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# Global dialogue on LMICs: Agenda and participants

The dementia landscape  
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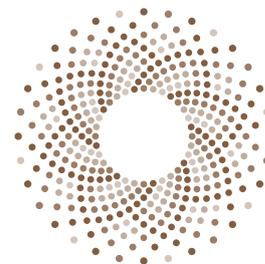


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# Logistics and agenda



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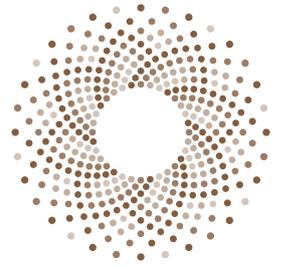
Virtual meeting

08:00 GMT-3 Rio De Janeiro  
11:00 GMT London  
12:00 CET Central Europe  
16:30 IST New Delhi  
18:00 WIB Jakarta  
19:00 CST Beijing



Section	Speaker(s)
Welcome	Lenny Shallcross
Opening remarks	Meera Pattabiraman
Opening presentations	Chaired by Meera Pattabiraman
Clinical trials in India and Asia	Dr Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath
Clinical trials in Colombia and South America	Professor Francisco Lopera
The need for global clinical trials in low- and middle-income countries	Dr Paul Kiwanuka-Mukiibi
Group conversation	Introduced and moderated by Paola Barbarino
Closing perspectives	Meera Pattabiraman
Closing thanks	Lenny Shallcross

# Co-chairs



## Meera Pattabiraman

Meera Pattabiraman is Chair of the Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI). She has been working in the field of dementia care, management and advocacy for the past 18 years. A post graduate in business administration, she entered the field of social work and dementia care because of her personal experience of being a carer for her father who had Alzheimer’s disease. Meera Pattabiraman was part of the editorial board that produced the India Dementia Report in 2010, which is now used by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment as the reference guide in all matters relating to dementia. She is also part of the national think tank to develop better healthcare for the elderly and has taken part in national health policy meetings.

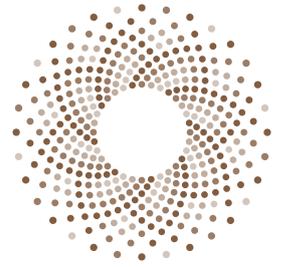


## Paola Barbarino

Paola is the CEO of Alzheimer’s Disease International. Prior to that, she was CEO of LIFE. Her previous senior positions include Cass Business School, Tate, British Library and IIED. She is a Trustee of The Postal Museum and Lauderdale House. Previously she was a Trustee of Shelter, the UK housing and homelessness charity and of MLA London. She is also the Managing Director of Opaline Limited, a consultancy company specializing in strategy and governance. She holds a degree cum laude in Classics from the University of Napoli Federico II, an MA in Field and Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and an MA in Library and Information Science both from University College London.



# Speakers



## Dr Paul Kiwanuka-Mukiibi

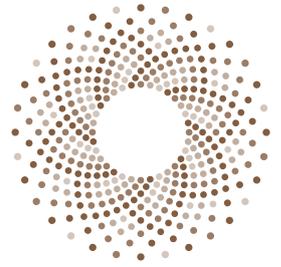
Paul Kiwanuka-Mukiibi is the Executive Director of the Uganda Alzheimer Association, of which he is also a founder Board member and the General Secretary. Until he took on his current role, he was Managing Director and Principal Consultant of PS Consulting (PSC), a health development consultancy firm he founded two decades ago. He is a research and policy specialist who has provided technical assistance to the Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH) and other line-ministries; national health programmes funded by Development Partners/Donors including the WHO, World Bank, USAID, UKAID/DfID, DANIDA, KfW, AusAID and Irish Aid, amongst others; other ministries of health, international and local NGOs throughout the region; and private health-sector organisations.



## Professor Francisco Lopera

Francisco Lopera is full professor and Director of the “Grupo de Neurociencias de Antioquia” (GNA) at University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia. The GNA works in basic and clinical neurosciences, in developmental and neurodegenerative disorders. As a Behavioral Neurologist Lopera Works at the Department of Internal Medicine, Clinical Neurology Service at Medical School of the Antioquia University, He plays an active role in assisting patients with Alzheimer’s Disease, CADASIL, Parkinson disease, Huntington disease, Mild cognitive impairment, Fronto-temporal dementia, and other forms of dementias. Lopera has been working with a large groups of families with Familiar Alzheimer’s Disease due to a PSEN1 mutation (E280A) for over 30 years. He is the Principal Investigator in Colombia in Alzheimer Prevention Initiative program (API COLOMBIA) in collaboration with Banner Health Institute and Genentech/Roche.





## Dr Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath

Dr Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath obtained her Ph.D from the University of Mysore in 1981. In 1986, after completing her post-doctoral training at the National Institutes of Health, USA, she joined the Department of Neurochemistry at National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, (NIMHANS) Bangalore. In 1999, the Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India sought her out to help establish the National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), an autonomous institution of DBT, Ministry of Science and Technology as a centre of excellence and to co-ordinate and network neuroscience research groups in the country. She continued as Founder Director, NBRC till May 2009, when she returned to Bangalore at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) as Professor and Founder Chair of the newly created Centre for Neuroscience. She is currently Founder Director, Centre for Brain Research (CBR) at Indian Institute of Science.

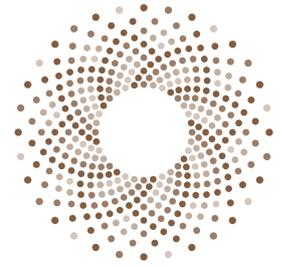


## Lenny Shallcross

Lenny Shallcross is executive director at the World Dementia Council. Prior to that he was Head of Community Engagement leading programmes across the UK to establish Dementia Friendly Communities. This includes the Dementia Friends programme which is the biggest health social movement campaign delivered by 10,000 volunteers that have recruited 2 million individuals through a community, digital and corporate offer. Before working for Alzheimer's Society he worked in the UK government as a political adviser at DCMS and the DoH, as well as working in Parliament and for the Labour Party.



# Discussion participants



## Dr Daisy Acosta

Principal investigator of the 10/66 Dementia Research Group center in the Dominican Republic

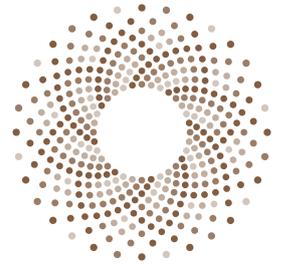
Daisy Acosta is a Medical Dr, graduated in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic at Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU), specialized in general psychiatry with further qualifications in geriatric psychiatry. Is certified by the American board of psychiatry and neurology, geriatric psychiatry and forensic medicine. Dr Acosta has dedicated her professional life to the study of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. Has a large clinical practice based in The Dominican Republic where she is very well known for her dedication to the care and treatment of people with dementia. She is co-founder and Ad Vitam medical advisor of Dominican Alzheimer's Association and past Chairperson of Alzheimer Disease International (ADI). Is the author of several scientific articles published in national and international journals and co-author of several books on dementia in the Latino American region. Is the principal investigator of the 10/66 Dementia Research Group center in the Dominican Republic, and is an associate professor of medicine at Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU)."



## Dr Rufus Akinyemi

Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI)

Rufus Akinyemi is a neurophysician – scientist who uses the tools of genomics, epidemiology and implementation science to tackle vascular brain disorders and promote brain health, particularly in people of African ancestry. He is currently playing a leading role in the largest-ever study of stroke in Africa, the SIREN/SIBS Genomics Study funded by the NIH within the H3Africa Consortium. The study aims to unravel the genetic architecture of stroke in people of African ancestry and learn how these genes interplay with environmental factors. His FLAIR research is exploring the genetic basis of cognitive dysfunction after stroke. Findings from these studies will deepen our understanding of the mechanisms of vascular brain injury and inform how best to control vascular and



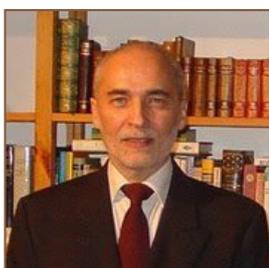
other risk factors of stroke and VCID, including insights into new approaches to treatment. He also leads the IBADAN Brain Bank Project and the African Neurobiobank for Precision Stroke Medicine ELSI Study within the H3Africa Consortium and funded by the NIH National Human Genome Research Institute.



### **Professor Ricardo Allegri**

Head of the Department of Cognitive Neurology, Neuropsychiatry and Neuropsychology and Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre at the Neurological Research Institute Raúl Carrea (FLENI)

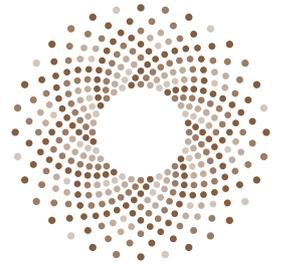
Professor Ricardo F. Allegri is Head of the Department of Cognitive Neurology, Neuropsychiatry and Neuropsychology and Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre at the Neurological Research Institute Raúl Carrea (FLENI) in Buenos Aires. He is also Professor of Neurology in the School of Medicine at the University of Buenos Aires and is chair of the Scientific Council at the Association against Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Argentina (ALMA). Professor Allegri has published extensively on cognitive neurology in neurological journals and books and has co-edited seven books, including, "Dementia: A Multidisciplinary Approach," one of the most important books written in Spanish on this topic. He has received over 45 awards in the field of Cognitive Neurology and Neuropsychiatry.



### **Professor Francisco Jose Barrantes**

Professor, University of Argentina

Professor Barrantes specializes in the fields of molecular neurobiology and biophysics of synaptic receptors. Throughout his career, he has published over 280 papers in international journals, which include more than 80 reviews and book chapters. He has also written two books on receptors and cholesterol effects on channels and receptors. Alongside his two mentors, Eduardo De Robertis and Gregorio Weber, he developed the first fluorescent probe to study the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor. He is currently Professor and Head of the Laboratory of Molecular Neurobiology, at the Institute of Biomedical Research UCA-CONICET.



### **Dr Sonia Brucki**

Researcher, Federal University of Sao Paulo

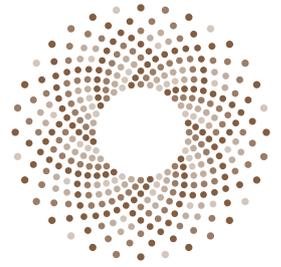
Sonia M. Dozzi Brucki obtained her MD degree and residency in Neurology at the Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil. She completed her Master degree and Doctorate at the same university, and his post-doctorate degree at the University of Sao Paulo School of Medicine (FMUSP). She is currently coordinator of the Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology Unit at FMUSP , in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Coordinator of the Medical Education Committee of the Brazilian Academy of Neurology. Editor of *Dementia&Neuropsychology*, Associate editor of *PlosOne* and *Arquivos de Neuropsiquiatria*. Her research interests involve clinical and epidemiological studies in dementia; low education, and cognition; mild cognitive impairment.



### **Professor Paulo Caramelli**

Professor of Neurology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG)

Paulo Caramelli obtained his MD degree in 1987 at the University of São Paulo (USP) School of Medicine, in São Paulo, Brazil and completed the residency program in Neurology at the same institution in 1991. Research fellow at the University of Montréal, Canada, from 1992 to 1994. In 1997, he completed a PhD in Neurological Sciences at USP. He is currently Professor of Neurology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and Coordinator of the Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology Research Group at UFMG, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Member of the International Working Group on Neurocognitive Disorders of the World Health Organization for the Revision of ICD-11 (2011 – 2017). Current member of the Advisory Council of the Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART). Editor of *Arquivos de Neuro-Psiquiatria*. Associate editor of *eNeurologicalSci* and *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, as well as member of the editorial board of the *European Journal of Neurology* and *Neurological Sciences*. His research activities are focused on epidemiological, clinical and translational studies on brain aging, cognitive impairment and dementia.



## Professor Cleusa Ferri

Professor, Federal  
University of São Paulo

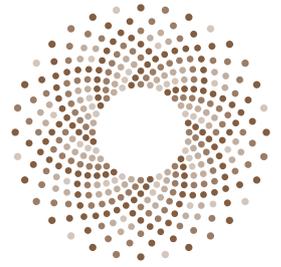
Professor Cleusa Ferri is a psychiatrist and epidemiologist with a master's degree in psychobiology and a doctorate in psychiatry from the Federal University of São Paulo (EPM-UNIFESP), as well as a master's degree in epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - University of London. After spending time in the UK where she developed her career as a researcher on the epidemiology of dementia, managed the research activities of the 10/66 Dementia Research Group for a decade, and also contributed to several ADI World Alzheimer Reports, Prof. Ferri returned to her home country of Brazil nine years ago, where she has continued research on the epidemiology of dementia and care provision for people with the disease, with a special focus on low-resource settings. Prof. Ferri has recently been commissioned by the Brazilian Ministry of Health to undertake with other colleagues the first national report on dementia in Brazil. She also currently leads the STRiDE project in Brazil, which aims to strengthen responses to dementia in developing countries, and is involved in other international initiatives, such as CST-International, which is developing evidence-based therapy for people with dementia.



## Dr Lucia Crivelli

Head of  
Neuropsychology at  
FLENI, Buenos Aires,  
Argentina

Dr Crivelli graduated with honors from the University of Buenos Aires and completed her Ph.D. in Neuropsychology, focusing her dissertation on Neuropsychological predictors of driving abilities of subjects with early dementia. She currently serves as Head of Neuropsychology at Fleni, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her research interests include early detection and neuropsychological biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and prevention of cognitive decline and dementia. By applying her efforts to the prevention of dementia across Latin America, her work has focused on LatAm fingers, the first multi-domain lifestyle intervention across Latin America where she is a member of the Executive Committee and a Principal Investigator of the Argentine branch. Her work has been crucial for designing the project and the congregation of the more prestigious centers and leaders from Latin America.



### **Dr Andres Damian**

Assistant Professor  
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e Imagenología  
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Montevideo, Uruguay

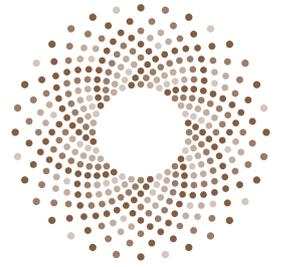
Andres Damian is an Assistant Professor at the Centro de Medicina Nuclear e Imagenología Molecular, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay and a researcher at the Centro Uruguayo de Imagenología Molecular (CUDIM). His main clinical and research interests are the use of molecular neuroimaging and other biomarkers in neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. He is the former President of the Uruguayan Society of Nuclear Medicine and he has participated as an expert and principal investigator in multicenter international projects. Currently he is a national representative for Uruguay in the Latin American and Caribbean consortium on Dementia (LAC-CD) and he is participating in multicenter research projects that focus on prevention on dementia and the use of neuroimaging in Alzheimer's disease.



### **Dr Jacqueline Dominguez**

Associate Professor  
at the Department of  
Clinical Neurosciences,  
St. Luke's College  
of Medicine in the  
Philippines

Jacqueline Dominguez is an Associate Professor at the Department of Clinical Neurosciences, St. Luke's College of Medicine in the Philippines, and Head of the Memory Center at the St. Luke's Medical Center Institute for Neurosciences. Her main clinical practice is focused on diagnosis and management of dementias. She established the Marikina Memory and Ageing Project, a 10-year longitudinal cohort of community-dwelling elderly on whom she conducts her researches on local validation of clinical dementia assessment tools, epidemiology, and burden of disease. Her research interest includes neuroimaging and biomarkers for early diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. As an anthropologist, her studies also the cultural underpinnings of dementia care, and community and family-based, non-pharmacologic interventions in aging and dementia.



### **Petra Du Toit**

Executive Director,  
Alzheimer's South  
Africa

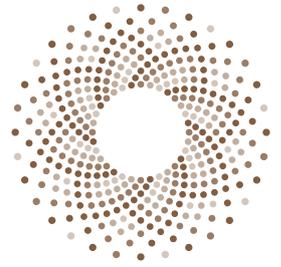
Petra du Toit studied Social Work and specialised in Medical Social Work at the University of Stellenbosch. She Worked as social worker (38 years) in the fields of Health, Mental Health, the Defence Force and Older Persons in South Africa and Namibia, and joined Alzheimer's South Africa as regional manager in 2011. She was appointed as Executive Director in 2015. Her dream is to actively contribute to a quality of life for all people living with Dementia in South Africa and globally let the voices of PLWD be heard and their needs met. This includes the de-stigmatization of Dementia, rendering professional, relevant psychosocial and other support services to PLWD and their caregivers through Alzheimer's SA NPC.



### **Professor Mustapha El Alaoui Faris**

Professor of Neurology  
and Neuropsychology  
at the University of  
Mohamed-V, Rabat,  
and Director of the  
Alzheimer's Center of  
Rabat

Prof El Alaoui Faris is a professor of Neurology and Neuropsychology at the University of Mohamed-V of Rabat, and the current Director of the Alzheimer's Center of Rabat. He pioneered translation of Neuropsychological tests in Arabic and Neuro-linguistic Studies on aphasia, alexia and agraphia in Arabic language and he established the first Memory Clinics in Morocco. He is the author of more than 400 articles on Dementia, Clinical Neuropsychology, Stroke, Parkinson's diseases and Multiple sclerosis. He is editor with Professors A. Federico and W. Grisold of the book " Neurology in Migrants an Refugees", which will be published by Springer Press on June 2021. Professor El Alaoui-Faris is the founder and past president of the Moroccan Society of Neuropsychology and current president of the Moroccan Alzheimer's Association. He was the president of the 20th World Congress of Neurology held in Marrakesh on November 2011. He received the World Federation of Neurology Medal for Service to International Neurology at the WCN2019 in Dubai in October 28, 2019.



## **María José Galvez**

Head of Studies,  
Government of Chile

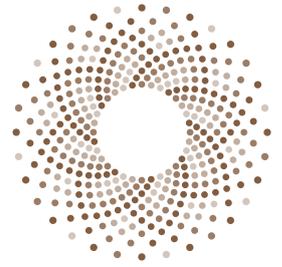
Psychologist specialized in Neuropsychology and Psychogerontology, Candidate for Master in Public Health. She was director of the first public Dementia Day Care Center in Chile. She also worked in public policies at the National Program for Older People, Minister of Health. She is currently head of Studies Unit at National Service for the Older People.



## **Professor Claire Goodman**

Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute and Professor of Health Care Research at the Centre for Research in Public health and Community Care (CRIPACC) University of Hertfordshire UK

Claire is a Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute and Professor of Health Care Research at the Centre for Research in Public health and Community Care (CRIPACC) University of Hertfordshire UK. She is a National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator. She leads a programme of externally funded research on how to support older people living in community settings including those affected by dementia. She led the recently completed national evaluation of Dementia Friendly Communities (DFC) in England for the Policy Research Programme of the Department of Health and Social care . This work is being taken forward in three ways. As a co-lead of a GCRF funded collaboration with colleagues in Vietnam and their partners in Japan and the Philippines, in the development and refinement of a DFC evaluation framework to support national and international comparisons of DFC impact and by focusing on how Dementia Friendly Communities can promote participation in physical activity for people affected by dementia.



**Professor  
Mariella  
Guerra**

VPI of 10/66 Dementia Research Group and Professor at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

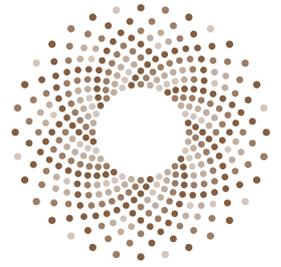
Psychiatrist with an emphasis on Geriatric Psychiatry. Graduated from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos and specialty at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia. PhD at King’s College-London. PI of 10/66 Dementia Research Group. Medical Director of the Centre for Memory, Depression and Risk Diseases. Professor at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Author and co-author of publications in national and international books and magazines, mainly on issues related to the health of the elderly, particularly depression, dementia, anxiety, caregivers. Currently Principal Investigator in Peru of multicenter population studies: “Life 2Years 10/66 ten years on-monitoring and improving health expectancy by targeting frailty among older people in middle income countries”; “10/66 LIFE2YEARS Qualitative Study (EQUALS) Ensuring older people in Latin America and China are not left behind during the COVID-19 pandemic’.



**Dr Alejandra  
Guerrero  
Barragán**

Senior Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health from the Global Brain Health Institute

Alejandra Guerrero Barragán completed her medical studies at Universidad del Rosario in 2011. She conducted her residency in neurology at Universidad de la Sabana – Hospital Occidente de Kennedy between 2013 and 2017. In the final year of her residency, she was a visiting scholar in the Memory Unit at Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau in Barcelona, Spain. Dr. Guerrero is a Senior Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health from the Global Brain Health Institute and recently finished her Master’s Degree in Public Health at Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. Nowadays, Guerrero works as a neurologist in Bogotá, Colombia, and is a clinical professor of neurology at Universidad de la Sabana, Colombia.



### **Dr Bert Hartog**

Senior Director,  
Clinical Trial  
Innovation Group,  
Janssen

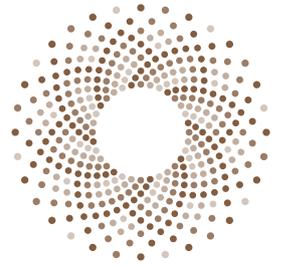
Bert leads transformational innovation projects for Johnson and Johnson that have the goal to shape the future of clinical trial execution, and position Janssen as a role model in patient-centered clinical research. He is an industry expert in Global Clinical Operations and Digital Health. He graduated in Biomedicine and obtained a PhD in Medicine from Utrecht University. He worked in Clinical Operations-, QA- and IT-management before joining Janssen's Clinical Innovation team in 2015.



### **Dr Yosuke Horii**

Deputy Executive  
Director of  
Transformation  
Department of Eisai  
Japan

Currently working as Deputy Executive Director of Transformation Department of Eisai Japan in Eisai Co., Ltd. Before that, experienced Deputy Value Lead of Dementia Total Inclusive Ecosystem business unit, a fellow of Healthcare data policy project of Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution Japan of World Economic Forum, and a temporary research fellow of iGHP about data access platform building, and 3.5 years of Government Relation Department especially focus on China and Asia healthcare policies with engaging Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association(JPMA) international committee. Starting job from manufacturing department and experienced 5.5 years of weighing, mixing, making tablet and coating process.



## Professor Ha Thi Thanh Huong

Professor,  
International  
University, Vietnam  
National University

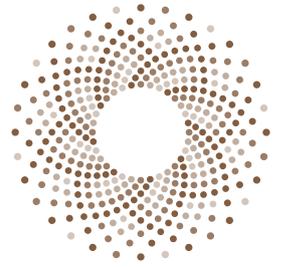
Due to a family history of multiple members with mental disorders, Huong became intrigued in how the brain works, what molecules drive its functions and how they change when it gets dysregulated. During college research, Huong worked on identifying molecular markers and utilizing them in devising diagnostic tests. Following graduation, she further pursued this interest by working at the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit and investigating peripheral blood markers of HIV associated neurological disorders (HAND) using molecular biotechnology. At Stanford University, her PhD research was focused on understanding the molecular system related to autism and cellular and network deficits underlying epilepsy. Huong also created an efficient gene delivery technology and a universal brain tissue culture platform for research and drug discovery applications. Upon coming back to Vietnam and joining the International University as a lecturer, she established the Brain Health Lab and pursues several research projects.



## Dr Agustin Ibanez

Director, Cognitive  
Neuroscience Center  
and Senior Atlantic  
Fellow, Global Brain  
Health Institute  
(GBHI)

Agustin Ibanez is a neuroscientist interested in global approaches to dementia and neuroscience. He holds international positions from Argentina [Cognitive Neuroscience Center (Director)], US [Senior Atlantic Fellow, GBHI-UCSF], Chile [Latin American Brain Health Institute, (Director)]. Agustin holds a track record with +120 publications in the last five years, including top-ten journals (e.g., Lancet Neurology, World Psychiatry, Nature Reviews Neurology, Nature Human Behavior, JAMA Neurology, Alzheimer's & Dementia, Brain). He has received funding from the InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB), FONDECYT (Chile), COLCIENCIAS (Colombia), DAAD (Germany), MRC (United Kingdom), CONICET (Argentina) and Alzheimer's Association, Tau Consortium, GBHI, and NIH/NIA (US). He is the founder of the Multi-partner consortium to expand dementia research in Latin America (ReDLat), and the Latin American and Caribbean Consortium on Dementia (LAC-CD).



### **Dr Jean Ikanga**

Assistant professor at the university of Kinshasa School of Medicine, Democratic Republic of Congo

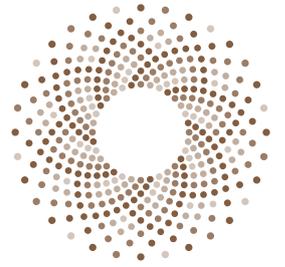
I am an assistant professor at the university of Kinshasa School of Medicine in the Democratic Republic of Congo and a staff Scientist at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, USA. I received my PhD at University of Detroit Mercy in clinical psychology in 2015. After receiving the degree, I was accepted for internship and post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at Emory University School of Medicine (SOM), the department of Rehabilitation Medicine from 2015-2017. I have created and validated the African Neuropsychological Battery (ANB) with my clinical mentor, Dr. Anthony Stringer. I have received a 3-year grant from Alzheimer's association to collect some cognitive and related health biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease in the DRC. I am also doing a pioneer work in analyzing the association between Alzheimer's disease biomarkers and cognitive functions as well as APOE4 in a sample of elderly participants from the DRC.



### **Maryna Lehmann**

Person living with dementia and member, World Dementia Council

Maryna Lehmann was diagnosed with dementia in February 2018 at the age of 58, and lives in George, South Africa. She was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1960. She is the eldest of 5 siblings and matriculated in 1977. She enrolled for a BSc (Agric.) at Pretoria University and completed the Honours Degree in 1981. She married the same year. Her husband, André, retired in February 2019 to take care of her. In January 1982 she was employed as a farm manager of 300 sow piggery, 400 extensive cattle, 3000 head in feedlot. In the next 18 years she reared 4 sons and taught in numerous agriculture schools. On 1 January 2000 she joined Nelson Mandela University, as the Animal Science lecturer and completed a Masters Degree in Animal Science. She received numerous accolades such as upcoming researcher and upcoming teacher in 2006 and also received the ""overall"" teacher of the year award in 2007.



### **Dr Tomás León**

Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI)

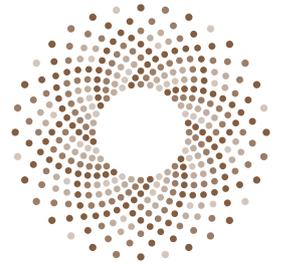
Dr Leon is a Chilean Old Age psychiatrist, with experience in old age mental health and Dementia Care in both private and public services. He is a Master in Psychopharmacology from the Neuroscience Education Institute. He is currently an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at Global Brain Health Institute, based on Trinity College of Dublin. He is also Chair of the International Psychogeriatric Association Young Research Network.



### **Dr Sen Liu**

Consultant, Pason Pharmaceuticals

Dr. Sen Liu graduated from Xi'an Medical University in China and completed his residency as an ophthalmologist. After the fellow-ship training at Wills Eye Hospital of Thomas Jefferson University in USA, Dr. Sen Liu returned to China, and he have been working in the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Sen Liu is one of the pioneers in China for the biomarker study for diagnostics of neurodegen-erative diseases. He is also active in the field of new drug discov-ery for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Sen Liu was also a member of China-Germany Biotechnology Steering Committee, and in the past six years, he has supervised several multi-center clinical studies on new biomarkers for early diagnostics of Alzheimer's diseases. Dr. Sen Liu is currently lead-ing an international team working on the development of new drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease."



## **Professor Juan Llibre**

Professor of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at the Medical University of Havana and Head of Alzheimer's Research Department Finlay Albarran School of Medicine

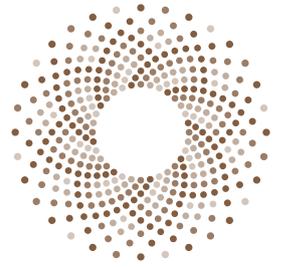
Juan J. Llibre Rodriguez is Professor of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at the Medical University of Havana and Head of Alzheimer's Research Department Finlay Albarran School of Medicine. He obtained his MD in 1983 and his PhD in 1998 from the Medical University of Havana and a second PhD in Epidemiology at the King College of London in 2012. Over the past decades, Dr Llibre's research focused on the epidemiology of dementia (in particular Alzheimer's disease), and other NCDs in older Cubans, and the study of vascular factors, APOE and lifestyle factors in the aetiology of dementia. He is the Principal investigator of the 10/66 International Dementia Research Group in Cuba and the Cuban Aging and Alzheimer's Study a large prospective cohort study on dementia and other chronic diseases in the elderly.



## **Professor Noemi Medina**

President, Alzheimer Iberoamérica

Volunteer President of Alzheimer Iberoamérica (AIB). Volunteer and ex President of A.L.M.A, Association Fight against Alzheimer's Disease Argentina. Full Professor and Lecturer at the University of Salvador and in the University of Buenos Aires Carrer of teaching. Former technical officer of the National Institute of Public Administration , Argentina in the Training Program for Senior Public Officials. Professor Noemi spent 10 years in Africa as Expert and Chief Technical Adviser, and was a member of other projects such as the United Nations Development Program UNDP: Equatorial Guinea and in the National School of Public Administration and in the Ministry Foreign Affairs, Republic of Mozambique.



### **Dr Graciela Muniz-Terrera**

Senior Lecturer,  
Biostatistics and  
Epidemiology,  
Centre for Dementia  
Prevention

Dr. Muniz Terrera is a Senior Lecturer in Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the Centre for Dementia Prevention. She is affiliated to the EPAD (European Prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia) and the PREVENT studies and also works with an extensive network of international collaborators, many of them based in low and middle income countries.

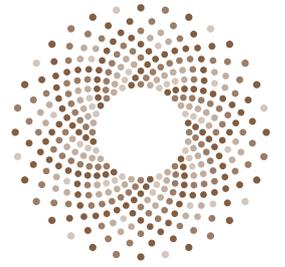
Before working in Edinburgh, she was a Lecturer at UCL and also worked for several years in Cambridge at the MRC Biostatistics Unit, where she also did her PhD. Her research has been supported by the Medical Research Council, the Alzheimer's Society, National Institute of Health (US) and various other funding organisations. Graciela has extensive experience developing and applying longitudinal methods to gain a better understanding of ageing, brain health and dementia. She is particularly interested in the study of modifiable risk factors for cognitive and physical decline and brain health.



### **Professor Ricardo Nitrini**

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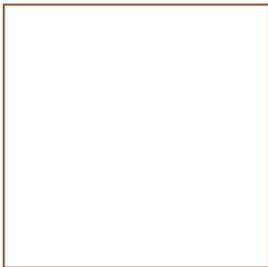
Ricardo Nitrini is a clinical neurologist with expertise in Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology. His academic career has been developed in the University of São Paulo Medical School, from graduation to full professor of Neurology. In the first years of his academic career he was strongly linked to teaching neurology and publishing books and chapters on books for undergraduate students. His initial areas of research were on infectious diseases such as neurosyphilis, neurosyphilis associated with HIV and prion diseases. Although he had published papers on behavioral and cognitive neurology from the beginning of his academic activities, only later on his research became more focused on epidemiological studies in dementia and in the diagnosis of dementia in low educated individuals. Among his most relevant contributions are tests designed for the diagnosis of cognitive impairment of illiterate and low educated individuals. "



**Professor  
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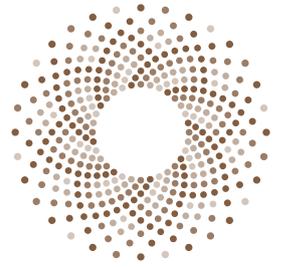
Professor of Medicine,  
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Hospital, Ibadan

Adesola Ogunniyi is Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan and Consultant Neurologist to the University College Hospital, Ibadan. He has been actively involved with dementia research for three decades using a cross-cultural approach. He is the Chairman, College of Medicine Research and Innovation Management Unit. He received his medical education from University of Ife, Ile-Ife, residency training at UCH, and neuroepidemiology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, USA. He is a fellow of the Nigerian and West African Postgraduate Colleges of Physicians. He is also a fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh and London. He is well published and a reviewer for many journals.



**Sifiso Phakathi**

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## **Professor Felix Potocnik**

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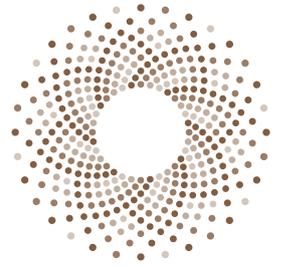
After obtaining his medical degree at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1975, Felix went to Natal for five years where he obtained his Diploma in Midwifery in 1978. Having completed stints in four of the "big five" medical specialties he migrated to the Western Cape, where he obtained his psychiatric qualification at the University of Cape Town in 1984. He started his career heading their Psychogeriatric Unit and continued in this position when he came across to the University of Stellenbosch in 1994. He is the former head of the Psychogeriatric Unit of Tygerberg and Stikland Hospitals and represents Old Age Psychiatry for the Provincial Government of the Western Cape and the South African Society of Psychiatrists. Research interests include: Clinical Trials in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, zinc, vitamins A and D and burden of disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Equine nutrition. He also runs a private practice in Durbanville, Cape Town.



## **Dr Mohamed Salama**

Associate professor at the Institute of Global Health and Human Ecology, the American University in Cairo, Egypt

Mohamed is an associate professor at the Institute of Global Health and Human Ecology, the American University in Cairo, Egypt. He is leading the Egyptian Longitudinal Study of Aging to try to reshape the current understanding of aging.



**Professor  
Marguerite  
Schneider**

Professor, University of  
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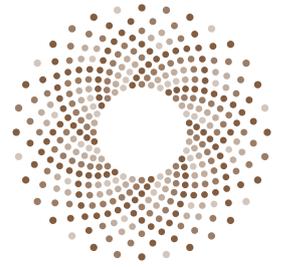
Marguerite Schneider (PhD) is an associate professor and Deputy Director of the Alan J Flisher Centre for Public Mental Health, University of Cape Town. Her early career was in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology before moving into broader social science research focusing on disability studies and mental health. She is currently leading the South African work on the STRiDE project which looks at strengthening responses to dementia in developing countries. She has published on disability measurement, the intersection of disability, poverty and social protection, and in mental health and dementia. She has been and is currently an active member of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics since 2002 and is the co-chair of the Mental Health measures workgroup.



**Professor Suzana  
Shahar**

Professor in Nutrition  
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Wellness, Universiti  
Kebangsaan Malaysia

Prof Dr Suzana Shahar is a Professor in Nutrition and Dietetics from the Healthy Aging and Wellness Research Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She obtained her BSc (Hons) (Dietetics) from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and then pursued her study to obtain MMed Sci (Human Nutrition) and PhD (Human Nutrition) from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. Her research interest is on nutrition and epidemiology of aging, nutrition and neuroscience and cancer. She has just completed a nationwide project on 'Neuroprotective Model for Healthy Longevity among Malaysian Elderly', funded by the Ministry of Education. She is currently leading a clinical trial (LRGS Ageless) to reverse cognitive frailty among Malaysian older adults funded by the Ministry of Higher Education, under the auspice of the World Wide Finger Trial.



### **Professor Andrea Maria Slachevsky**

Professor, Corporación Profesional Alzheimer y otras Demencias (COPRAD), Chile

Andrea Slachevsky Chonchol is a Chilean-French neurologist. Pioneer in the study of neurodegenerative diseases in Chile, specifically in Alzheimer's-type dementia. Doctor of the University of Chile, she obtained her PhD in Life and Health Sciences (neuropsychology mention) at Pierre et Marie Curie University, Paris VI. Her achievements include being the director of the Memory and Neuropsychiatry Clinic (CMYN), Neurology Service - Hospital del Salvador and Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile. She is also Alternate Director Fondap Center Gerosciences, Mental Health and Metabolism (GERO), 1 Associate Professor of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Chile, 2 and Vice President Coprad (Professional Corporation of Alzheimer's and Other Dementias).



### **Dr Claudia Suemoto**

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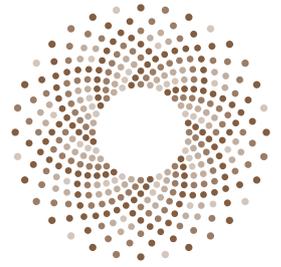
Dr. Suemoto is an Associate Professor of Geriatrics at the University of São Paulo Medical School. She is the coordinator of the Brazilian Biobank for Aging Studies, the largest brain bank in Latin America. Dr. Suemoto is also a researcher of cognitive aging at the Longitudinal Study of Adult Health (ELSA-Brasil), a cohort of 15,105 individuals that have been followed since 2008. Dr. Suemoto has Master and post-doctoral training in Epidemiology at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. In 2016, she was one of the laureates with the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science award for her contribution to Brazilian science. Dr. Suemoto has co-authored 125 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.



### **Dr Yuda Turana**

Chair, Study Group of Neurogeriatrics of the Indonesian Society of Neurology

Dr Turana is currently President of the Indonesian Society of Hypertension as well as Chairman of the Study Group of Neurogeriatrics of the Indonesian Society of Neurology and become Board of Alzheimer Indonesia. He has also been part of an expert working group on the elderly, established by the Indonesian Ministry of Health, since 2014. His research activities focus on vascular risk, biomarker and clinical marker of Alzheimer disease and mild cognitive Impairment.



**Professor  
Mathew Varghese**

Professor of  
Psychiatry, National  
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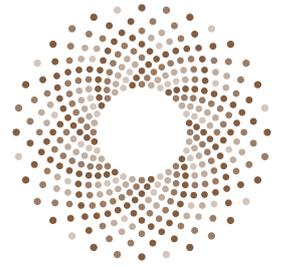
Dr Mathew Varghese has been a faculty at the Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore, India for over 30 years. He was the Head, Department of Psychiatry from 2013 to 2016 and is currently Head, Geriatric Psychiatry Services and the Geriatric Clinic at NIMHANS. Dr Varghese's areas of research are in Geriatric Psychiatry (mainly dementias), Epidemiology and Community Psychiatry, Family interventions and Rehabilitation. He was a founding member of the International 10/66 Dementia Research Group. He co-wrote and edited the Dementia India Report, 2010 and Dementia India, 2020. He was one of the Indian Co-Investigators on the World Mental Health Survey (2006) and was a Principle Investigator on the National Mental Health Survey of India, 2016. Currently he is a collaborator on the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI).



**Octavio Vergara**

National Director of  
SENAMA, Government  
of Chile

Octavio Vergara is a lawyer from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and has a Master's degree in Public Administration & Management from the University College of London. Also, he has diplomas in Social Gerontology and in Prevention Approaches to Elder Abuse. Mr. Vergara also holds academic training specialization in strategic leadership, impact evaluation methods of social programs, and administrative regulation. He has developed his working career in elderly, both in the public and private sector. Under the first term of President Sebastián Piñera, he served as Chief of Staff of the National Service for the Elderly (SENAMA) between 2013 and 2014. Before assuming as National Director of SENAMA in 2018, he was Executive Director of Oportunidad Mayor Foundation, whose objective was to articulate and execute initiatives that promote active aging and comprehensive care for older people in Chile.



## George Vradenburg

Co-Chair, Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative

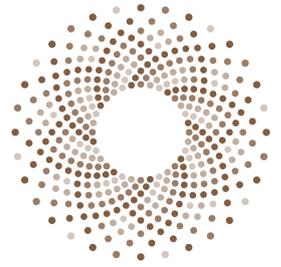
George Vradenburg serves as Co-Chair of the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, a coalition focused on driving global scientific, business, policy and financial coordination in Alzheimer's preparedness, co-convened in January 2020 by the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease (CEOi) and the World Economic Forum. In this role, George provides general oversight and advocacy and works to ensure the Collaborative remains sustainable and action-oriented. George is the Chairman and Co-Founder of UsAgainstAlzheimer's (UsA2), a disruptive and catalytic force committed to stopping Alzheimer's by 2020. In 2011, the United States Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services named George to serve on the National Alzheimer's Advisory Council on Research, Care and Services for the first-of-its-kind National Alzheimer's Strategic Plan. George received his B.A. from Oberlin College, magna cum laude, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, cum laude.



## Professor Huali Wang

Professor and Chair for Clinical Research, Director of the Dementia Care and Research Center, and Associate Director of Beijing Dementia Key Lab, Peking University Institute of Mental Health

Dr Huali Wang is Professor and the Chair for Clinical Research, Director of the Dementia Care and Research Center, and Associate Director of Beijing Dementia Key Lab, Peking University Institute of Mental Health. She established the first dementia caregiver support group in China in 2000. Now she directs a training program for community doctors and service providers, and a train-the-trainer program for dementia caregivers support in China. She published five books on dementia care, including Smart Caregivers, China Memory Clinic Guideline and Practice Manual on Psychological Support for Older Adults. The care model has been partly adopted by WHO West Pacific Regional Office to develop the toolkit for community-based dementia care in low- and middle-income countries. Dr Wang is leading the National Platform on Clinical Dataset and Biobank of Major Mental Disorders. In regard to biomarker research of Alzheimer's Disease, she found that ApoE4 allele potentially modulates the hippocampal connectivity and the brain functional connectome.



### **Dr Suraya Yusoff**

Senior lecturer,  
Newcastle University  
Medicine Malaysia

Dr Yusoff set up the first elderly mental health services in Malaysia in 1998. She is also involved in promoting the setting up of memory clinics in Malaysia. She was involved in several committees in the MOH Malaysia, including the 'National Mental Health framework, 2003' and 'Mental Health Regulations 2007'. She had also contributed to development of training curriculum and in drawing up the programs for the national fellowship psychogeriatric subspecialty training for the country. She was Chairperson for 2 Malaysian CPG for Management of Dementia, 1st edition (2003) and 2nd edition (2009). She had retired from public service in 2019 but continued to work as a sessional psychiatrist at her former hospital until 2021. Since 2021 she joined the Newcastle University Medicine (Malaysia) as a part-time senior lecturer. She founded and continued as advisor for the Johor Bahru Alzheimer's Disease Support Association (JOBADA) from its inception in 1998. She is also a committee member of the Asian Society Against Dementia(ASAD) since 2010. She had been actively involved in both industry and investigator research, and had presented more than 80 papers at both international and national conferences on dementia and depression in late life, and had publications in local and international journals. "

The World Dementia Council (WDC) is an international charity. It consists of senior experts and leaders drawn from research, academia, industry, governments and NGOs in both high-income and low- and middle-income countries, including two leaders with a personal dementia diagnosis. The WDC has an executive team based in London, UK.

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