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Dementia: putting strategies and research into practice
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Programme Book
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Welcome

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are delighted to welcome you to the 25th Annual Conference of Alzheimer Europe which takes place in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 2-4 September 2015.

The theme for this year is “Dementia: putting strategies and research into practice”. We want to build on our experience of the previous years and identify how research results and research findings can be translated into concrete actions to improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers. The conference will also be an opportunity to celebrate Alzheimer Europe’s 25th anniversary and to look back on the many achievements of the organisation.

By putting the translation of research and strategies into practice at the heart of this year’s conference, we want to demonstrate the responsibility of national and international policymakers, local decision-makers, health and social care professionals and all of society in making change happen for people with dementia and their carers.

The annual Alzheimer Europe conference is, as ever, unique in bringing together a range of participants, including people with dementia and their carers, policy makers and civil servants, care and health professionals, academics and researchers, staff and volunteers of Alzheimer associations and representatives of the pharmaceutical industry. In this context, we would also like to thank the European Union for the generous support provided via the health programme for our 2015 Work Plan and Annual Conference.

Our call for abstracts focused on four key fields: dementia-friendly society, dementia policies and strategies, innovative care and medical aspects and we were delighted to receive a great number of interesting abstracts from researchers, academics, professionals, carers and people with dementia from across Europe. We hope that you will enjoy the presentations where experts will share their research, projects, initiatives and activities.

The conference is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Aleš Kogoj, founder of Spominčica – Alzheimer Slovenija in 1997 and a pioneer in the field of dementia in Slovenia.

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Reserved areas
A number of seated places for the lunch breaks will be reserved for the sole use of people with dementia. Those areas will be marked as “Reserved”. Rows in all meeting rooms will also be marked as “Reserved” for the use of people with dementia. Our staff members will be happy to direct you to those dedicated areas.

Conference language
The official language of the conference is English. Simultaneous translation will be in Slovenian for all session in the Linhart Hall.

Hearing Impaired Visitors
An induction loop system is in use in the Linhart and Kosovel Halls. Please switch your hearing aid to the T position prior to entering an auditorium.

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This conference is not CME (Continuing Medical Education) accredited. Certificates for participation will be available at the registration desk.

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The conference will take place in:
Cankarjev Dom
Culture and Congress Centre
Prešernova cesta 10
1000 Ljubljana
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Conference Venue

Ground floor
Grand Reception Hall

Registration desk
Poster presentation
Info desk and conference secretariat
Exhibition area
Coffee breaks and lunches
Lift
Stairs
Toilets

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Lunch area for people with dementia and guests
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14.00–17.00
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18.00–19.00
(Linhart Hall): Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony
- Heike von Lützau-Hohlbein, Chairperson, Alzheimer Europe
- Štefanija Lukič Zlobec, Chairperson, Spominčica – Alzheimer Slovenija
- Helga Rohra, Chairperson, European Working Group of People with Dementia
- Anja Kopac, Minister for Social Affairs, Slovenia
- Bojana Mursic, Vice-Chair of the National Assembly, Slovenia

Keynote lecture:
- Jean Georges (Luxembourg)
  Alzheimer Europe: Celebrating 25 years of achievements

19.00–20.30:
Welcome Reception

Thursday, 3 September 2015

08.30–10.00
(Linhart Hall) Plenary Session PL1: Putting research into practice

Chairperson: Charles Scerri (Malta)


PL1.2. Florence Pasquier (France) Improving the timely diagnosis and providing adequate support to people with early memory complaints

PL1.3. Simon Lovestone (United Kingdom) From biomarkers to clinical trials – big data and public-private consortia for Alzheimer’s disease prevention

PL1.4. Zvezdan Pitoršek (Slovenia) Prevention of Alzheimer’s disease – Myths, wishes and reality

10.00–10.30
Coffee break and poster exhibition PO1 and PO2

PO1.1. Susan McFadden (United Kingdom) The Influence of Empathic Concern on Views of the Humanness of Persons with Dementia

PO1.2. Michelle Heward (United Kingdom) Making a difference: Can ‘Dementia Friendly Communities’ increase awareness of dementia and help people affected by the condition to feel supported and valued within their community?

PO1.3. Jan Oyebode (United Kingdom) Dementia detectives: Busting the myths surrounding dementia in schools

PO1.4. Katarina Levicka (Slovakia) We and the others: How residents in elderly care facilities perceive residents with dementia

PO1.5. Giuliana De Rosa (Italy) The potentiality of expressive and sign language

PO1.7. Veranič Lea Žmuc (Slovenia) Antidepressants for the treatment of agitation and aggression in Alzheimer’s disease

PO1.8. Jera Grobelnik (Slovenia) Ethical problem: dignity and self-determination of people with dementia against “locking up” these people in the name of their safety

PO1.9. Radojka Kobentar (Slovenia) Social pedagogical concepts in working with patients suffering from dementia

PO1.10. Gail Mountain (United Kingdom) Dementia Outcome Measures: charting new territory

PO1.11. Philipp Koldrack (Germany) Detection of disorientation to enable situation-aware navigation assistance

PO1.12. Björn Freter (Germany) The fundamental drama of mankind is repeated in the drama of dementia

PO1.13. Osman Kucuk (Bosnia) Perceptions and image of person with dementia yesterday and today in Bosnian society

PO1.15. Sujoy Mukherjee (United Kingdom) Air travel and Dementia

PO1.16. Antonella Deponte (Italy) Spreading care through the community
PO1.18. Zoe Campbell (United Kingdom) Developing a code of practice for dementia friendly communities

PO1.19. Neza Stiglic (Slovenia) The influence of Alzheimer’s disease on family caregivers

PO1.20. 2018 Alzheimer Europe Conference: Place to Interact PO1.21. Marie-Christine Closon (Belgium) Pilot project in St Gillis commune (Brussels): How to do more with less public financial means for dementia patients

PO1.22. Paul Dunney (United Kingdom) Peterborough Dementia Resource Centre

PO1.23. Aud Johanssens (Norway) Possible explanations for and barriers to allocating and organising support contacts for people with dementia: A qualitative study with reports from administrators

PO1.24. Marjeta Comboc (Slovenia) Improving the quality of life of people with dementia with targeted rehabilitation

PO1.25. Isabelle Donnio (France) Partnership between Bistrot Mémoire and cultural disposals

PO1.26. Isabelle Donnio (France) Ten years of experience for Bistrot Mémoire in France and a National Union to be representative and evaluate the concept

PO1.27. Joanna Joyce (Ireland) Engaging the voice of family carers: the development of a dementia carers campaign network

PO1.28. Józef Skrlj (Slovenia) About beliefs or why carers / volunteers need support, supervision and coaching

PO1.29. Phuong Leung (United Kingdom) Carer involvement in cognitive-based interventions for people with dementia: a systematic review

PO1.30. Phuong Leung (United Kingdom) Experiences and perspectives of people with dementia and their carers in taking part in a carer-led cognitive stimulation intervention: A qualitative study

PO1.31. Stephen Cutler and Corina Brăgaru (Romania) Long-term and short-term predictors of worries about getting Alzheimer’s disease

PO1.32. Oliver Constant (Belgium) Dementia-friendly communication: a win-win for everybody

PO1.33. Michelle Burns (USA) Sharing the journey: a pilot study in creating enriching relationships through expressive art

PO1.34. Birgit Dietz (Germany) Come to your senses – sensual architecture for people with cognitive risks

PO1.35. Paraskevi Sakka (Greece) Counseling Services Network for Alzheimer’s Society UK translating research into practice

PO1.36. Luisa Bartorelli (Italy) The Alzheimer Café: an espresso with friends in adagio time

PO1.37. Kathy Murphy (Ireland) People with dementia’s perceptions of the factors that strengthen resilience

PO1.38. David Krivec (Slovenia) Living with dementia at home

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PO1.50. Antoni Gelonch (Spain) Estimul’Art: History, Art and Alzheimer

PO1.51. Antoni Gelonch (Spain) Spouses of people with early-onset dementia - “Fundació ACE’ groups’ experience.

PO1.52. Signe Tretteteig (Norway) The influence of day care centres for people with dementia on family caregivers: an integrative review of the literature

PO1.53. Corinne Greasley-Adams (United Kingdom) Music and Dementia: A Conceptual Framework

PO1.54. Karmen Hebar (Slovenia) Prostovoljska akcija univerzalne preventive pred demenco

PO1.55. Miranda Urh (Slovenia) I want to be free

PO2.1. Janne Rosvik (Norway) Acticare: Access to timely formal care

PO2.2. Laila Kathleen Johansen (Norway) Dementia- a common Challenge

PO2.3. Anna Mäki-Petäjä-Leinonen (Finland) Finnish elder act - did it improve the legal rights of people with dementia

PO2.4. Gunilla Nordberg (Sweden) Successful implementation of national guidelines using modern technology

PO2.5. James Pearson (United Kingdom) Focus on dementia: supporting people to stay connected within their community

PO2.6. Sandra Schaller (Germany) The use of real world data to tailor community services for persons with dementia and informal caregivers. The Bavarian Dementia Survey (BayDem)

PO2.7. Andrea Fabbo (Italy) The role of active caregivers and informal networks in supporting people with dementia

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PO2.9. Szilvia Heim (Hungary) Attitudes of Hungarian family physicians regarding to screening and care of the Alzheimer’s disease

PO2.10. Lea Lebar (Slovenia) National data on social home help – organization and accessibility

PO2.11. Colin Capper (United Kingdom) Do, enable, influence- Alzheimer’s Society UK translating research into practice

PO2.12. Mark Pearson (OECD) The OECD approach to comparing and benchmarking dementia care

10.30–12.00
(Linhart Hall) Plenary Session PL2: Dementia strategies and policies

Chairperson: Štefanija Lukič Zlobec (Slovenia)

PL2.1. Geoff Huggins (United Kingdom) A new European Joint Action

PL2.2. Peter Volasko (Slovenia) A positive impact of collaboration in the Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Diseases Research (JPND) on the National Research Policy

PL2.3. Alv Orheim (Norway) Changing the perceptions and image of dementia

PL2.4. Mark Pearson (OECD) The OECD approach to comparing and benchmarking dementia care
### 12.00–13.00
**Lunch**

### 13.00–14.00
**(Kosovel Hall) Special Symposium SS1: Living well with dementia**

**Moderator:** Hilary Doxford (United Kingdom)

**SS1.1.** Rozel Snell (Jersey) Rozel’s journey after diagnosis

**SS1.2.** Raoul Grönqvist (Finland) A case study

**SS1.3.** Agnes Houston (United Kingdom) Dementia and sensory challenges

**SS1.4.** Nina Baláčková (Czech Republic) The impact of dementia on my life

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

### 13.00–14.00
**(Stih Hall) Special Symposium SS2: EPAD, an innovative private-public partnership for the prevention of Alzheimer’s dementia**

**Moderator:** Jean Georges (Luxembourg)

**SS2.1.** Simon Lovestone (United Kingdom)

**SS2.2.** Serge Van der Geyten (Belgium)

**SS2.3.** Shirlene Badger (United Kingdom)

This symposium is organised by EPAD (European Prevention of Alzheimer’s dementia)

### 14.00–15.30
**(Linhart Hall) Parallel Session P1: Involving people with dementia**

**Chairperson:** Maria do Rosário Zincke dos Reis (Portugal)

**P1.1.** Katherine Blaker and Eddy Flory (United Kingdom) Research into practice: People with dementia creating change in the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT)

**P1.2.** Emer Begley (Ireland) Reflections from the Irish dementia working group and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland on the benefits and challenges of participating in dementia research

**P1.3.** Amy Dalrymple (United Kingdom) Developing the involvement of people living with dementia and carers in policy making

**P1.4.** Jacqueline Parkes (United Kingdom) Partners in Projects: Preparing people living with dementia for active involvement in research, evaluations, and service developments

**P1.5.** Jasper Kimenai and Saskia Danen (Netherlands) I survive best by being active

### 14.00–15.30
**(Kosovel Hall) Parallel Session P2: Dementia strategies**

**Chairperson:** Peter Volasko (Slovenia)

**P2.1.** Tina Leonard (Ireland) Has Ireland’s first National Dementia Strategy made dementia a national priority?

**P2.2.** Knut Engedal (Norway) Involving people with dementia in new dementia strategy

**P2.3.** Simon Brezovar (Slovenia) The global “young leaders address dementia” initiative to support the World Dementia Council

**P2.4.** Oliver Goldhardt, Wienke Jacobsen, Patrick Slevin (Germany) Moving forward: what should be the focus of dementia strategies in 21st century?

**P2.5.** Paraskevi Sakka (Greece) Greek national observatory for dementia and Alzheimer’s disease: ensuring the implementation of national dementia strategy

### 14.00–15.30
**(Stih Hall) Parallel Session P3: Psychosocial interventions**

**Chairperson:** Myrra Vernooij-Dassen (Netherlands)

**P3.1.** Martin Orrell (United Kingdom) Understanding the causes and solutions for crises in dementia

**P3.2.** Franka Meiland (Netherlands) Online training of carers of people with dementia; evaluation results of the European STAR training portal

**P3.3.** Mandy Cook (United Kingdom) Woodlands & forests as places of mental well-being for people with dementia

**P3.4.** Pam Schweitzer (United Kingdom) Spreading the word: multiplication of best practice in carer support through a new apprentice scheme in reminiscence arts in dementia care and evaluation of this scheme

**P3.5.** Debby Gerritsen (Netherlands) NaturAll4DEM: results of a qualitative pilot study into personalized nature based interventions for people with dementia

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**Chairperson:** Milica Kramberger (Slovenia)

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**P4.2.** Alexandra König (France/Netherlands) The use of ICT for the assessment of people with dementia and mild cognitive impairment within the Dem@care project

**P4.3.** Jan Oyebo (United Kingdom) You are happy and safe: a discourse analysis of a diagnostic disclosure of dementia

**P4.4.** David Morgan (USA) Leveraging volunteers in retirement communities to increase diagnosis of dementia

**P4.5.** Shibley Rahman (United Kingdom) Specialist nurses should form part of the post-diagnostic care and support network for living well with dementia
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**Chairperson:** Sabine Henry (Belgium)

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**Chairperson:** Tatjana Cvetko (Slovenia)

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**Chairperson:** Hilary Doxford (United Kingdom)

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P10.4. Lindsey Brett (Australia) An evidence-based physical exercise protocol for people living with dementia in nursing homes.

P10.5. Jean-Bernard Mabire (France) Social stimulation and dementia: does it have an impact on social interactions of people with dementia living in nursing homes?

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P11.2. Kevin Black (United Kingdom) A place to sit

P11.3. Anne Mondro (USA) Memory, Aging & Expressive Arts: Fostering meaningful art experiences for persons with dementia

P11.4. Virginia Serrani (Italy) Innovative gallery project connecting art, community and people with dementia

P11.5. Tina Bilban (Slovenia) Ageing and dementia in children's literature

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P12.2. Louise Hopper (Ireland) “If we can get through this week” – experiences of formal dementia home and community care in Ireland

P12.3. Touzery Simona Hvalič (Slovenia) Project Palliare: equipping the qualified dementia workforce to support advanced dementia care and family caring

P12.5. Fiona Kelly (United Kingdom) Informing to improve: Exploring the views of people affected by dementia to develop better care pathways

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Chairperson: Rabih Chattat (Italy)

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P13.3. Margaret Brown (United Kingdom) Empowering care home staff to deliver dignified care to the person with advanced dementia

P13.4. Martin Nikolaus Dichter (Germany) Dimensions of quality of life from the perspective of people with dementia – a metasynthesis

P13.5. Heather Edwards, Archie Noone and Jacqueline Dennis (United Kingdom) Promoting continence for people living with dementia and long term conditions
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Chairperson: Jera Grobelnik (Slovenia)

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P14.2. Manuela Setzer (Germany) Importance of behavioral symptoms on caregivers needs: The impact on community services

P14.3. Charles Scerri (Malta) Depression, anxiety and quality of life in relatives of individuals with dementia in Malta

P14.4. Paolo Prolo (Switzerland) Sensory gardens in dementia care: An evidence-based translation into practice

P14.5. Glenda Garzetta (Italy) Community occupational therapy in dementia (COTID): preliminary reports in Italy

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Chairperson: Monika Natlacen (Austria)

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P15.2. Kathy Murphy (Ireland) Carers’ of people with dementia perceptions of resilience and the factors that strengthen resilience

P15.3. Nele Spruytte (Belgium) Family caregiving in young onset dementia in Flanders (Belgium): an exploration of the needs of caregivers

P15.4. Anders Møller Jensen (Denmark) Factors associated with satisfaction in informal caregivers of dementia patients

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SL3.3. Tonica Golobič (Slovenia) Bibliotherapy as a therapeutic approach for patients with dementia

SL3.4. Dalja Pečovnik (Slovenia) S skupnimi koraki k razumevanju podobe demence

SL3.5. Milica Gregoric Kramberger (Slovenia) Memory clinic in Slovenia and its integrations to European networks

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PO3.2. Raymond Smith (United Kingdom) Investigating the impact of volunteer mentoring on carers of people with dementia: a mixed methods study

PO3.3. Maud Graff (Netherlands) More meaningful activities and better self-management thanks to the tablet? A person-centred programme that supports people with mild dementia and their carers

PO3.4. Jette Lauritzen (Denmark) The meaningfulness of participating in support groups for informal caregivers of older adults with dementia: a qualitative systematic review

PO3.5. Lorraine Douglas (United Kingdom) Stress, coping and service use: a qualitative exploration of the experiences of family caregivers

PO3.6. Jože Skrlj (Slovenia) Digital Timelines project – using ICT to trigger memories

PO3.7. Slavka Viteckova (Czech Republic) Data collection and evaluation in care for dementia patients in Czech Republic

PO3.8. Andrea Loizeau (Switzerland) DemFACTS — Facts boxes for burdensome medical interventions in palliative care in dementia

PO3.9. Karen Tannebæk (Denmark) ABC Dementia – New ways of learning person-centered care for professional caregivers

PO3.10. Louise Ritchie (United Kingdom) Intellectual disability & dementia: Jenny’s diary

PO3.11. Ewa Mojs (Poland) Psychodemographic profile of non-professional caregivers of dementia patients in Poland, preliminary study

PO3.12. Simone Willig (Germany) “I am living with and almost inside the music” – Music as a support in daily life activities for people with dementia and their caregivers illustrated by the example of Helga Rohra


PO3.14. Beti Prtenjak (Slovenia) Innovative care – Psychosocial interventions

PO3.15. Francesco Neviani (Italy) Caregiving in dementia: preliminary results on intervention on “person with dementia and caregiver dyad”

PO3.16. Silke Kammer (Germany) Music as aid when caring for people with dementia

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PO3.18. Neva Zeleznič (Slovenia) Dark shadows of dementia

PO3.19. Sophie Bushell (United Kingdom) Researching the wellbeing of people with dementia living in a purpose built care environment: Ways forward

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PO3.24 Donna Houston (United Kingdom) Dementia and sensory challenges

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PO3.26 Paul Dunney (United Kingdom) Benefits of one support worker through the dementia journey. Tested method in rural communities reducing stress and isolation for the person with dementia and their carer

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P16.2 George McNamara (United Kingdom) Creating a dementia friendly workplace – a practical guide for employers

P16.3 Lucy Holmes (United Kingdom) The impact of living with missing incidents: How the experience and fear of missing incidents affects people with dementia and those who care for them

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P16.5 Michelle Heward (United Kingdom) Fire risks and safety strategies in the homes of people affected by dementia.

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P17.3 Katy Riddick (United Kingdom) Women and dementia: a marginalised majority

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P18.5 Tushna Vandrevala (United Kingdom) “Is work stress in providing end of life care in a care home a cause for concern?” A Qualitative Study

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PO4.3 Daniele Zaccaria (Italy) Population-based longitudinal study on dementia and cognitive functions in the 70 – 74 year olds in a small city in Northern Italy

PO4.4 Radoka Kobentar (Slovenia) Assessing independence of residents suffering from dementia in meeting basic living needs in Ljubljana nursing homes

PO4.5 Roza Krsitseka (Macedonia) Some differences in areas of cognitive function in Mini mental state examination in the Alzheimer's and vascular dementia

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PO4.7 Marina Cabral Pinto (Portugal) Neuropsychological assessment and trace metal content in urine, hair and fingernails samples from inhabitants of a chemical industrial region (NW Portugal)

PO4.8 Marina Cabral Pinto (Portugal) Occupational and environmental exposure to Mn in manganese mining areas (South Portugal) and the occurrence of dementia

PO4.10 Vanja Vid Vodusek (Slovenia) Personal image and self in dementia: The perspective of the caregiver spouse

PO4.11 Vita Stukovnik (Slovenia) Cognitive and behavioural changes in patients with ALS – implications for treatment and disease management

PO4.12 Grazia Dell'Agnello (Italy) Sequence of cognitive decline in Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) patients – Results from an Observational Study

PO4.13 Caterina Francone (Italy) Use of Fortasyn Connect in asymptomatic dementia

PO4.14 Sean Knox (Switzerland) Factors underlying adherence to transdermal therapy in Alzheimer’s dementia

PO4.15 Dorota Szcesniak (Poland) Whole-body cryostimulation as possible prevention of cognitive deterioration

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PO4.17 Jesper Neergaard (Denmark) Risk factors for development of dementia: the Prospective Epidemiologic Risk Factor (PERF) study

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P19.3. Annicka Hedman (Sweden) How older adults with mild cognitive impairment relate to technology as part of and potential support in everyday life
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P20.2. Sabine Jansen (Germany) The national alliance for people with dementia
P20.3. Ninoslav Mimica (Croatia) Croatian Alzheimer Alliance – powerful instrument in obtaining consensus on Strategy to fight Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias
P20.4. Štefanija Zlobec (Slovenia) With public campaign to National Plan
P20.5. Pedro Machado Dos Santos (Portugal) National opinion survey on dementia: knowledge, attitudes and beliefs

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(E1-E2) Parallel Session P21: Research opportunities in the Mediterranean Region
Chairpersons: Jacques Touchon (France), Federico Palermiti (Monaco), Štefanija Zlobec (Slovenia)
P21.2. Riad Gouider (Tunisia) Burden of Alzheimer’s disease for caregivers in a large Tunisian hospital cohort
P21.3. Nabil Naja (Lebanon) Overview of research on Alzheimer’s disease in Lebanon

This session is organised by the Mediterranean Alzheimer’s Alliance

12.00–13.00
Lunch

13.00–14.00
(Kosovel Hall) Special Symposium SS3: INTERDEM: Social Health
Chairperson: Kevin Charras (France)
SS3.3. Dinia Van Der Veen (Netherlands) Social participation and dementia: a descriptive qualitative study from the perspective of persons with cognitive problems and their caregivers.
SS3.4. Leontine Groen-Van De Ven (Netherlands) Decisions in the lives of people with dementia: differences between those living alone and those living with their informal caregivers.

14.00–15.30
(Linhart Hall) Plenary Session PL3: Dementia-friendly society
Chairperson: Zvezdan Pirtošek (Slovenia)
PL3.1. Bob Woods (United Kingdom) Arts programmes for people with dementia: what are their effects?
PL3.2. Agnes Houston (United Kingdom) People with dementia as partners: the example of the Scottish Dementia Working Group
PL3.3. Jeremy Hughes (United Kingdom) The dementia friends campaign in the UK: a vital element for the development of a dementia-friendly society
PL3.4. Nena Kopčar Cuček (Slovenia) Age and dementia as a risk factor for domestic violence: what can we do?

15.30–16.00
Coffee break and poster exhibition PO3 and PO4

16.00–17.30
(Linhart Hall) Plenary Session PL4: Innovation and care
Chairperson: Heike von Lützau-Hohlbein (Germany)
PL4.1. Mary McCarron (Ireland) Meeting the needs of people with intellectual disability and dementia
PL4.2. Paivi Topo (Finland) Dementia, ethics and technology
PL4.3. Bojan Zalar, Katarina Barbara Strukelj (Slovenia) Managing and preventing behavioural and psychological symptoms in dementia
PL4.4. Frans Hoogeveen (Netherlands) The last taboo: Dementia, sexuality and intimacy

17.30–17.45
(Linhart Hall) Closing Ceremony
Presentation and invitation to 26th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
Closing comments and farewell by: Štefanija Zlobec, Chairperson, Spominčica – Alzheimer Slovenija
Heike von Lützau-Hohlbein, Chairperson, Alzheimer Europe
Alzheimer Europe and Spominčica – Alzheimer Slovenija have put together an interesting social programme for the 25th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Welcome reception – Wednesday, 2 September 2015 (19.00-20.30)

The welcome reception will be held on the gardens surrounding the Cankarjev Dom, weather permitting or in the Grand Reception Hall. The reception will be accompanied by the group Kranji & Steffy: Kranji (ex. Trio Kranjc) plays a wide variety of music. We masterfully create a unique blend of classic, folk and ethnic music from all over the world, as well as evergreens and pop songs from all genres. Instrumental renditions of our vast musical portfolio build approximately 10 hours of pure acoustic pleasure for music connoisseurs. Our music makes everything come to life.

Invitation to the welcome reception is included in the Full Conference registration package.

Gala Dinner – Thursday, 3 September 2015 (19.00-24.00)

The Gala dinner will be held at the Grand Union Hotel. A welcome drink will be served in the gardens at 19.00 after which we will move to the Union Hall for our dinner.

Four course gala dinner

- Karst prosciutto with ewe’s milk cheese and olive bread
- Roast salmon fillet with saffron sauce
- Marinated roasted breast of duck with honey, pommes dauphine and vegetables
- Gibanica cake with honey dressing
- Coffee and tea biscuit

Vegetarian, gluten free or dairy free option are available upon request, via the registration form.

Deja Vu International Band will take you to a journey through the history of music and offer you an unforgettable musical experience. In their musical performance and programme they will transport us through space and time with some classical rock “evergreen” songs from the late 70s to the 80s and 90s as well as the newest Slovenian, Italian, Croatian, Serbian and German hits. A good atmosphere guaranteed.
Keynote Speakers

Jean Georges
Jean Georges is the Executive Director of Alzheimer Europe. Before joining the organisation on 1 November 1996, he worked as a journalist and as a parliamentary assistant to members of the Luxembourg and European Parliament. With Alzheimer Europe, he has project managed key EU projects, such as EuroCoDe, the European Collaboration on Dementia (2006-2008) and represents the organisation in additional European projects, including AETIONOMY, EMIF, EPAD or PharmaCog. He leads the organisation’s campaign to have dementia recognised as a European priority, has supported the creation of the European Alzheimer’s Alliance of Members of the European Parliament and actively works on the adoption of the Glasgow Declaration which calls for the development of a European dementia strategy.

Frans Hoogeveen
Frans Hoogeveen is Associate Professor Psychogeriatrics at The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Hague, Netherlands. He is Editor in Chief of DENKBEELD, Journal for Psychogeriatrics. From 2005 till 2008 he was chairman of the national Dutch Society of Psychogeriatrics (VPG) associated with the International Psychogeriatric Association.

Agnes Houston
Agnes Houston comes from a nursing background and worked as a manager in a chiropractic practice she also cared for her Dad who had vascular and Alzheimer’s Dementia when she herself was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in 2006. Soon afterwards she joined the Scottish Dementia Working Group and has campaigned on many issues including better training on dementia care in acute hospital, raising awareness of visual difficulties commonly experienced by those with Dementia. She has spoken at numerous conferences in the UK and internationally, and has also had articles published in journals and newspapers. She has been on the radio and appeared briefly on TV in Panorama. She is retired chair of SDWG Present vice Chair of the European Person

With Dementia Working Group in June 1st 2014 she became involved in the new project dementia-mentors.com becoming a mentor “mentoring motivation and so much more” is their tag line she was honoured in the Queens list and awarded a MBE.

Geoff Huggins
Geoff Huggins is Acting Director for Health and Social Care Integration at the Scottish Government. His priority for 2015/16 is the successful implementation of health and social care integration, with a focus on improving the outcomes and quality of life for people. He also has responsibility for dementia and in the past 12 months has advised the World Dementia Council and spoken at the Alzheimer Europe Conference and G7 Dementia Summit in Tokyo. He was previously Head of Mental Health at the Scottish Government and prior to that worked on housing and education policy in Scotland and on politics and security with the Northern Ireland Office. He runs, reads, takes photographs and watches films.

Jeremy Hughes
Jeremy Hughes joined Alzheimer’s Society in November 2010. He is leading the charity in its five year strategy ‘Delivering on Dementia 2012-17’ and in 2013-14 the Society’s income exceeded £80m for the first time. Jeremy co-chairs the Dementia Friendly Communities Champions Group with top broadcaster Angela Rippon for the UK Prime Minister, David Cameron. Jeremy was previously Chief Executive of Breakthrough Breast Cancer where he was instrumental in providing visionary leadership, galvanising the charity’s research platform and its authority on campaigning and policy. Before that Jeremy was Head of External Affairs at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. His career in health and social care charities includes leadership posts at the British Red Cross, Leonard Cheshire, Muscular Dystrophy and NCH Action for Children. Jeremy was the chair of National Voices 2009-14. He is currently the Co-chair of the UK Dementia Action Alliance and chair of the Global Alzheimers and Dementias Action Alliance.
Nena Kopčavar Guček
Nena Kopčavar Guček is a medical doctor, working full time as a family physician in Community Health center of Ljubljana, and an Assistant Professor at the medical School, University of Ljubljana. She is a frequent invited lecturer at national and international scientific meetings, and collaborates closely with patient associations and non-governmental organisations. As a member of steering committee of WONCA Special Interest Group for Family Violence she is particularly interested in family relationships, and was recently awarded PhD for her research in family violence.

Simon Lovestone
Simon Lovestone is Professor of Translational Neuroscience at Oxford University and also lead for the NIHR Translational Research Collaboration in Dementia (a network of six Biomedical Research Units and Centres in England focussed on dementia), lead for informatics in the Dementias Platform UK and co-coordinator of the European Medical Information Framework. He has research interests in the regulation of tau phosphorylation, dementia therapeutics and in the search for genetic and other biomarkers of Alzheimer’s disease. Underpinning all these studies is the use of informatics - clinical informatics, bioinformatics and the challenges of extracting value from very large variable datasets.

Mary McCarron
Mary McCarron, PhD, MA, RNID, RGN, BNS. F.T.C.D is Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Professor of Ageing and Intellectual Disability at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. An international expert in the fields of intellectual disability, ageing, dementia, and palliative care, Professor McCarron is a committed ageing research leader at Trinity College Dublin. With a research agenda focused on practice and service issues and as Policy and Service Advisor on Dementia to the Daughters of Charity Service, Professor McCarron’s award winning approaches on environmental design and technology innovations are sustaining and improving quality of life for people across the continuum of dementia including end of life care.

Professor McCarron is the Principal Investigator and leads a large and multidisciplinary research team for the first ever Longitudinal Comparative Study on Ageing in Persons with Intellectual Disability (IDS-TILDA) to be conducted in Ireland or internationally. The emerging IDS-TILDA data and in particular the doubling of dementia found in persons with Down syndrome between Wave 1 and Wave 11 is already informing needed policy responses to develop human and appropriate services for this increasingly at risk group. Upcoming waves of IDS-TILDA will now track the impact of policy and services initiatives on the continuing quality of life for people with ID and dementia.

Alv Orheim
Alv was born in 1947 in Bergen, Norway. He holds an MSc in Economic Geology from the Norwegian University for Science and Technology in Trondheim. He worked in coal mining and petroleum exploration for 35 years, with the last 10 years as an independent consultant. Alv was diagnosed with Vascular Dementia in 2010. He joined the Norwegian Working Group for People with Dementia in 2014 and the EWGPWD in 2015.

Florence Pasquier
Florence Pasquier MD, PhD in cognitive psychology, is professor of neurology, and head of the Memory Research and Resources clinic at the University Hospital of Lille, France, which is also the Reference center for patients with early onset dementia.

She graduated from the University of Nantes School of medicine and completed her specialisation in neurology in Lille, doing internships in Paris Salpêtrière, and Boston Massachusetts General Hospital.

She leads a network of memory clinics in the North of France, and the Regional Network for Care of Demented Patients, which aims to coordinate public and private medical, social, and psychological resources for patients with dementia. She was advisor for the Government programmes on Alzheimer’s disease and member of the steering committee of the 3rd French Alzheimer plan (2008-2012), running measure 18 (accommodations for young demented patients).

Her main domains of interest are 1) early and differential diagnosis of dementia 2) links between vascular and degenerative diseases, and 3) natural history of dementia, with the aim of improving the
clinical management of these diseases. Her group is a member of the European Alzheimer’s disease consortium, of the Laboratory of Excellence DISTALZ (development of innovative strategies for a trans-disciplinary approach to Alzheimer’s disease), and of LICEND the Lille Centre of Excellence for Neurodegenerative Disease (CoEN).

Mark Pearson
Mark Pearson is Deputy-Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Mr. Pearson works with the Director to provide leadership in the co-ordination and management of the activities of DELSA and ensure that it is at the forefront of the international social and employment agenda.

Mr. Pearson joined the Organisation in 1992, initially working in DAF on tax issues. After working on the OECD Jobs Study, he moved to ELS where he headed work on employment-oriented social policies, including developing the concept of ‘Making Work Pay’ and starting the publication ‘Society at a Glance’. He became head of the Social Policy Division from 2000-2008, during which time he initiated work on ‘Babies and Bosses’, ‘Pensions at a Glance’, led the first cross-directorate work on gender, and work on income inequality in OECD countries.

In 2009 he became Head of the Health Division where the central focus of work has been on how to deliver health care with greater efficiency, including putting much more effort into prevention of obesity and harmful use of alcohol.

He gave evidence to the US Senate on ‘Obamacare’, and has been on a panel advising the Chinese government on its health reforms. Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Pearson worked for the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London, and also as a consultant for the World Bank, the IMF and the European Commission.

Mr. Pearson is British, and has a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford, and an MSc in Economics and Econometrics from Birkbeck, University of London.

Zvezdan Pirtošek
Zvezdan Pirtošek, M.D. Ph.D. is Professor of Neurology and Professor of Cognitive neuroscience, currently serving as Head of Department of Neurology at the University Medical Centre Ljubljana and Head of Chair of Neurology at the Medical Faculty of University of Ljubljana.

He did his postgraduate studies and subspecialization in neurodegenerative disorders and cognitive neurophysiology at Institute of Neurology Queen Square London (UCL). In Slovenia, he is a co-founder of the Slovene Association of patients with Parkinson’s disease TREPETLIKA. He founded Centre for Cognitive disorders and Laboratory for Cognitive Neuroscience.

He was principal investigator in several research projects in the field of dementia. He is active internationally, serving also as a member of the Management Board of the EU JPND (Joint Programming for Neurodegenerative disorders, particularly Alzheimer’s disease).

Paivi Topo
Paivi Topo, Adjunct Professor (sociology, social gerontology), PhD works as a director at The Age Institute in Helsinki. Previously she has been General Secretary of the National Advisory Board on Social Welfare and Health Care Ethics (ETENE) and now she is member of the board. She has worked in different research positions 20 years and studied wellbeing of people with dementia, psychosocial and physical care environment, home environment, technology and ethics.

Peter Volasko
He was born on May 18, 1964, in Celje, Slovenia. Still as a student of Sociology he has participated in the democratization process of Slovenia in 1989. During 1991-1994 he has worked as a Young Researcher at the Institute for Contemporary History in Ljubljana, Slovenia. After serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-1996) he has been nominated a State Secretary in the Ministry of Science and Technology (1996-1997). From 1997 to 2000 he has led the Department for Bilateral S&T Cooperation at the same Ministry. In the period 2000-2004 he has served as Science Counsellor at the Mission of Slovenia to the EU in Brussels where he has experienced Slovenia becoming a Member State of the EU. Returning back to Slovenia he has chaired the Department for International Cooperation within the newly established Slovenian Research Agency (2004-2006). From 2006 until 2009 he has led the Office for International Cooperation at the
Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology. During the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2008 he has been responsible for preparation and implementation of the Presidency Programme for Science and Research. Then he was the initiator of the concepts “Family Friendly Scientific Careers” and “The Ljubljana Process”. From 2009 to the present time he has been active within the Directorate for Science as the National Coordinator for the FP7 and now for Horizon 2020. At the European level he is a member of many international committees, among others also of JPI JPND Management Board, Board of Governors of JRC, ERAC.

Bengt Winblad
Professor Bengt Winblad, MD, PhD has been involved in the field of dementia research including clinical trials for many years. His current position is as Director of the Center for Alzheimer Research at Karolinska Institutet and the Swedish Brain Power research program. He is also co-Director for the Clinical Trial Unit at Karolinska University Hospital in Huddinge. He is chairing the European Alzheimer Disease Consortium (EADC) and is the Coordinator of the European Union Joint Program on Neurodegenerative Disorders (EU-JPND) project on biomarkers in Alzheimer and Parkinson diagnostics, BIOMARKAPD.

Bengt Winblad’s research interests are experimental and clinical Alzheimer research with a translational approach involving early phase clinical trials in AD.

Bob Woods
Bob Woods has been a practising clinical psychologist in the UK working with older people since 1975, training and working initially in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Subsequently he combined extensive clinical work with older people with academic appointments at the Institute of Psychiatry, London and University College London. Since 1996, he has been Professor of Clinical Psychology of Older People at Bangor University, Wales where he is Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre Wales. He has received awards from the Alzheimer’s Society (2004), the British Psychological Society (2006) and the US Hearthstone Foundation (2011) for his contribution to this field. He has published 11 books and over 160 journal articles and book chapters. His research has involved the systematic development of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for people with dementia and their care-givers, including cognitive stimulation and reminiscence approaches and he leads a major epidemiological study of cognitive impairment in Wales. He is an Alzheimer’s Society Ambassador, a member of Alzheimer Europe’s Expert Advisory Panel and a board member of INTERDEM, the European network on psychosocial research in dementia care.

Bojan Zalar
Bojan Zalar, born in Ljubljana, Slovenia, obtained his degree in psychology, his Master’s degree and his PhD from the University of Ljubljana. He specialised in clinical psychology at the Medical School, University of Ljubljana and took several courses in the United Kingdom and Germany. He became Assistant Professor in 2000 and Professor in 2007 at the Medical School of the University of Maribor and Ljubljana. He has held different posts at the University Psychiatric Hospital (i.e. Head Clinical Psychologist, Head of Research, Assistant Medical Director and Director General). He was also Head National Coordinator in National Council of Science, Medicine and Psychiatry for 12 years, Vice president of the Expert Council for Clinical Psychology from 1997 and President of the Expert Council, Ministry of Health (2002-2004). Since 2009, he has been President of the Slovenian Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Board Member of the Slovenian Hospitals and Outpatients Clinics and Health Councilor at the Ministry of Health. He currently has several teaching responsibilities for undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses. He has been an expert witness since 1988, has published over 140 articles and 30 scientific articles, has been cited over 170 times and is a reviewer for different professional papers and for national programmes and university programmes indifferent countries where he has also lectured. He has led seven national projects and participated in a further seven. He is a member of the EIT Innolife, Innostars group, representing Slovenia in the seven-year programme “Healthy Living and Active Ageing”.

Bengt Winblad
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