



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

5:30-8 p.m. **Welcome Reception (optional)**
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

8:30-9:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
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9:30-10 a.m. **Welcome Address**
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10-11 a.m. **Session 1: Synergies Between U.S. POINTER & LatAm-FINGERS Studies**
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U.S. POINTER: Design, Results, Extension and Beyond
Rachel Whitmer, University of California, Davis, United States

LatAm-FINGERS: Design, Results, Extension and Beyond
Lucia Crivelli, FLENI, Argentina

Moderated Panel Discussion
Chair: Rema Raman, Epstein Family Alzheimer's Research Therapeutics Institute at University of Southern California, United States

11-11:30 a.m. **Break**
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11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Session 2: Developing Implementation Hubs: Learnings and Considerations from U.S. POINTER and LatAm-FINGERS to Translate a Trial to the Community**
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Implementation of U.S. POINTER into a U.S. Health System
Rachel Whitmer, University of California, Davis, United States

Implementation of U.S. POINTER into the Community in Rio Grande, Texas
Gladys Maestre, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

Planning and Assessing the Feasibility of a Community-based Intervention Multidomain Program for reduction of the risk of MCI and Dementia in Colombia
David Aguillon, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia

Brazil LatAm-FINGERS Implementation in Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

LatAm-FINGERS Implementation in São Paulo
Mônica Sanches Yassuda, Faculty of Medicine of the University of São Paulo, Brazil

LatAm-FINGERS Implementation in Buenos Aires and Surrounding Community
Lucia Crivelli, FLENI, Argentina

Neo-MAS: Implementing a FINGERS-aligned, mHealth-Supported Multidomain Program for Brain Health in Chilean Older Adults
Carolina Delgado, Hospital Clinico Universidad de Chile, Chile

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Planning and Feasibility Assessment for Community Implementation of a Multidomain Brain Health Program in the Dominican Republic

Daisy Acosta, Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU), Dominican Republic

Moderated Panel Discussion

Chair: Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

1:30-3 p.m.

Lunch

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3-4 p.m.

Session 3: Real World Health Policy and Financial Perspectives of Global Brain Health Initiatives

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Panelists:

Francisco José Ochoa, Inter-American Development Bank, Brazil (joining virtually)

Gustavo Sevlever, FLENI, Argentina

Andrea Slachevsky, Universidad de Chile, Chile

Lenny Shallcross, World Dementia Council, United Kingdom

Moderated Panel Discussion

Chair: Matthew Baumgart, Alzheimer's Association, United States

4-5 p.m.

Session 4: International Initiatives and Perspective on Brain Health Panel

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Panelists:

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States

Facundo Manes, International Alliance for Brain Health, Argentina

Cristóbal Cuadrado, Pan American Health Organization, Chile

Beatriz Gomez Perez-Nievas, The Lancet, United Kingdom

Diego Aguilar, Alzheimer's Disease International, Argentina

Moderated Panel Discussion

Chair: Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

5-5:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks for Day 1

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Maria Carrillo, Alzheimer's Association, United States

5:15-7:30 p.m.

Reception

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

8-9 a.m.

Breakfast

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9-9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening of Day Two

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Day One set out what is being done across the region. The co-chairs open Day Two by turning to what it would take to go further — and to the question the day closes on, whether brain health becomes a settled priority in Latin America or a period of activity that does not outlast its current funding and attention.

Co-Chairs

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States

Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

Welcome

Lenny Shallcross, World Dementia Council, United Kingdom

9:15-10:15 a.m.

Session 1: From Sites to Systems — What Would It Take?
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Impact depends on scale. Public health offers few examples of a proven intervention moving quickly from evidence into delivery. The lag is usually long. What follows is often patchy, resting on local champions, sustained in some places and absent in others, and rarely reaching the scale at which it changes outcomes for a population. Brain health makes that harder still. It is a field of unusual breadth, reaching into cardiovascular health, hearing, education, air quality and social care. No single ministry owns it. No single budget line pays for it. This session asks how the region moves from interventions that benefit the people enrolled in them to change at the level of the system.

Co-Chairs

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States
Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

In Conversation

Matthew Baumgart, Alzheimer's Association, United States
Ana Luisa Sosa, Instituto Nacional de Neurología y Neurocirugía de México, Mexico
Gustavo Sevlever, FLENI, Argentina

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Session 2: What More Do We Need — The Unfinished Science Agenda
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Implementation and science advance together. As programs move into communities, the questions the field cannot yet answer become harder to ignore. Latin America is genetically diverse. It is diverse in wealth, education and access to care. Evidence generated elsewhere does not transfer cleanly into it. At the same time treatments are arriving, so far mainly in high-income countries, and mainly for those who can pay. This session asks what the region needs in order to advance the science. It considers the case for running trials here rather than importing their results, the infrastructure that would take, and what the science has to deliver, both to make the public policy case and to build the interventions that prevent dementia or slow its course.

Co-Chairs

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States
Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

In Conversation

Maria Carrillo, Alzheimer's Association, United States
Claudia Suemoto, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Diego Fernández Slezak, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sylvia Josephy Hernandez, Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, Costa Rica

11:15-11:45 a.m.

Break
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11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Session 3: Making the Case — What Persuades
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Evidence rarely persuades on its own. This session considers what has actually moved decision-makers in the region — which arguments have worked, which have not, and who was making them. It draws on experience from national associations and from clinical practice, and asks what the case for brain health needs to sound like if it is to be heard by people who are not already convinced.

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Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States
Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

In Conversation

Nilton Custodio, Instituto Peruano de Neurociencias, Peru
Noemi Medina, Alzheimer Iberoamérica, Brazil
Jorge Neira, Academia Nacional de Medicina de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Irene Hartmann, Clarín, Argentina

12:45-1:30 p.m.

Closing Session — Will Brain Health Take Off?
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Day One set out what is being done. Day Two asked what it would take to go further. This session turns to where the region, and brain health, goes from here. It looks at the obstacles that will have to be dealt with in the next phase, which of them are within the field's control and which are not, and where the field is best placed to make progress.

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Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, United States
Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais and World Dementia Council, Brazil

In Conversation

Lenny Shallcross, World Dementia Council, United Kingdom
Andrea Slachevsky, Universidad de Chile, Chile
Rachel Whitmer, University of California, Davis, United States
Ricardo Allegri, FLENI, Argentina

1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Close of Meeting
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