

Awareness & Understanding Expert dialogue



Meet the speakers





Chairs and speakers

Project Chairs



Professor Ricardo Allegri, Director of the Memory and Ageing Center at the Neurological Research Institute Fleni in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dr Ricardo F Allegri, graduated from the School of Medicine at the University of Dr. Ricardo F Allegri, graduated from the School of Medicine at the University of Buenos Aires, since 2011 he is the Head of Department of Cognitive Neurology, Neuropsychiatry and Neuropsychology and Director from the Aging and Memory Center at the Neurological Research Institute Fleni in Buenos Aires, and Professor of Neurology in the School of Medicine at the University of Buenos Aires.

Dr. Allegri has published extensively on Cognitive Neurology in Neurological journals and books, some of which are 260 peer reviewed articles and over 60 book chapters. He has co-edited seven books, including, "Alzheimer's disease: new criteria," one of the most important books written in Spanish on this topic. He has received over 50 awards in the field of Cognitive Neurology and Neuropsychiatry, including the Academy of Medicine Award in 2006 and the Research Recognition Award by the School of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires in 2014.

He was until recently member of the World Dementia Council and member of the Advisory Council of ISTAART (USA). He is medical advisory board in Alzheimer Disease International.

Dr. Allegri's main research activities and current training grants address the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease, new biomarkers, and cognitive profiles in dementia. He has been promoting the development of the field of old age neuropsychiatry in Latin America at every possible level.



Professor Paulo Caramelli, Professor of Neurology at the Faculty of Medicine, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

Professor Paulo Caramelli obtained his MD 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 Hospital das Clínicas of the USP School of Medicine in 1991. Research fellow at the University of Montréal, Canada, from 1992 to 1994. In 1997, he completed a PhD in Neurological Sciences at the USP School of Medicine. He is currently Professor of Neurology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) and Coordinator of the Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology Unit at UFMG, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where he is involved in teaching, in clinical and in research activities. He has supervised 27 MSc, 28 PhD and four post-doctoral students since 2000. Chair (2022-2024) of the Advisory Council of ISTAART (Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment). His research activities are focused on clinical, epidemiological and translational studies on cognitive impairment and dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease and frontotemporal dementia, including studies investigating education, cognitive reserve and prevention of cognitive decline and dementia in the older adult population.



Session Participants



Dr Daisy Acosta, Associate Professor of Geriatrics at Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriques Urena, Dominican Republic

Daisy Acosta is a Geriatric Psychiatrist that has dedicated her professional life to the study of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. She 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 and their families.



Dr David Aguillón, University of Antioquia, Colombia

Dr David Fernando Aguillón Niño is a physician with a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences with an emphasis in Neurosciences and the current coordinator of the Grupo de Neurociencias de Antioquia (GNA). His career is distinguished by his dedication to continuing and strengthening the legacy of Dr. Francisco Lopera, leading high-impact research on neurodegenerative diseases. Since joining GNA, he has led the medical team and actively participated in observational studies and clinical trials for the primary and secondary prevention of autosomal dominant Alzheimer's disease. He has contributed to the discovery of new genetic variants in PSEN1 for this form of Alzheimer's disease in Colombia and has extensive experience in studying neurodegenerative diseases in both basic and clinical areas. His research focuses on identifying biomarkers for preclinical diagnosis and their application in pharmacological and non-pharmacological prevention strategies.

In addition to his research work, he is a professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad de Antioquia and is involved in training undergraduate and graduate students, including master's and doctoral students in neurosciences. He is also committed to science communication through media and social networks, significantly contributing to the advancement of knowledge in brain health.



Dr Ana Louisa Sosa, *Professor UNAM School of Medicine*, *Mexico*

Dr Sosa obtained her medical, specialist's degree in Psychiatry and Master of Medical Sciences degree, from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She was Research Fellow, at Harvard University. She holds a PhD in Psychiatric Epidemiology from King's College, London, UK. Member of the National Academy of Medicine, Academy of Sciences and of the National System of Researchers of Mexico. Since 2000 Dr. Sosa is a researcher in Medical Sciences at the National Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery, where she is responsible for the Laborato and for DIAN. Dr. Sosa has been a professor at the UNAM Faculty of Medicine for 42 years, and she is the Titular Professor of the High Specialty Course in "Cognitive Aging and Dementias"

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