

## Day 1: Thursday, 6 November 2025

**Chair:** Prof. Bogdan Draganski, University of Bern and board member of the Swiss Memory Clinics

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**02:00 –  
03:00 PM**            **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME**

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**03:00 –  
03:25 PM**            **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF THE SWISS NETWORK FOR DEMENTIA RESEARCH**  
Prof. Bogdan Draganski, University of Bern

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**03:30 –  
05:25 PM**            **KEYNOTE & PANEL DISCUSSION: EARLY DIAGNOSIS, BIOMARKERS & THERAPY**  
Chair: Prof. Andreas Papassotiropoulos, University of Basel

**Body Fluid Biomarkers in the Era of Alzheimer's Disease Treatment**

Prof. Charlotte Teunissen, Amsterdam University Medical Centres

**Stage 2 of Alzheimer's Disease: Evidence and Relevance**

Prof. Frank Jessen, University of Cologne

**Lecanemab in Clinical Practice: Lessons from the U.S. Experience**

Dr. Gil Rabinovici, University of California

**New Horizons in Alzheimer's Therapy: Opportunities and Challenges**

Panelists:

- Prof. Charlotte Teunissen, Amsterdam University Medical Centres
  - Prof. Frank Jessen, University of Cologne
  - Dr. Gil Rabinovici, University of California, San Francisco
  - Dr. Anke Post, AC Immune
  - Dr. Tatjana Meyer-Heim, Swiss Memory Clinics Representative
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**05:30 –  
08:00 PM**            **APÉRO & NETWORKING DINNER WITH POSTER SESSIONS**

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**08:00 –  
09:00 PM**            **EVENING PROGRAM**

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## Day 2: Friday, 7 November 2025

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**08:30 –  
09:00 AM**      **MORNING COFFEE**

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**09:00 –**      **KEYNOTE LECTURE: UNDERLYING MECHANISMS OF DEMENTIA**

**09:45 AM**      Chair: Prof. Gilles Allali, Leenaards Memory Center, CHUV

**Early Cellular and Circuit-Level Vulnerabilities in Alzheimer's Disease**

Prof. Marc Aurel Busche, University of Basel and Universitäre Altersmedizin Felix Platter

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**09:50 –  
10:45 AM**      **LIGHTNING TALKS**

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**10:45 –  
11:15 AM**      **COFFEE BREAK**

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**11:15 –  
12:30 PM**      **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

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**PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVES OF DEMENTIA**

Chair: Prof. Emiliano Albanese, WHO Collaborating Center, University of Geneva and Università della Svizzera italiana

**Public Policy, Cognitive Health and Dementia: Insights from Natural Experiments**

Prof. Mauricio Avendano, University of Lausanne

**Early Detection, Brain Health and Ground-State Prevention: Ethical and Conceptual Challenges for Cognitive Public Health**

Dr. Alessandro Blasimme, ETH Zurich

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**AI & DATA ANALYTICS IN DEMENTIA**

Chair: Prof. Michael Krauthammer, University of Zurich

**Capturing Cognitive Deficits Through Language Analysis**

Prof. Philipp Homan, Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich

**AI-based Voice Assistants for Early Dementia**

Dr. Rasita Vinay, University of Zurich

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## **CARE ASPECTS OF DEMENTIA**

Chair: Prof. Stefan Klöppel, University of Bern

### **Requirements for Implementing Physical Activation Approaches for People with Dementia in Care Homes to Maintain Their Everyday Abilities**

Prof. Steffen Heinrich, Ostschweizer Fachhochschule

### **Care for People with Dementia in Swiss Nursing Homes: Legal and Financial Framework and the Diversity of Practice**

Dr. Christina Zweifel, CURAVIVA

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## **BLOOD-BASED BIOMARKERS - SESSION ORGANIZED BY THE SWISS MEMORY CLINICS**

Chair: Prof. Julius Popp, University of Zurich

### **Monitoring Neurodegeneration through Brain-Derived Extracellular Vesicles in Biofluids**

Prof. Paolo Arosio, ETH Zurich

### **Blood Based Biomarkers: The HbA1c of Dementia Diagnosis?**

Dr. Ansgar Felbecker, Inselspital Bern, Praxis St. Gallen

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**12:30 –  
02:00 PM**

**Lunch Break**

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**02:00 –  
03:10 PM**

## **KEYNOTE LECTURES: MEMORY TRACES**

Chair: Dr. Lucie Bréchet, University of Geneva

### **Unconscious Episodic Memory Despite Severe Memory Impairment?**

Prof. Katharina Henke, University of Bern

### **Memory Traces on the Chromatin**

Prof. Johannes Gräff, EPFL

### **Forgetting as a Form of Learning**

Dr. Tomas Ryan, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

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**03:15 –  
04:00 PM**

**LIGHTNING TALKS**

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**04:00 –  
04:30 PM**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**04:30 –  
05:45 PM**

**PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

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**Producing Useful Evidence – Translation Methodology for Implementation**

Prof. Marina Boccardi, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland

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**Success Factors for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Dementia Research**

Dr. Kevin Richetin, Leenaards Memory Center and Center of Psychiatric Neurosciences, CHUV

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**Developing Patient Centered and Ethical Dementia Research**

Dr. Kelly Ormond, ETH Zurich

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**A Case Study in Translation: From Research Data to a Start-up for a New Dementia Therapy**

Dr. Tracy Laabs, Wyss Center  
Prof. Andrea Volterra, Wyss Center

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**05:45 –  
06:00 PM**

**CLOSING PLENARY**