheimer Europe Conference (26AEC) in Copenhagen: 31 October - 2 November 2016.

Jean Georges
Executive Director
5 August: Alzheimer Europe receives research accreditation

On 5 August, the Luxembourg Ministry of Research accredited Alzheimer Europe as a Luxembourg non-profit organisation in the field of research. This accreditation is for a five-year period and can be renewed.

This accreditation will allow us to participate in JPND projects in the same way that we currently take part in IMI or Horizon2020 projects.

15 August: Alzheimer Europe welcomes new Policy Officer

Alzheimer Europe is pleased to welcome a new colleague: Policy Officer, Vanessa Challinor, who joined us on 15 August. Vanessa’s role is to:

- Support the campaign of Alzheimer Europe and its national member organisations in getting dementia recognised as a European priority
- Develop policy statements and contributions to ongoing Commission consultations
- Present the views of Alzheimer Europe to members of European institutions
- Support the activities of the European Alzheimer’s Alliance
- Liaise with other European carers’ and patients’ organisations
- Report on relevant EU and national policy developments and contribute to the organisation’s monthly newsletter and quarterly Dementia in Europe magazine
- Collaborate with the organisation’s national member associations in the development of national reports on dementia policies.

http://www.alzheimer-europe.org/Alzheimer-Europe/Who-we-are/Our-staff

13 August: AE Vice-Chair gives inaugural lecture at Alzheimer Scotland Centre for Policy and Practice

The Alzheimer Scotland Centre for Policy and Practice, a joint partnership between the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) and Alzheimer Scotland, School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery hosted a number of dementia-related events at the University’s Hamilton Campus in mid-August.

Iva Holmerová, Vice-Chair of Alzheimer Europe (AE) gave her inaugural lecture as Visiting Professor of the Centre.

Prof. Holmerová briefly introduced the history of dementia research in Prague: At the end of the 19th century – beginning of the 20th century, Prague was one of the main centres for dementia research, with work carried out by Prof. Arnold Pick (who first described “Pick’s disease” in 1892), Dr Oskar (who described and published 12 cases of dementia of the Alzheimer’s type in 1907, the same year as Alois Alzheimer’s first case, “Augusta D”) and Vojtech Adalbert Kralf (who worked in the area of memory disorders).

“The history of dementia research shadows the cultural atmosphere of Prague in this time. Czech, German and Jewish cultural influence”, says Prof. Holmerová.

The main thrust of Prof. Holmerová’s lecture was around the development of geriatric care in Praha 8 (a municipal district of Prague), the beginnings and development of the Centre of Gerontology as the community-based health and social care provider with a focus on persons with dementia and also the Czech Alzheimer Society and its different activities not only in Prague but in all regions of the Czech Republic.

1 September: European Working Group of People with Dementia prepares for Alzheimer Europe’s annual conference

The European Working Group of People with Dementia met on 1 September to prepare for the annual conference. They practiced their plenary speeches and their presentations for the special symposium, organised their presence on their stand and decided how best to welcome other people with dementia to the conference. A welcome get-together was organised the next day with refreshments and a guided tour of the conference venue.

2 September: Alzheimer Europe Board convenes in Ljubljana

The Alzheimer Europe Board members held a meeting on 2 September in Ljubljana, Slovenia. They discussed various financial and operational matters, including final preparations for the Annual General Meeting that took place on the same day. The next meeting of the Board will take place on 1 December in Brussels and will be followed by a lunch debate at the European Parliament.

2 September: Alzheimer Europe welcomes two new members at Annual General Meeting

On 2 September in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Alzheimer Europe (AE) held its 2015 Annual General Meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from 26 full member and 1 provisional member association, as well as various guests.

The delegates reviewed and unanimously adopted AE’s 2014 Annual and Financial reports.

EMDA – The Alzheimer’s Association of Israel – and the Panhellenic Federation of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders were unanimously accepted as new full members of AE (the latter in lieu of previous full member, Alzheimer Hellas). The AGM also granted a new provisional...
Delegates reviewed AE’s 2015 Work Plan and Financial Forecasts, as well as the draft Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. Executive Director Jean Georges appealed to AE’s members to give feedback and suggestions over the coming weeks. If no comments on the draft plan are received before the AE Board meeting on 1 December, the plan will be put to the Board for adoption. If there are comments and the plan is not finalised by 1 December, a new version will be adopted by the 2016 AGM.

Finally, delegates reviewed and approved the 2016 Work Plan and Budget.

The next Annual General Meeting will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark which is also the venue for the 26th Alzheimer Europe Conference from 31 October to 2 November 2016.

2-4 September: Alzheimer Europe holds successful 25th Annual Conference

Alzheimer Europe (AE) held its 25th Annual Conference in Ljubljana (pictured) on 2-4 September 2015 together with Spominčica - Alzheimer Slovenia (Spominčica). This year’s motto was “Dementia: putting strategies and research into practice” and the event attracted over 570 delegates, including 26 people with dementia.

The programme included some 150 speakers and 140 poster presentations - including a competition for the best posters. The conference was also an opportunity to celebrate AE’s 25th anniversary and to look back on the achievements of the organisation. This year’s event was organised under the Honorary Patronage of Mr Borut Pahor, President of the Republic of Slovenia and dedicated to the memory of Dr Aleš Kogoj, founder of Spominčica in 1997 and a dementia pioneer in Slovenia.

The opening ceremony began with welcome speeches by Heike von Lützau-Hohleinbein and Štefanija Lukič Zlobec, the respective Chairs of AE and Spominčica. Helga Rohra, Chairperson of the European Working Group of People with Dementia (EWGPWD), gave a special welcome to delegates with dementia and also thanked the Life Changes Trust, which sponsored the travel expenses of numerous people with dementia and their carers. She was followed by Slovenian officials Anja Kopac (Minister for Social Affairs), Milojka Kolar Celaric (Minister of Health) and Bojana Music (Vice-Chair of the National Assembly). They also had warm greetings and added their wishes for a highly successful and productive conference, which would surely help to raise awareness of dementia in Slovenia. The ceremony’s keynote lecture was delivered by Jean Georges, Executive Director of AE, who spoke about the association’s 25 years of activities and achievements.

On the following day, the first plenary session was chaired by Dr Charles Scerri, General Secretary of the Malta Dementia Society, with a focus on putting research into practice. Prof. Bengt Winblad, Director of the Center for Alzheimer Research at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, presented new treatment strategies for dementia and outlined lessons learnt from past failures and perspectives for the future. He was followed by Dr Florence Pasquier, Professor of Neurology at the University Hospital of Lille (France), who spoke about improving the timely diagnosis and providing adequate support to people with early memory complaints. Dr Simon Lovestone, Professor of Translational Neuroscience at Oxford University, demonstrated the growing role of “big data” and public-private consortia in current dementia research. Finally, Prof. Zvezdan Pirtošek, Head of the Department of Neurology at University Medical Centre Ljubljana, gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on the myths, wishes and realities of dementia prevention.
The second plenary session was chaired by Dr Scerri, who is also the Honorary Secretary of Alzheimer Europe and focused on dementia strategies and policies. Geoff Huggins, Acting Director for Health and Social Care Integration in the Scottish Government, presented the new EU Joint Action on Dementia. The three year project will build on the outcomes of ALCOVE, promoting the implementation of actions to improve the situation of people with dementia and their carers. Peter Volasko, the main national coordinator for Horizon 2020 projects in Slovenia, reported on the positive impact of the nation’s participation in the Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Diseases Research (JPND). He pointed out that this work is stimulating the Ministry of Health to develop a national strategy to address neurodegenerative diseases. Alv Orheim, who is living with dementia in Norway, gave an inspirational talk about changing the perceptions and image of dementia. Mr Orheim noted that the primary sources of information for people with dementia are those people who are directly affected by it and also highlighted the importance of staying physically active. His advice was to “never hide your condition; stand on your feet and tell everyone who you are and how you are.” The last speaker was Mark Pearson, Deputy Director, Employment Labour and Social Affairs at OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development). Mr Pearson presented the OECD’s approach to comparing and benchmarking dementia care.

Plenary session three, “Dementia-friendly society”, was chaired by Prof. Pirtošek. The first speaker was Bob Woods, Professor of Clinical Psychology of Older People at Bangor University (Wales), who examined the effects of arts programmes for people with dementia. Agnes Houston, Vice-Chairperson of the EWGPWD, presented “People with dementia as partners” and cited numerous examples from the activities of the Scottish Dementia Working Group, of which she is the former Chair. Jeremy Hughes, CEO of Alzheimer’s Society (UK), gave an overview of the Dementia Friends campaign, which is proving to be a vital element for the development of a dementia-friendly society in the UK. Finally, Dr Nena Kopčavar Guče, Assistant Professor at the University of Ljubljana’s Medical School, presented the conclusions of various case studies of age and dementia as risk factors for domestic violence.

The final plenary session was chaired by Ms von Lützau-Hohlbein with a focus on innovation and care. Dr Mary McCarron, Professor of Ageing and Intellectual Disability at Trinity College Dublin, presented new aspects of meeting the needs of people with intellectual disability and dementia. Ms Paivi Topo, Adjunct Professor in Sociology and Social Gerontology at The Age Institute in Helsinki, provided ethical insights on the increasing use of technology to assist people with dementia. She was followed by psychologist Vid Vodusek, PhD, who gave a presentation about managing and preventing behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia. Mr Frans Hoogeveen, Associate Professor of Psychogeriatrics at The Hague University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), was the last plenary speaker. He gave a very moving talk on the constant taboo of sexuality and intimacy among people with dementia and also showed real-life examples of families and carers that have faced these situations.

Conference delegates were also able to attend 21 parallel sessions about legal, ethical and scientific aspects of living with dementia, including three sessions featuring Slovenian dementia experts. In addition, three special symposia focused on the EPAD (European Prevention of Alzheimer’s dementia) project, the INTERDEM research group and the activities of the EWGPWD.

The conference ended with an invitation by Nis Peter Nissen from Alzheimer foreningen (Denmark’s Alzheimer association) to attend the 26th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Copenhagen next year. This was followed by closing remarks from Ms Lukl Zlobec and Ms von Lützau-Hohlbein.

The 25th AE Conference received funding under an operating grant from the European Union’s Health Programme (2014-2020).
14-17 September: AE attends World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Committee for Europe 65th Session on behalf of ADI

From 14 to 17 September, Alzheimer Europe (AE) represented Alzheimer Disease International (ADI) at the 65th Session of the World Health Organisation Regional Committee for Europe.

For AE, the main focus of this meeting was to present an oral and written statement on dementia submitted by ADI under the agenda item: “Priorities for Health Systems strengthening in the WHO European Region 2015-2020: walking the talk on people centeredness”.

There was no specific resolution on dementia on the agenda and during the conference there were no references to dementia. However there was time allocated for the written statement to be orally presented. Other NGO’s also presented statements under the same agenda item.

AE’s new Policy Officer, Vanessa Challinor attended the meeting.

25 September: AE Foundation awards prizes for 25AEC posters

Following Alzheimer Europe (AE)’s 25th annual conference (25AEC), the Alzheimer Europe Foundation has awarded a prize to each of the four best poster presentations, as voted by conference participants, via poster evaluation forms. Each winning poster was awarded EUR 500.

The four winners (one in each category) were:

- “Dementia and Sensory Challenges” by Donna Houston, in the category “Innovative care”.
- “Dementia detectives: Busting the myths surrounding dementia in schools” by Jan Oyebode, (Bradford University) in the category “Dementia-friendly society”.
- “Focus on Dementia: Supporting People to Stay Connected within their Community” by Jim Pearson, (Alzheimer Scotland) in the category “Policies and strategies”.
- “Personal image and self in dementia: The perspective of the caregiver spouse” by Vanja Vid Vodusek (University psychiatric hospital Ljubljana), in the category “Medical aspects”.

The Foundation also gave one free subscription for the 2016 conference in Copenhagen to one lucky participant, drawn at random from the submitted poster evaluation forms: congratulations to Paolo Prolo. We look forward to welcoming you to Copenhagen for #26AEC!

The Alzheimer Europe Foundation would like to thank all conference delegates who voted and all poster presenters for their excellent contributions at the conference.

30 September: Glasgow Declaration campaign passes halfway mark

Alzheimer Europe (AE)’s is delighted to have passed the halfway mark of its target of 10,000 individual signatures on the Glasgow Declaration. At the time of writing, the numbers are: 5,079 individuals, 82 policymakers (including 62 MEPs), 96 organisations.

On 21 September, World Alzheimer’s Day (WAD), AE launched a Twitter “Thunderclap” campaign, encouraging people to sign. The Thunderclap had a social reach of more than 284,000. WAD was also an excellent opportunity for members to collect signatures at their events. The campaign was also publicised via a number of blog and newsletter appearances around that date, for which AE would like to thank Dementia Friends, Lilly, the EPF, Health EU and EUMonitor.

19 policymakers also signed during August and September:

- MEP Milan Zver (Slovenia), Minister Anja Kopač Mrak (Slovenia), MEP Kostadinka Kuneva (Greece), MEP Maria Spyrali (Greece), MEP Sofia Sakorafa (Greece), MEP Manolis Kefalogiannis (Greece), Senator Jan Žaloudík (Czech Republic), Senator Milan Pešák (Czech Republic), MEP Gienis Wilmott (UK), MEP Biljana Borzan (Croatia), MEP Tonino Picula (Croatia), MEP Jytte Guteland (Sweden), MEP Peter Lundgren (Sweden), MEP Papadimoulis Dimitriou (Greece), MP and Member of Municipal Council Merja Mäkišalo-Ropponen (Finland), Member of Municipal Council Pentti Tiusanen (Finland), MP Johanna Karimäki (Finland), MP Sari Tanus (Finland) and MEP Bogdan Wenta (Poland).

15 organisations signed during August and September:

- Siedleckie Stowarzyszenie Pomoczniczce Osób z Chorobą Alzheimera (Poland), GAMIAN-Europe, SUMU ry (Finland), Swedish Gerontological Society, Brighton and Sussex Medical School – Centre for Dementia Studies (UK), Memory centre NPO (Slovenia), Scottish Dementia Working Group, Collegium Mazovia Innovative University (Poland), Alzheimer Gesellschaft Augsburg (Germany), Alzheimer Gesellschaft Baden-Württemberg (Germany), European Council of Medical Orders, Gateshead Citizens Advice Bureau (UK), Eläkeläiset ry (Finland), Korsholmsnejdens Demensförening (Finland) and Suomen Dementiayhdistys ry (Finland)

We would also like to thank Alzheimer Bulgaria, the Czech Alzheimer Society and Alzheimer Sverige for their recent translations of the Declaration. The Declaration is now available in a total of 16 languages, as is the online sign-up form. The closing date for signatures is 30 November 2015.

#GlasgowDeclaration #dementiamatters

http://alzheimer-europe.org/Policy-in-Practice2/Glasgow-Declaration-2014
30 September: 25AEC presentations are available on our website

Presentations from Alzheimer Europe’s 25th Annual Conference (25AEC) are now available on our website. There are some for which we have not yet received permission from the presenter, so these will be uploaded as and when we receive the ok.

Videos and pictures from the conference should be available towards the end of October, so watch this space!


EU Projects

13 August: EPAD ethics working group holds meeting

On 13 August, the ethics working group of the EPAD (European Prevention of Alzheimer’s Dementia Consortium) project held an internal workshop in Amsterdam. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussions about issues to be covered in the EPAD ethical guidance document for clinicians and researchers involved in the project (in particular informed consent, disclosure of possible risk status and dealing with incidental findings). The group also briefly discussed progress with the subject panel focus group discussions which will be carried out in the United Kingdom, Spain and Sweden, and with the European Working Group of People with Dementia later this year. Dianne attended this workshop.

2 September: Researchers discuss psycho-social research at INTERDEM meetings in Ljubljana

On 2 September, numerous researchers met at the INTERDEM meeting prior to Alzheimer Europe’s annual conference in Ljubljana to share their research findings and discuss future psychosocial research. Two workshops took place during this meeting, one focusing on social health, the other on assistive technology. Later, during the conferences information about some of this work was shared with delegates attending the main Alzheimer Europe conference. Dianne and Ana participated in the INTERDEM meeting and the two workshops.

3 September: INTERDEM working group discusses the findings of a consultation into outcome measures involving the EWGPWD

On 3 September, an INTERDEM workshop took place at the AE conference in Ljubljana to present work which had been carried out on outcome measures, based on consultations with people with dementia about which interventions and outcomes are meaningful to them, and their views on how these should be best measured.

Ana and Dianne presented the work they had carried out with the members of the European Working Group of People with Dementia. Researchers from the UK, Denmark and Italy also presented the findings of their consultation work. The findings were discussed and the group agreed to write a paper about the consultation.

4 September: AETIONOMY project recruits first patient in France

The AETIONOMY project achieved a recruitment milestone on 4 September, with its first patient being included in its clinical study, in France.

The project partners look forward to more recruitment milestones as soon Sweden and Germany will be able to start, once ethical approvals have been obtained.

www.aetionomy.eu

5 September: Experts discuss ethical commentaries during second AE workshop on ethical dilemmas faced by professional carers

On 5 September, the second ethics meeting took place for Alzheimer Europe’s work on ethical dilemmas faced by professional carers in the nursing home and hospital settings. Dianne chaired the meeting which was well attended and mainly focused on discussions around the ethical commentaries by Julian Hughes, Chris Gastmans, Alistair Niemeyer, Fabrice Gzil and Lucilia Nobrega.

This year, the document will take the form of training materials to be used in the context of internal professional training within nursing homes and hospital settings for all health and social care workers of all levels and backgrounds who have contact with people with dementia. The group also discussed possible recommendations to include at the end of the document for the organisers and providers of dementia care in nursing homes and hospitals (managers and services providers, not those providing the hands-on care).

The final document is intended to be used in the context of professional training and we will be obtaining feedback from potential trainers within organisations and professional carers before it is finalised.

15-16 September: AFE-INNOVNET partners meet in Brussels

On 15 -16 September, partners of AFE-INNOVNET (an EU-funded project focusing on age-friendly environments) met in Brussels. During the meeting, the leaders of the different work packages of the project presented an update of the work that has been done to date and their objectives for the remaining months of the project that will come to an end in January 2016. The repository, which has been developed during the two years of the project, contains more than 70 notable practices in innovative solutions for age-friendly environments. A main objective now is to assess the viability of these practices for scaling-up and possible transfer to other countries. For this, 5-10 innovative projects will be selected from the repository and analysed in greater detail. Alzheimer Europe will contribute information on around 10 dementia-friendly projects to this repository.

Discussions ensued regarding the EU Covenant on Demographic Change that will be launched in Brussels next
7 December, and the organisation of a workshop for policy makers on 8-9 December that will support the implementation of the Covenant. Partners from Slovenia, Poland, the UK and France presented some of the work in their countries towards becoming age friendly.

Dianne and Ana attended the meeting on behalf of AE.

21 September: EPAD launches new website on World Alzheimer’s Day

On 21 September, World Alzheimer’s Day, the European Prevention of Alzheimer’s Dementia Consortium (EPAD), announced the launch of its new website.

The website is devoted to informing different audiences about the project’s existence, its progress and its achievements, including the scientific community, companies, people living with dementia, families and carers of people with dementia, as well as Alzheimer associations and the general public.

www.ep-ad.org

25 September: AGE platform organises a user forum about palliative care in Europe

Comparing Effectiveness of Palliative Care for Elderly People in Long-term Care Facilities in Europe (PACE) is a 5 year project funded by the European Community Framework 7. PACE aims to compare the effectiveness of health care systems with and without formal palliative care structures in long term care in 6 countries.

As part of the project, an existing palliative care health service intervention (the “Route to Success”) will be tested in different countries. On 25 September 2015, a user forum was held in Brussels. This was led by AGE platform and another two user forums are planned in coming years. Fourteen people from different countries took part in the forum, and five of them were representing the specific needs of people with dementia.

The forum aimed at collecting users’ experiences and views from different countries on palliative care, get their feedback on the methodology of the project and provide a basis for the elaboration of policy recommendations on palliative and end-of-life care in long-term care facilities in Europe.

Hilary Doxford (Vice Chair of the European Working Group of People with Dementia), Peter Paniccia, Sabine Henry (Ligue Alzheimer, Belgium), and Dianne and Ana (Alzheimer Europe) attended the meeting.

29 September: AETIONOMY project holds successful IMI review

On 29 September, the AETIONOMY project partners held an internal review with IMI experts in Brussels.

The agenda included presentations from all five work packages, with a particular emphasis on the results achieved during the first 18 months of the five year project. The reviewers gave a very positive initial opinion - particularly on the imaging and clinical correlation work - and also provided guidance toward achieving the next set of deliverables. The AETIONOMY partners will discuss these results during their second Annual General Assembly on 3-4 November in Barcelona.
Members of the European Alzheimer’s Alliance

Currently, the total number of MEPs in the Alliance stands at 116, representing 27 Member States of the European Union and six out of seven political groups in the European Parliament. Alzheimer Europe would like to thank the following MEPs for their support of the European Alzheimer’s Alliance:

**Austria:** Heinz K. Becker (EPP); Kappel Barbara (NI); Rübig Paul (EPP).  
**Belgium:** Mark Demesmaeker (ECR); Frédérique Ries (ALDE); Bart Staes (Greens/EFA); Marc Tarabella (S&D); Kathleen van Brempt (S&D); Hilde Vautmans (ALDE).  
**Bulgaria:** Andrey Kovatchev (EPP).  
**Croatia:** Biljana Borzan (S&D); Tonino Picula (S&D); Ruđa Tomašić (ECR).  
**Cyprus:** Costas Mavrides (S&D); Eleini Theocharous (EPP).  
**Czech Republic:** Olga Sehnalová (S&D); Pavel Svoboda (EPP); Tomáš Zdechovský (EPP).  
**Denmark:** Ole Christensen (S&D); Jens Rohde (ALDE); Christel Schaldemose (S&D).  
**Estonia:** Urmas Paet (ALDE); Finland: Liisa Jaakonsaari (S&D); Anneli Jäätteenmäki (ALDE); Mapietra Kumpula-Natri (S&D); Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL); Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP).  
**France:** Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE); Françoise Grossetête (EPP); Philippe Juvin (EPP); Elisabeth Morin-Chartier (EPP); Gilles Pargneaux (S&D).  
**Germany:** Angelika Niebler (EPP); Udo Voigt (Ni).  
**Greece:** Kostas Chrysogonas (GUE/NGL); Manolis Kefalogiannis (EPP); Kostadinka Kuneva (GUE/NGL); Dimitrios Papadimoulis (GUE/NGL); Sofia Sakorafa (GUE/NGL); Maria Spyraki (EPP).  
**Hungary:** Adám Kősa (EPP); Ireland: Lynn Boylan (GUE/NGL); Matt Carthy (GUE/NGL); Nessa Childers (S&D); Deirdre Clune (EPP); Brian Crowley (ALDE); Luke ‘Ming’ Flanagan (GUE/NGL); Marian Harkin (ALDE); Brian Hayes (EPP); Seán Kelly (EPP); Mairead McGuinness (EPP); Liadh Ni Riada (GUE/NGL).  
**Italy:** Ernest Maragall (Greens/EFA); Pablo Zalba Bidegain (EPP).  
**Latvia:** Ernests Priede (EPP); Viļņa Dambis (EPP).  
**Lithuania:** Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (S&D); Milda Top勾tė (EPP); Andrius Pupinis (EPP).  
**Luxembourg:** Georges Bach (EPP); Frank Engel (EPP); Charles Goerens (ALDE); Viviane Reding (EPP).  
**Malta:** Therese Comodini Cachia (EPP); Roberta Metsola (EPP).  
**Netherlands:** Esther de Lange (EPP); Lambert van Nistelrooij (EPP).  
**Poland:** Elżbieta Łukacijewska (EPP); Marek Piura (EPP); Bogdan Wenta (EPP).  
**Portugal:** Carlos Coelho (EPP); Marisa Matias (GUE/NGL); Sofia Ribeiro (EPP).  
**Romania:** Cristian Silviu Busuioc, MEP (EPP); Daciana Octavia Sarbu (S&D); Claudiu Ciprian Tanasescu (S&D); Renate Weber (EPP).  
**Slovakia:** Miroslav Mikolášik (EPP); Anna Záborská (EPP).  
**Spain:** Adjunct to the European Alzheimer’s Alliance: Vilija Binkëvičiûtë (S&D); Franc Bogovik (EPP); Tanja Fajon (S&D); Alojz Peterle (EPP); Igor Šoltes (Greens/EFA); Patrizia Toia (S&D); Vilija Zúbaraitë (S&D); Rudi Vajãl (ALDE); Milan Zver (SPP).  
**Sweden:** Jytte Guteland (S&D); Richard Ashworth (ECR); Hilde Vautmans (ALDE); Elżbieta Łukacijewska (EPP); Ernest Maragall (Greens/EFA); Pablo Zalebski (EPP).  
**United Kingdom:** Martina Anderson (GUE/NGL); Richard Ashworth (ECR); Anneliese Dodds (S&D); Ian Duncan (ECR); Theresa Griffin (S&D); Ian Hudghton (Greens/EFA); Jean Lambert (Greens/EFA); Linda McAvan (S&D); Claude Moraes (S&D); Alyn Smith (Greens/EFA); Brian Hayes (EPP); Soledad Cabezón Ruiz (S&D); Lynda Smith (ALDE); Peter Whittle (NI).  

European Alzheimer’s Alliance

30 September: Seven MEPs join the European Alzheimer’s Alliance

Alzheimer Europe is very pleased to welcome seven new MEPs (pictured) to the European Alzheimer’s Alliance (EAA) this month. They became EAA members upon signing Alzheimer Europe’s Glasgow Declaration, which calls for a national dementia strategy in every European country:

- MEP Kostadinka Kuneva (GUE-NGL, Greece)  
- MEP Maria Spyraki (EPP, Greece)  
- MEP Sofia Sakorafa (GUE-NGL, Greece)  
- MEP Jytte Guteland (S&D, Sweden)  
- MEP Peter Lundgren (EFD, Sweden)  
- MEP Dimitrios Papadimoulis (GUE-NGL, Greece)  
- MEP Bogdan Wenta (EPP, Poland)

EU developments

1 July: EMA launches EU-wide logo to protect patients from falsified medicines

From 1 July, patients in the European Union (EU) will be able to identify legally operating online medicine retailers. To help them identify trustworthy sites, an EU-wide logo, introduced by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), will appear on the websites of online retailers that are registered in an EU Member State.

When clicking on the logo, patients will be taken to the online register of the national competent authority that lists all legally operating online retailers in that country. This system is currently being implemented across the EU Member States.

Anyone considering buying medicines online is urged to look out for the logo on the website of the online pharmacy. The logo should be displayed on every page of the website.

17 September: EIP AHA holds workshop to develop a vision and objectives for the new D4 action plan

On 17 September 2015 (Brussels, Belgium), the EIP AHA D4 action group organised a participatory/interactive workshop to agree on what had been achieved and to define a new vision and objectives for the next action period of 2016-2018. Some of the achievements include the development of the Covenant on Demographic Change, the repository on age-friendly environments and guidelines on a participatory approach.

The vision was defined as being to create a more inclusive society within Europe by empowering older people through scaled-up inclusion solutions. A conference of partners will be held in December and the Covenant on Demographic Change will be launched in Brussels on 7 December.

24-25 September: Informal meeting of health ministers under Luxembourg’s EU Presidency addresses dementia

One of the main goals of the Presidency at the meeting was to address dementia in Member States. Ministers were invited to share experiences to allow for an overview on dementia policies within Member States and to reflect on common ground for further action.

During the meeting, the Luxembourg Presidency unveiled its multidimensional secondary prevention programme (DPP) launched in June 2015, and used as a model of best practice amongst EU Member States. Ministers agreed that sharing of best practices was paramount and examples of good practice at European level were welcomed. The added value of closer cooperation and coordination in the field of dementia was also highlighted.

At the press conference following the meeting Luxembourg Minister for Health, Lydia Mutsch, who chaired the meeting, said that dementia constitutes “a real socio-economic challenge, which seriously tests the viability of our healthcare systems and requires a multi-sectoral response”.

Lydia Mutsch went on to talk about the stigma of dementia, the need for greater investment in research and an adaptation of the role and training of healthcare professionals to deal with dementia and give the best care possible and policies to ensure opportunities for early diagnosis and ensure that those diagnosed, have appropriate individualised treatment. The Minister was also pleased that the Dutch Presidency, which will follow the Luxembourg Presidency, had decided to take up this issue and build on the work carried out.

Vytenis Andriukaitis, Health EU Commissioner talked about the challenge dementia has added to health systems and said now was the time to act. He continued to say the Commission would work closely with Member States to tackle the growing number of people with dementia.

21 June: Youth initiative raises awareness of Alzheimer’s disease in Cyprus

On the 21 June the Academy of Talent Potenzia Del’ Arte’s Ensemble Department end of the year showcase was presented on the stage of Enallax Live in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Two student Bands, Blue Vibes and Pig Floyd made their debut performance under the guidance of the department coordinator, Mr Marinos Kassinos. The aim of the performance was to use their music to raise awareness about Alzheimer Disease.

It was a night full of energy for all who attended and the incredibly talented group of young people also managed to raise funds to support the Alzheimer’s cause.

The President of the Cyprus Alzheimer Association, Ms Noni Diakou and the Director of the Academy of Talent Potenzia Del’ Arte, Ms Katerina Christofidou were both present on the night, and applauded the efforts of the young musicians. Ms Diakou specifically congratulated them for endeavoring to use the medium of music to enlighten the audience about Alzheimer’s disease.

4 August: Jersey Alzheimer Association opens new centre

On 4 August, the Jersey Alzheimer’s Association (JAA) opened the doors of its new centre in St Helier. Chairman Jim Hollywood said: “We are delighted to have moved to our new home at Hilgrove Street. With more people living for longer with a combination of complex conditions, the services we provide will have an ever-increasing importance.”

“Being based in a prominent location in the heart of St Helier, we are confident that more local people will come to talk to us”, said Mr Hollywood.

The centre, which provides a quiet and confidential environment for anyone to discuss dementia, is open Monday to Thursday from 10am until 1pm.

http://www.jerseyalzheimers.com/latest-news/jersey-alzheimer%E2%80%99s-disease-in-cyprus-

15 September: The Swiss Alzheimer Association names new director for 2016

The Swiss Alzheimer Association’s Central Committee has appointed Stefanie Becker at the Association’s new head. Ms Becker has a doctorate in psychology and gerontology. In her previous position she was responsible for the “Institut Alter” within Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH). Alzheimer Switzerland says it is pleased to have found in Ms Becker a specialist with a vast experience in dementia. She will succeed Birgitta Martensson at the end of December 2015.

Members’ News
17 September: Swedish Alzheimer association has a new name and logo

The Swedish Alzheimer association has adopted a new name, Alzheimer Sverige, as well as a new logo.

http://alzheimer-europe.org/Alzheimer-Europe/Who-we-are/Our-members/Alzheimer-Sverige

24 September: The Alzheimer’s Society is “Britain’s Most Admired Charity”

The title of “Britain’s Most Admired Charity” has this year been awarded to the Alzheimer’s Society. The title is awarded annually, to the charity, voluntary organisation or social enterprise that has attracted the admiration of others in the sector for its recent achievements.

Two years ago, the charity launched its Dementia Friends initiative (see picture) to educate the public about dementia and encourage more people to offer support to those who are affected. In February, it reached its ambitious target of recruiting one million people as Dementia Friends.


29 September: Swiss Alzheimer Association surveys election candidates on dementia

On 29 September, Association Alzheimer Suisse reported on a recent survey it conducted among candidates standing in the upcoming Swiss elections:

Dementia is one of the main challenges in health politics. Do the candidates standing for election on 18 October know what dementia is, and what is their position on this matter?” The Association wanted to find out and made a survey among them.

Close to 500 people participated in the survey. This response rate shows that dementia is a theme that matters for the candidates. 75% of the respondents said that they have had in contact with dementia in their personal or professional activities and many described their experiences.

Their knowledge and personal experiences are important to promote the national dementia strategy that is paralysed because of insufficient financial resources. It is important that politicians and official authorities prioritise dementia when discussing funding allocations. The Association is convinced that it can count on several parliamentarians to put dementia back on the agenda in the next session. In this respect, the financing of the specific care needed for people with dementia must be a central topic.

Candidates that will be not elected to the Federal Parliament can still go on being active in their canton and other activities. The Association is happy to count on the support of political players in its country and has high hopes that the objectives of the national dementia strategy will be achieved – in the interest of 119,000 people living with dementia and their carers.

30 September: Alzheimer Slovenia hosts several “Alzheimer’s cafés”

During September, “World Alzheimer’s Month” Alzheimer Slovenia (Spominčica) hosted ten Alzheimer’s cafés throughout Slovenia, including three in Ljubljana.

During many of these, Spominčica reported on a book by psychologist, Dr. Vojko Kavčic titled “Umovadba” (Brain Fitness), which is his first popular science work on this topic.

The book introduces the reader to the anatomy of the brain and its functioning, and then moves on to describe the processes that occur during aging, increasingly leading to the occurrence of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, said Spominčica.

Other Alzheimer’s cafes dealt with the topics around the different facets and early signs of dementia, as well as the movement of persons with dementia. Meetings were held in cafes, libraries and homes for the elderly.

30 September: Alzheimer Slovenia hosts dementia round table, participants sign #GlasgowDeclaration

As part of a series of events celebrating “World Alzheimer’s Month” Alzheimer Slovenia (Spominčica) organised a round table entitled “Dementia - priority of public health!”

Lecturers included doctors in the field of neurology, psychiatry and family medicine, as well as a psychologist, a nurse and a care home director: Prof. Zvezdan Pirtosjek, head of the clinical department of neurological disease at the Neurological Clinic, Prof. Vojko Kavčic, assistant professor and gerontological researcher at the Institute of Wayne University in Detroit, Dr Milica Kramberger Gregorič, Head of the Centre for Cognitive Disorders at the Neurological Clinic, Dr Lea Žmuc Veranič of the Psychiatric Clinic Ljubljana, Dr Nena Gutek Kopčaver of the Medical Centre Ljubljana, Dr Božidar Volč, President of the Commission Office for Medical Ethics, Jera Globokar, director of the retirement home Center, and registered nurses with the Psychiatric Clinic of Ljubljana, Tabor-Poljane and Barbara Pajk.

The round table was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, the Municipality of Ljubljana, the Institute for care at home, representatives of pharmaceutical companies, representatives of homes for the elderly and relatives of persons with dementia as well as the media.

The main theme of discussion was the need to make dementia a public health priority. There was also a discussion about the issue of ethics, open closed compartments, incontinence in people with dementia, prevention and the need for the establishment of mobile teams that would visit people with dementia at home.

Participants spoke about the importance of early diagnosis and the need for early recognition of cognitive difficulties.
Prof. Kavčič pointed out that dementia is an expensive disease, costing as much as cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases together. Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI)’s World Alzheimer Report for 2015 estimates that the total amount is more than $800 billion annually.

During discussions, participants agreed that dementia is one of the major health, social, societal and financial issues of our time and that it should become a priority of public health in Slovenia.

Participants also signed Alzheimer Europe’s #GlasgowDeclaration.

World Alzheimer’s Day

18 & 21 September: Alzheimer Uniti Italy marks World Alzheimer Day

On 18 and 21 September, Alzheimer Uniti Italy marked World Alzheimer Day with an annual conference and awareness raising activities in a piazza in Rome.

In honour of World Alzheimer Day, Alzheimer Uniti Italy held its annual conference at the Campidoglio in Rome, this year entitled “Science and Conscience: Towards a Friendly Community.” As always, the conference was well attended by more than 200 people, including experts in the field, workers, caregivers and others. In other cities in Italy, affiliates of Alzheimer Uniti held their own conferences and organised events in piazzas to communicate information to the public about new requirements and new solutions, which are also outlined in the new National Dementia Plan.

In Rome, the association had an information booth in Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina to hand out leaflets to the public and answer questions. There was also a service with harp music in the basilica in the piazza and later on the usual Carabinieri brass band entertained the crowd.

But the extraordinary event this year was that on the actual World Alzheimer’s Day, three Ministries (Ministry of Health, Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Social Affairs) signed a protocol agreement, which will involve all the prefectures of Italy, to aid people with dementia who suddenly disappear or get lost. This new agreement was based on the work conducted by Alzheimer Uniti using GPS devices for people with dementia and which produced good results.

21 September: Alzheimer Slovenia organises memory walk on World Alzheimer’s Day

On the occasion of World Alzheimer’s Day, Alzheimer Slovenia (Spominčica), organised a Memory Walk right in the hearth of Ljubljana.

Participants gathered in front of the Museum of Modern Art, where Spominčica had a stand with its various publications and posters, giving information on dementia and its growth in the population. The idea was to raise awareness of dementia in Slovenia, because “many early signs of this disease go unnoticed and are not known among the general population”, said Spominčica.

The association also presented its activities to the public, as well as projects aimed at supporting “a better and easier life of both people with dementia and their relatives or carers”.

The mayor of Ljubljana, Zoran Jankovic sponsored Spominčica’s Memory Walk. Mr Jankovic visited the stands and welcomed visitors and participants. Ljubljana’s new fleet of electric minibuses called “Kavalir” offered free transport for those older people, who had mobility problems walking or were simply too tired to participate in the entire walk.

On the initiative and under coordination of Spominčica other memory walks also took place around Slovenia and within Ljubljana.

The event was brightened with a colourful cultural program: After a lovely children’s performance, a women’s choir entertained participants with songs and citations from Slovenia’s past, and a group of dancers interpreted traditional Indian dances.

The event was covered by the Slovenian media, who were present and reported before, during and after the event.

21 September: Turkish Alzheimer Association celebrates World Alzheimer’s Day with varied activities

The Turkish Alzheimer Association (TAA) kicked off its World Alzheimer’s Day (WAD) activities with a press conference on 17 September at its day care centre in Istanbul, proclaiming the latest developments in medical research, and announcing its events to raise awareness.

Banners with the motto “Don’t forget so, they don’t forget” were hung all around the city for a week.

TAA staff and board members gave out information verbally, along with flyers, magazines and books at a stand in the centre of the city, for four days.

The association also organised a “Guided Health Run”. More than 100 people either walked or ran the 6 km course, wearing t-shirts with the TAA logo and motto.

Due to poor weather conditions, a Bosporus boat tour for the association’s members with dementia and their carers was sadly cancelled.

The TAA has started delivering “Blue Wave: Dementia Friends Training”, which kicked off on 28 September, with the first group of trainees from the municipality office of its district. 13 more trainings are scheduled for the residents of the same district and the TAA is working on a schedule for a neighbouring district and a hospital.
21 September: Cyprus Alzheimer Association marks World Alzheimer’s Day with new web-platform

On the occasion of the World Alzheimer Day 2015, the Cyprus Alzheimer Association was proud to announce the launch of a new web-platform for informal carers – InformCare - developed in the framework of the EU-funded Innovage project.

InformCare provides informal carers from 27 EU member states with key information on their rights and entitlements as well as advice on how to best deliver and cope with their caregiving activities. The launch of the platform was announced during a press release by the President of the Association Mrs Noni Diakou, in the presence of Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Christina Yiannaki.

The web platform was also presented during a seminar organised in co-operation with the Technological University of Cyprus and the Mental Health Services of the Ministry of Health. The seminar aimed to support the carers of people living with dementia.

Opening speeches at the seminar were made by the Commissioner of Volunteerism and Non-Governmental Organisations, Yiannakis Yiannaki, the Director of the nursing department at the Technological University, Nikos Mitleton, the representative from the Ministry of Health, Demetris Botsaris and Eurocarers representative, Areti Efthimiou.

During her opening speech the president of the Cyprus Alzheimer Association congratulated the volunteer from the Limassol district, and gave special thanks to the secretary of the Association, Maria Seleari for her hard work on the creation of the Web platform over the past two years.

The platform contains useful national information to help and support those in the difficult role of informal carer. The President of the Association also expressed her appreciation to Assistant Professor of the Technological University of Cyprus, Evridiki Papastavrou for her valuable contributions to organising the seminar and presenting her research work.

During the seminar, presenters addressed issues concerning the care of people with dementia, to help caregivers perform their difficult role.

Finally, the Cyprus Alzheimer Association, together with the Technological University of Cyprus, announced the launch of workshops for the care of people with dementia – particularly those who are bedridden - starting from October 2015.

21 September: Alzheimer Hellas organises activities around World Alzheimer’s Day

Alzheimer Hellas has created a new cognitive training therapy for MCI patients. The primary aim is the enhancement of executive function parameters. Secondary aims are, through generalisation, the improvement of verbal and visual memory, language, perception, functional performance and quality of life. The program begins with theatre workshops resulting in a public theatre show. Preliminary results have shown improvement in learning ability, selective attention and language. This year Alzheimer Hellas organised a theatrical play (4 comic acts concerning the disease) dedicated to the celebration of World Alzheimer’s Day. The audience gave great reviews and the actors (members of the Association’s theatrical therapy group) were delighted with the experience.

Informational stand - from 14 to 18 September between the hours of 10am and 10pm, in Aristotelous square, in the heart of the city of Thessaloniki, Alzheimer Hellas had its own informational stand. Trained personnel provided the general public with reliable information about dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. A short test was also rolled out to older members of the population.

Throughout September - A TV spot and a radio spot, both specially designed for World Alzheimer’s Day, were broadcast via local and national TV and radio stations. The narration of the radio spot was done by a famous Greek actor.

There was media coverage of all these events, and in addition, the Association gave TV and radio interviews to help raise awareness.

Scientific articles and coverage of initiatives run by the Association’s two day care centers in Thessaloniki were also published in newspapers and via internet news, health sites and newsletters.

21 September: Members of Panhellenic Federation celebrate World Alzheimer’s Day

Members of the Panhellenic Federation of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders celebrated World Alzheimer’s Day with a variety of interesting activities all around Greece, including in Xalkida, Rhodes, Heraklion and Kozani:

On the island of Rhodes on 21 September, the local Association organised free memory tests, an information stand and a screening of the movie “Still Alice”.

In Xalkida on 23 September, the local association (pictured) organised a ceremony with speeches about the symptoms of dementia and the overall care of Alzheimer’s disease. The association is also carrying out free memory tests from 2 to 8 October.

In Kozani, the local association organised a press conference to inform the local press and population about the creation of the association itself, a speech about Alzheimer’s disease and campaigned through the Association’s General Meeting to collect signatures on Alzheimer Europe’s #GlasgowDeclaration.
As part of its efforts to inform and sensitise the public and the state about dementia, The Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders Heraklion Prefecture “Solidarity” organised a seminar with health professionals and caregivers of people with dementia, on 25 and 26 September at the Chamber of Commerce, Heraklion.

21 September: Athens Association raises awareness and promotes prevention on World Alzheimer’s Day

On the occasion of the World Alzheimer’s Day, the Athens Association of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders organised a series of activities to raise public awareness and promote prevention of dementia.

This year’s campaign theme was “Alzheimer’s disease affects us all”, and focused on educating the public about dementia risks and how important early diagnosis and treatment can be.

The Association conducted memory tests in 10 locations throughout the city of Athens, Greece, in collaboration with municipalities, cultural organisations, scientific unions etc. More than 1,500 people aged over 60 participated in the memory screening.

The public was widely informed through numerous radio talk shows, TV shows and public speeches. Health professionals from the Association recommended that anyone interested visit its day care centres and benefit from a wide range of services.

Last but not least, the Association promoted Alzheimer Europe’s #GlasgowDeclaration both to the Public to Greek policymakers, gathering signatures at its events. It also emphasised the importance of the implementation of Greece’s existing national dementia strategy.

21 September: Campaigns are the order of the day in the Netherlands this World Alzheimer’s Day

It was a very eventful World Alzheimer’s Day in the Netherlands, with more than a hundred activities organised by volunteers throughout the country. There were also three big national events:

The national lottery “De Vriendenloterij” (the friend lottery), started the “largest campaign for Alzheimer’s research in the Netherlands”. The goal is to sell as many lottery tickets as possible, with half of the revenue going to Alzheimer Nederland.

A second campaign, “Alzheimer’s socks” was initiated by a group of young professionals (researchers and business). Two of Holland’s top fashion designers, the late Frans Molenaar, who himself had Alzheimer’s disease, and Mart Visser each designed a different sock (one in black and white and the other in blue “dégradé”). The designer-socks – intended to be a conversation-starter to help raise awareness about dementia - are being sold nationwide with the proceeds going to Alzheimer Nederland to support research into the disease at VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam. They are already being worn by many CEOs, MPs and TV-celebrities:

http://www.alzheimer-socks.nl/en

The third event that received national attention was a video-message made by the Dutch government. In the video, several ministers speak out to encourage the people to notice and help people with dementia:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XAHbRUVSP4

21 September: Norwegian Health Association raises awareness and funds on World Alzheimer’s Day

Once a year the Norwegian Health Association runs a campaign to raise awareness and funds to combat dementia. Seventy percent of the funds are allocated to research, and 30 percent to local activities. The week-long “Demensaksjonen” event takes place on World Alzheimer’s Day on 21 September.

The campaign slogan is “Remember those who forget”. Fundraisers are mobilised and open meetings held in local communities across the country. The campaign has resulted in a number of good, informative media reports in local and national media.

In the period around World Alzheimer’s Day, chapters of the Norwegian Health Association in all 19 of Norway’s counties award a local dementia prize, given to people who have distinguished themselves in different capacities concerning dementia.

This year, four of these awards were given to people living with dementia: former member of Alzheimer Europe (AE)’s European Working Group of People with Dementia (EWGPWD), Stig Atle Avik, current EWGPWD member and speaker at this year’s AE Conference, Alv Orheim, Finn Robin Sørle and Turid Aas Lundby.

21 September: Slovakia celebrates World Alzheimer’s Day with 7th international scientific conference

Every year, during “World Alzheimer’s Month” the Slovak Alzheimer Society organises an international scientific conference. This year’s theme was “Senior training and non-pharmacological intervention for Alzheimer’s disease”. This year, for the seventh time, the Society’s two-day conference was an opportunity to learn lots of new information from the field of diagnostics and Alzheimer’s therapy, and provided a platform for conversations about caring for people living with dementia in Slovakia and abroad.

The conference was attended by 178 participants – psychologists, curative pedagogists, social workers, caregivers and families of people with dementia. Overall, 22 speakers from 5 countries around the world (Slovakia, Czech Republic, Norway, Canada and Austria) gave 22 lectures and 5 workshops. Topics were mainly around various non-pharmacological interventions, helping people...
with dementia to be more active: validation, cognitive trainings, sensory stimulation, canis therapy and Montessori approaches, among others. There were also presentations on recent developments in the field of neurology, and the evaluation of social services in facilities caring for people with dementia.

“Seven is a lucky number”, said the Society, about the good feedback it received from conference participants. The Society thanks its 14 volunteers for participating in organising the conference and is also grateful to lecturers and participants for sharing their knowledge and creating a great atmosphere.

The Slovak Alzheimer Society is now looking forward to welcoming participants to its 8th international conference next year, on 22 and 23 September 2016, in Bratislava.

https://sk-sk.facebook.com/VZnamenimMemory

21 September: New AE member from Bosnia celebrates World Alzheimer Day

On 21 September, new arrival to Alzheimer Europe’s membership, Udruženje AiR celebrated World Alzheimer Day in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Association’s dementia centre organised a round table on the topic of “Dementia in the family in Canton Sarajevo”. Participants at the round table were: The Deputy Minister of Health, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Deputy Minister of Justice of Sarajevo Canton, the Assistant Director of the public institution “Home health of Canton Sarajevo”, the Head of Neurology from UKC Sarajevo and a Professor of Philosophy. The round table was opened by the Mayor of Sarajevo Dr Ivo Komsić.

The conclusions of the round table are:

- The dementia centre is an institution of importance for the Canton Sarajevo and Bosnia, and the city government will help in promoting it, and in trying to find an investor to build a modern facility
- The Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo and the dementia centre should sign a protocol on cooperation leading to the practical education of students of psychology.
- The Medical school and dementia centre should establish institutional cooperation, to ensure students in psychogeriatrics implement qhat they learn. First, however, the law needs to be changed.
- All participants agreed to support introducing people with dementia as a distinct social category in the working version of the Federal Law on Social Protection.
- Based on the conclusions of the round table, the Ministry of Health of the Sarajevo Canton will give a written request to the Cantonal Health Insurance Fund that Memantine be put on the list of fully subsidised drugs (100%).

Udruženje AiR feels it has made “significant progress in the fight against dementia” in Bosnia and Herzegovina, given that the executive branch spoke publicly on the topic of dementia in society for the first time, and the meeting has led to some concrete conclusions and agreements.

21 September: Alzheimer Croatia elects new management and attracts publicity around World Alzheimer’s Day

In accordance with the changes in the statute and its alignment with the EU practice, Alzheimer Croatia extended its number of board members and elected new leadership.

Ninoslav Mimica was re-elected as the association’s President. Newly elected Vice-Presidents are Mira Dajić and Tomislav Huić. Other changes in statutes are: wider possibilities for commercial activities and better possibilities for integration into wider society, aimed at helping people with dementia and their carers.

During September, (“World Alzheimer’s Month”) Alzheimer Croatia held a series of activities in Zagreb, Pakrac, Osijek and Dubrovnik that received extensive publicity. Particularly notable is the depth to which mass media discussed the problems experienced by people with dementia and their caregivers. Croatian national television dedicated 1.5 hours of their programme to covering stories related to Alzheimer’s disease, caregivers and the activities of Alzheimer Croatia and some national newspapers published reports of up to six pages. It is estimated that this year’s media echoes reached more than half of the national audience.

It can be concluded that Alzheimer’s disease in Croatia is no longer just an occasional “novelty”, receiving attention only on World Alzheimer’s Day, but a problem to which the media has begun to devote far more attention.

Pictured: Milan Bandić, Mayor of City of Zagreb (left), prof Ninoslav Mimica (middle) and Mira Dajić (right) on World Alzheimer’s Day in Zagreb (21 September 2015).

21 September: The Alzheimer Society of Finland celebrates “Memory Week”

The Alzheimer Society of Finland had a very eventful World Alzheimer’s Day and “Memory Week” this year. It has been celebrating “Memory Week” for about ten years now with plenty of different happenings all around the country.

The theme for Finnish Memory Week 2015 was “A right to a good life”. People lit the “light of memory” (Muistin tulit) on 21 September, to remember the importance of continuous work with memory diseases and those living with dementia.

This event originally came from The Memory Association of Southern Ostrobothnia in Finland, and has gathered a large following around Finland.

“Memory Masses” are also becoming traditional, as churches dedicate their Sunday masses to people with memory diseases and their caregivers. The planning of such masses is done, keeping in mind the needs and wishes of these people.
Living with dementia

15 September: Alv Orheim reflects on the 25th Alzheimer Europe conference

Following Alzheimer Europe’s 25th annual conference (2 to 4 September), Alv Orheim (pictured, presenting during plenary 1 of 25AEC), Norwegian member of the European Working Group of People with Dementia (EWGPWD) wrote his observations and comments:

Having attended the conference in Ljubljana, I understand, and accept, that there is still a long way to go before the mysteries related to cognitive disabilities are resolved.

On the other hand: I was particularly impressed by the dedication by which the science community is pushing forward. Several teams are working along various routes, and sharing information with each other. Collaboration is the only way forward, and joint efforts are important!

It was also encouraging to meet with many joyful people with similar diagnosis as my own. You are truly a nice bunch of people with whom my wife Berit and I feel at home!

Scientists have no definite answers as to how and when they may offer a definite medical treatment to dementia. And we still do not know what are the causes.

Consequently, no "quick fix" is expected in the near future. However, studies confirm some risk-reducing factors, important to all of us: Physical activity, social involvement and cognitive stimuli may slow down the progression.

At the conference both the members from the European working group and other persons with dementia, including our carers, contributed to the program. Every contribution was well received by the general public. A reception I believe was fully justified. A true confirmation of the fact that we are able to contribute to society every day and stay happy and joyful.

21 September: Helen Rochford Brennan writes “A letter to remember” for World Alzheimer Day

To mark the occasion of World Alzheimer Day 2015, Helen Rochford Brennan, Vice-Chair of the European Working Group of People with Dementia (EWGPWD) and advocate for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, wrote a letter addressed to herself, called "A letter to remember":

Dear Helen,

You have come a long way since that dark day you were diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer’s and that lonely, bleak drive home from the doctor’s office.

First it was forgetting words, stopping mid-sentence, wondering what you were about to say, covering up, forgetting appointments. Then it was taking three days to write something to now taking three weeks. You had a wonderful life Helen, it was full of love and then it became filled with the deepest sadness as life’s adventure came to an abrupt and unexpected halt. There were often times when you wished you had cancer instead of Alzheimer’s,

because you know that people would have treated you differently.

But Helen, you have been fighting hard for people with dementia to be afforded the dignity of living well in their own homes. As an advocate, you know you are making a difference, so I am writing to you to tell you to keep working, keep fighting, because all the time you are doing this Alzheimer’s is attacking you and all you have worked for.

Yes, you had a wonderful career, an active life and then it was almost impossible to accept that all that was in the past and that life would never be as it was. Yes, I know the future still terrifies you, but you must continue to be bright, to be positive, both for yourself and your family whom you love so dearly.

Keep up your advocacy work for as long as you possibly can Helen, because nothing will change until we bring dementia out of the shadows. You have been a community activist for as long as you can remember, and now you fighting for your own rights, and for the rights of everybody with this horrendous illness.

If you put your emotions to one side and continue to tell your story the rewards are huge. Not for you, but for all those people living with dementia. As an advocate you are helping to create a better quality of life that, someday, we will all benefit from.

Never give up as long as you have breath in your body and don’t let these disease define who you are. You have done so much since those early days. Through the help and support of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, you have made many new friends, travelled to tell the world that Alzheimer’s isn’t a death sentence.

With the right supports we can live with this condition, we can put one foot in front of the other, we can walk, breathe, even stop to smell the roses. Do everything in your power Helen to enjoy each precious moment you breathe, even stop to smell the roses. Do everything in

Policy Watch

12 August: German Alzheimer Society welcomes new care reform

The German Alzheimer Society (DAlG) has welcomed a new care reform as an important step towards greater justice for people with dementia and their families.

On 12 August, the Second Maintenance Support Act (PSG II) was adopted by Germany’s Federal Cabinet, signaling significant improvements for people with dementia and their families.
“After many years of patchy policies, this is finally a care reform worthy of its name,” commented Sabine Jansen, Executive Director of DAlzG.

The reform means that while physical care needs will continue to be met, other needs - such as support with cognitive problems, communication skills and behavioral changes - will also be taken into account. Under the previous law this group (care dependency level 1) was not eligible for financial support.

This new definition of the law will be of great benefit to people living with dementia, who may have need of support and monitoring with basic daily life to help them with personal safety and allow them to maintain their independence. It is expected that about 500,000 additional persons with dementia will become eligible for financial support under the new law.

Today about 1.5 million people in Germany are living with dementia, approximately two thirds of whom have Alzheimer’s disease. This number could double by 2050, if there is no breakthrough in cure or disease-modifying therapy.

Ms Jansen said that families of people living with dementia have previously had to fight hard to obtain support with the most basic aspects of care - personal hygiene, nutrition and mobility - which are often provided round the clock by family members. With this reform, she feels that “the justice gap is finally closed”.

https://www.deutsche-alzheimer.de/ueber-uns/aktuelles/artikelansicht/artikel/bundeskabinett-beschliesst-pflegestaerkungsgesetz-4-deutsche-alzheimer-gesellschaft-bagruest-bas.html

27-28 September: EU receives recommendations from the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

On 27 and 28 of August, for the first time the European Union was examined by a UN human rights committee in Geneva—the expert committee on the rights of persons with disabilities and received recommendations to strengthen its approach to the rights of persons with disabilities in Europe.

Having ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010, the EU was called to present the work it has done on the implementation of the Convention since then. This is the first international human rights treaty that the EU as a whole has ever ratified.

In the presentation of the report, Michel Servoz, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, said that the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 focused on enabling and empowering persons with disabilities, and aimed at eliminating barriers, particularly in accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health and external action. Significant progress had been achieved in the implementation of the Convention, but Europe still had a lot to do because significant inequalities persisted, notably in the employment and education of persons with disabilities. However in his closing remarks, Mr. Servoz said that it was certain that the implementation of the Convention would improve the lives of European citizens with disabilities and said that the priorities were employment, education and social situation of persons with disabilities.

The UN Committee has now published its concluding observations and recommendations on how the EU can promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities in Europe.

Alzheimer Europe welcomed the recommendations on employment and voting rights as these are areas directly affect people with dementia.

Science Watch

3 August: Cholinesterase inhibitors may result in weight loss

Cholinesterase inhibitors - drugs commonly used to treat symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease (AD) - may result in harmful weight loss, according to research published in the online Journal of the American Geriatrics Society on 3 August.

The study used figures from previous research to evaluate patients aged 65 or older diagnosed with dementia who received a new prescription for a cholinesterase inhibitor, or other new chronic medication.

After a year of usage the research team found that 29% of patients on the inhibitors experienced significant weight loss. Results showed that patients who started on the medications had a higher risk of clinically significant weight loss over a 12 month period.

Figures from controlled trials suggest that weight loss could be an under-recognised side effect of cholinesterase inhibitors, but further investigation is needed.


21 August: Dementia rates are stabilising, study claims

Research published on 21 August in The Lancet Neurology journal says that the number of people with dementia in some Western European countries is stabilising.

The study looks at data from five large epidemiological studies done in Sweden, the Netherlands, the UK and Spain, comparing dementia occurrence in older people (over 65) across two periods of time using similar methods of diagnosing dementia in the same geographical regions.

The researchers found four out of the five studies showed no increase in prevalence – the numbers with dementia – or incidence – the numbers being newly diagnosed over the past 20 or 30 years. The study in the UK, however, actually showed a drop in the numbers: there were 22% fewer people aged over 65 with dementia in 2011 than had been predicted in 1990. Spanish results showed a 43% decline in dementia prevalence in men aged 65 and over between 1987 and 1996. Swedish and Dutch studies showed that the age-specific incidence of dementia is falling in these countries.
The authors point to improvements in education, living conditions and a general reduction in dementia risk factors (such as vascular disease) over recent decades as being a factor behind the decrease in dementia prevalence. The researchers point out, however, that while the decrease in dementia occurrence is a positive sign, dementia care will remain a crucial challenge for many years because of population ageing.

http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanneurol/article/PIIS1474-4422%2815%2900032-7/abstract

20 August: Meta-analysis finds nine risk factors may contribute to two-thirds of AD cases

Nine potentially modifiable risk factors may contribute to up to two thirds of Alzheimer’s disease (AD) cases worldwide, a meta-analysis conducted by US and Chinese researchers has suggested. Their results were published in the Journal Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry on 20 August.

Suggested preventive strategies, targeting diet, drugs, body chemistry, mental health, pre-existing disease, and lifestyle may help to prevent AD.

The study authors looked at a range of factors previously linked with AD in order to try and determine the degree that they might be modified, thereby potentially reducing the risk.

The researchers looked at 323 studies covering 93 different potential risk factors and more than 5,000 people. The nine risk factors included obesity, carotid artery narrowing, low educational attainment, high levels of homocysteine, depression, hypertension and frailty – and in the Asian population – current smoking and type 2 diabetes.

Mathematical formulas indicated that these nine factors, each of which is potentially modifiable, contribute up to around two thirds of cases globally, said the researchers.

In contrast, they found strong evidence for a protective effect from taking statins, hypertension drugs, oestrogen and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. They also found the same level of evidence for folate, vitamins C and E and coffee.

http://jnpb.bmj.com/content/early/2015/07/27/jnpb-2015-310548

26 August: Awareness of memory loss may decline before dementia diagnosis

A study published online in the journal Neurology on 26 August, suggests that people who go on to develop dementia may begin to lose awareness of their memory problems two to three years before diagnosis.

Researchers analysed data from 2,092 participants from three ongoing studies following older people (over 65) for more than 10 years. At the beginning of the study, the participants were an average of 76 years old and showed no signs of memory loss or cognitive impairments. They were given annual memory and cognitive ability tests and were also asked how often they had trouble remembering things, and how they would rate their memory compared to 10 years earlier.

Out of 239 people diagnosed with dementia during the study, memory awareness was initially stable, then dropped quickly an average of 2.6 years before a diagnosis of dementia was given. This followed several years of memory decline.

http://www.neurology.org/content/85/11/784

7 September: “Blood test for dementia” claims are premature

Claims that a “simple blood test” could predict dementia, are premature, said NHS Choices on 7 September, in reaction to a number of UK media stories in early September.

The study, NHS Choices explains, aimed to identify a genetic score that could be used to indicate an individual’s biological age. Using muscle and tissue samples from young and old adults, they identified the set of genetic markers that could best differentiate between the young and old samples.

They further tested this “healthy ageing gene score” using other tissue samples, including blood of people with and without Alzheimer’s disease (AD). They found that the score was lower in those with AD. Overall, this score was suggested as a marker for healthy ageing.

“However,” NHS Choices continued, “it is important to realise this study is in the early experimental stages and the score has so far only been tested in small groups of people with known disease status. It is not known how well it could predict future disease development.”

“Overall, the study is of interest, but it is too soon to suggest to the general public that they could have a blood test to determine their age and risk of types of dementia such as Alzheimer’s”, it concludes.

http://www.nhs.uk/news/2015/09September/Pages/Claims-a-blood-test-for-dementia-is-coming-soon-are-premature.aspx

9 September: Discontinued hormone injections linked to the transmission of AD

On 9 September, there were reports that injections of human growth hormone may be responsible for some people developing brain changes related to Alzheimer’s disease. A small number of people who received this injection, which was discontinued in 1985, went on to develop a form of prion disease called iatrogenic Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (iCJD). This study investigated how else the injection may have affected their brain.

In reaction to the UK media storm caused by this study, with claims that AD is “transmissible” and even “contagious”, the Alzheimer’s Society (UK) wrote:

“It is important to note that this research included just eight people and none of them were shown to have Alzheimer’s disease. Four of the eight people did have widespread changes in their brain that are similar to changes seen in Alzheimer’s. There is no evidence that Alzheimer’s disease can be transmitted from person to person.”

person, including via any current medical or dental procedures.”


15 September: Phase III pivotal trial begins for ALZT-OP1 in Early AD

On 15 September AZTherapies, Inc. a company developing a combination therapy for Alzheimer’s disease (AD) based on technology licensed from Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston, US), announced that it is launching a Phase III clinical study for early AD, after having received a SPA (Special Protocol Assessment) agreement notice from US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The combination drug therapy, ALZT-OP1 consists of the administration of two previously approved drugs for other indications that act on important mechanisms relevant to AD, with a new formulation and targeted delivery to ensure blood and brain concentrations necessary to achieve their actions.


22 September: Arthritis drug could double up as a treatment for AD and FTD, study finds

A study, published in Nature Medicine on 21 September has shown that salsalate, a drug used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, effectively prevented the accumulation of the protein tau in frontotemporal dementia (FTD) mouse models.

The study, conducted by scientists from the Gladstone Institutes in California, US, found that in lowering tau in the mouse models, memory function was improved as was hippocampal damage.

http://www.nature.com/nm/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nm.3951.html

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http://www.alz.co.uk/worldreport

16 September: VPH-DARE@IT publishes latest project newsletter

The VPH-DARE@IT project partners released their latest newsletter on 16 September.

Newsletters

Newsletter: August-September 2015

The “Virtual Physiological Human: Dementia Research Enabled by IT” project aims to provide a systematic, multifactorial and multiscale modelling approach to understanding dementia onset and progression and enable more objective, earlier, predictive and individualised diagnoses and prognoses of dementias to cope with the challenge of an ageing European society.

The newsletter can be downloaded on the project website.

www.vph-dare.eu

17 September: SyDAD project looks to recruit 15 PhD students via new website

SyDAD, a European Training Network sponsored by Horizon 2020 Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions, is looking to recruit 15 PhD students for an interdisciplinary PhD programme, including an innovative research programme.

The Application deadline is 25 October 2015 and start date will be somewhere between Jan-April 2016.

Alzheimer Europe (AE) will play a role later in the project, when the researchers will members of our European Working Group (EWGPWD), to speak to people living with dementia, and learn how to communicate scientific findings in a more understandable fashion. The researchers will also be encouraged to submit abstracts to future AE conferences.

www.sydad.eu

23 September: UK Neighborhoods and Dementia study has new website

The ESRC / NIHR Neighbourhoods and Dementia study is part of the suite of studies that form part of UK Prime Minister’s 2012 Challenge on Dementia. It is a five year research study [1 May 2014 – 30 April 2019] and is framed around people, spaces and places.

The study website is: http://www.neighbourhoodsanddementia.org/

23 September: NICE publishes guidelines on home care services for older people

On 23 September, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in the UK published guidelines to promote high-quality home care services for older people.

Home care refers to practical support for people who need help to continue living in their own homes. This can range from helping people to wash and dress themselves to carrying out essential domestic tasks on their behalf.

“If home care is delivered in the right way, people can maintain their independence and stay at home for as long as possible - which is of vital importance to people with dementia”, writes the Alzheimer’s Society (UK).

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