

Day 1: Thursday, 6 November 2025

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

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

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

**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 Center

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. Stefanie Becker, Alzheimer Schweiz
- Dr. Tatjana Meyer-Heim, Swiss Memory Clinics Representative

**05:30 –
08:00 PM** **APÉRO & NETWORKING DINNER WITH POSTER SESSIONS**

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

Day 2: Friday, 7 November 2025

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

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

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

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

**10:45 –
11:15 AM** **COFFEE BREAK**

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

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

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

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

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

**12:30 –
02:00 PM**

Lunch Break

**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

**03:15 –
04:00 PM**

LIGHTNING TALKS

**04:00 –
04:30 PM** **COFFEE BREAK**

**04:30 –
05:45 PM** **PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

Producing Useful Evidence – Translation Methodology for Implementation

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

Success Factors for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Dementia Research

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

Developing Patient Centered and Ethical Dementia Research

Dr. Kelly Ormond, ETH Zurich

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

**05:45 –
06:00 PM** **CLOSING PLENARY**