Alzheimer Europe 1990-2010
Celebrating twenty years of achievements

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Jean Georges, Executive Director
“I BEGAN to feel the desire for something more; I wanted to do something to make things better.”

~ Inducted: 2000 ~
DAS VOLK WILL DIE WIEDERVEREINIGUNG
“Because we are all satisfied that we will benefit from European co-operation, and together can put more pressure on the European Council, Commission, Parliament and other national and supranational organisations, we have decided to form a European Alzheimer organisation.” (1990)
Strategic Aims

• Promoting Information exchange
• Supporting our member organisations
• Joinly developing policy and supporting our policies with facts
• Representing the interests of people with dementia and their carers and making dementia a European priority
Françoise Grossetête, MEP (France)
Speaking at French Presidency Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease (October, 2008)

“Alzheimer Europe needs to become the centre of coordination and information for Alzheimer associations and all other organisations involved in this field.”
Home

Welcome to the Alzheimer Europe website. We are a non-governmental organization aimed at raising awareness of all forms of dementia by creating a common European platform through co-ordination and co-operation between Alzheimer organizations throughout Europe. Alzheimer Europe is also a source of information on all aspects of dementia.

Alzheimer Europe

Find out more about who we are, our work, strategic partners and publications.

Dementia

In this section we present the many different forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease which is often considered the most common form.

Living with dementia

Whether you have dementia or are caring for a person with dementia, click here to find useful tips on how to live with dementia.

Policy in Practice

Strong support for the European Alzheimer's Alliance, has ensured that policy makers began to lend our calls to make dementia a priority and may help address stark differences between countries' approaches to dementia identified by our studies.

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Ethics

The care and treatment of people with dementia raises important ethical issues. Find out more about our work in this field.

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Our Research

The latest European research on dementia we have carried out in the European Collaboration on Dementia project. We are developing our research observatory which will be an information point on participation issues and on how research is conducted.

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A-Z of dementias

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ADC, see AIDS Dementia Complex
Adrenomyeloneuropathy, see Adrenoleukodystrophy
Adrenoleukodystrophy
AGD, see Amylogphilic Grain Disease
AIDS Dementia Complex
ALD, see Adrenoleukodystrophy
ALS, see Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Amylogphilic Grain Disease
Ataxias
Antonio Costa, Executive Director
(Alzheimer Portugal)

On the adoption by MEPs of European Parliament Written Declaration 08/2008 • Issue 3, Dementia in Europe magazine, p. 9 (2009) •

“This was only possible due to the work of the Alzheimer Europe team, who created a favourable agenda and timing.”
From 10 members in 9 countries to 31 members in 28 countries
“Patient organisations like Alzheimer Europe must also be whistle blowers. While they are the link between the policy makers and the families of people with dementia, the patient organisations also have a role in identifying the shortcomings of the care systems in Europe and mobilising the policy makers to bring about effective changes.”
The impact on carers: Hours per day caring for person with dementia

Patients informed about disease

Percentage of carers reporting that patients were informed about disease

- Scotland: 80%
- France: 70%
- Germany: 69%
- Poland: 65%
- Spain: 23%
- European Average: 64%

European Collaboration on Dementia
Androulla Vassiliou, Health Commissioner
Speaking in the foreword of 2008

• Dementia in Europe Yearbook p. 10 •

“\textit{I know very well that the EuroCoDe Project led by Alzheimer Europe is a great health action success and the Commission will be proud to continue the collaboration with Alzheimer Europe within the framework of the Health Programme 2008-2013}”
EuroCoDe (II)

• Comparative report on the level of social support in Europe
• Overview of international, European and national guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of dementia
• Overview of European prevalence studies
• Report on the socio-economic impact of dementia
• Report on the current understanding of the risk and protective factors in dementia
EuroCoDe - Prevalence

- Inventory of prevalence studies published since EuroDem (194 articles)
- Quality criteria for studies to be included in meta-analysis (17 studies)
  - Community based
  - Minimum sample size of 300
  - Standardised diagnostic criteria
  - Study date after 1990
Prevalence of dementia (men)
Prevalence of dementia (women)
Public health impact

- 7.4 million people with dementia in European Union*
- Numbers expected to double or treble by 2050**

* Alzheimer Europe (2009): EuroCoDe results
Philippe Amouyel

Speaking about the promotion of healthy brain lifestyle recommendations • Issue 5, the Dementia in Europe Magazine, p. 23 (2010) •

“This action would strongly benefit of taking into account the conclusions of the EuroCoDe Project coordinated by Alzheimer Europe.”
Paris Declaration

• Adopted by Annual General Meeting in Paris (May 2006)

• Political priorities in the field of:
  – Public health
  – Medical and scientific priorities
  – Care and social issues
  – Ethical and legal questions
  – Alzheimer associations
Astrid Lulling, MEP (Luxembourg)

Speaking in an interview with Alzheimer Europe
•Issue 4, Dementia in Europe magazine, p. 7 (2009)

“The challenges of Alzheimer’s disease became quickly clear to me. I had no hesitation in supporting Alzheimer Europe’s Paris Declaration”
EP Written Declaration

• Launched by Françoise Grossetête (France), John Bowis (United Kingdom), Katalin Levai (Hungary), Jan Tadeusz Masiel (Poland) and Antonis Trakatellis (Greece)

• Signed by 465 MEPs out of 785 (59.24%)
EP Written Declaration (2)

• Calls on the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States to recognise Alzheimer’s disease as a European public health priority and to develop a European action plan with a view to:

  – promoting pan-European research on the causes, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease,
  – improving early diagnosis,
  – simplifying procedures for patients and carers and improving their quality of life,
  – promoting the role of Alzheimer’s associations and giving them regular support
“The alliance has worked tirelessly with Alzheimer Europe and national Associations to ensure that dementia is given the priority it deserves as a public health concern. This hard work has begun to pay off.”
Towards a European Action Plan?

- French Presidency Conference “The fight against Alzheimer’s disease

- Adoption of Council Recommendations
  - Joint Programming Initiative
  - European Alzheimer’s initiative
“All parties recognised and were in no doubt that Alzheimer Europe is a privileged partner in that it has the competency, professionalism and capacity to carry out the work required and the Commission needs the participation of Alzheimer Europe.”
Claude Moraes, MEP (UK)

Speaking in the foreword in 2009
- Dementia in Europe Yearbook p. 10 -

“I wish Alzheimer Europe continued success with its activities and I look forward to collaborating with the organisation in the future.”
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Different Aims
Same Aims
AE represents
Regionalisation

Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree