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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

**7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Registration** (*In person only*)  
*Foyer Commercial*

**8-9 a.m.**

**Networking Breakfast** (*In person only*)  
*Paracas*

**9-9:05 a.m.**

**Opening Ceremony**  
*Grand Salon 2-3*

**9:05-9:20 a.m.**

**Welcome**  
*Grand Salon 2-3*

**Moderators:**

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association®  
 Victor Valcour, University of California - San Francisco, Global Brain Health Institute, United States  
 Nilton Custodio, Instituto Peruano de Neurociencias, Peru  
 Karol Lucia Navas Florez, Lived Experience Representative

**9:20-9:40 a.m.**

**Session: The Life and Legacy of Francisco Lopera**  
*Grand Salon 2-3*  
 Kenneth S. Kosik, University of California - Santa Barbara, United States

**9:40–11 a.m.**

**Session: Disease Characterization and Diagnostic Tools - Research**

*Grand Salon 2-3*

**Moderators:**

Agustin Ibáñez, Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin,  
BrainLat, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile/Ireland  
Ezequiel Surace, Institute of Neurosciences-FLENI (CONICET), University of Buenos  
Aires, Argentina

**Presenters:**

*Unraveling the Complexity of Dementia: The Role of Neuropathology  
in Neuropathological Comorbidity*

Lea Grinberg, University of California - San Francisco, Global Brain Health Institute,  
United States, University of São Paulo, Brazil

*Brain imaging across Latin America*

Sandra Baez, Los Andes University, Global Brain Health Institute, Colombia

*Blood biomarkers in Brazil*

Eduardo Zimmer, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

*Harmonized Multidomain Cognitive Assessment Protocols for Diverse Populations*

Elena Tsoy, University of California - San Francisco, Global Brain Health Institute, United States

**11–11:30 a.m.**

**Break**

*Beverage Break - Grand Salon Foyer*

*Posters - Grand Salon 1*

**11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

**Session: Alzheimer's and Dementia Diagnosis**

*Grand Salon 2-3*

**Moderator:**

Sylvia Josephy-Hernandez, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica  
Mario Cornejo-Olivas, Universidad Científica del Sur, Peru

**Presenters:**

*Health System Opportunities in Latin America*

Jaime Miranda, The University of Sydney, Australia

*The Role of Primary Care Physicians*

Jose Francisco Parodi, Universidad de San Martín de Porres, Peru

*The Role of Specialists*

Natalia Pozo Castro, Hospital Clínico San Borja Arriarán, Chile, Global Brain Health  
Institute (alumni)

*The Role of Genetic Counseling and Testing*

Pablo Bagnati, FLENI, Argentina

**1–2:25 p.m.**

**Lunch** (in person only)

*Paracas*

*ISTAART Skills Forum 1- Career Mentoring*

*Inka 3-5*

**2:25–2:30 p.m.**

**Brain Health Boost: Boosting Connections**

*Grand Salon 2-3*

Magda Kaczmarek, Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, United States/Poland

Jennie Gubner, Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, United States

2:30–4 p.m.

**Session: Therapy and Innovation in the Continuum of Disease**

Grand Salon 2-3

*Hosted in collaboration with Alzheimer's and Dementia: Translational Research and Clinical Interventions*

**Moderators:**

Mychael Lourenco, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Jorge Llibre-Guerra, Washington University in St. Louis, Global Brain Health Institute, United States

**Presenters:**

*LATAM FINGERS: Non-pharmacological Interventions*

Rosa María Salinas, Instituto Nacional de Neurología y Neurocirugía Manuel Velasco Suárez, Mexico

*Implementation of Anti-amyloid Therapies in Latin America*

Leonel Takada, University of São Paulo, Brazil

*From Targets to Trials: Novel Tau-targeting Therapies – ASOs*

Catherine Mummery, University College London, United Kingdom

*Beyond Amyloid beta: Exploring New Targets and compounds*

Sergio T. Ferreira, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

4–4:45 p.m.

**Poster Viewing Break**

*Beverage Break – Grand Salon Foyer*

*Posters – Grand Salon 1*

4:45–5:45 p.m.

**Panel: Capacity Building in Latin America**

Grand Salon 2-3

**Moderators:**

Victor Valcour, University of California – San Francisco,

Global Brain Health Institute, United States

Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

**Presenters:**

*Progress and Challenges to Ongoing Capacity Building Initiatives*

Paulo Caramelli, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil

*Research and Technology*

Carolina Delgado, Universidad de Chile, Chile

Adolfo Garcia, Universidad de San Andrés, Global Brain Health Institute, Argentina

*Clinician Training*

Sonia Brucki, University of São Paulo, Brazil

*Training and Support of Caregivers*

Claudia Miranda, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile

Celene Queiroz Pinheiro de Oliveira, Associação Brasileira de Alzheimer, Brazil

5:45–7:30 p.m.

**Reception (In person only)**

Paracas

## THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Registration** (*In person only*)  
Foyer Commercial

8-9 a.m.

**Breakfast** (*In person only*)

9-9:40 a.m.

**Session: Lightning Presentation Round**  
Grand Salon 2-3

**Moderators:**

Diego Bustamante, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru  
Joshua Grill, University of California - Irvine, United States

**Presenters:**

*Sex Differences Mixed Neuropathologies To Alzheimer's Disease And Cognitive Abilities*  
Karen Socher, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

*Brain Hypometabolism And Cognitive Impairment Are Exacerbated By A Common IDO1 Genetic Variant*

Christian Limberger, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

*Multimodal Brain Clocks Using Biophysical Modeling Link Cognition And Socioeconomic Factors In Aging And Dementia*

Josefina Cruzat Latin American Brain Health Institute (BrainLat), Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

*Application Of A Composite Polygenic Risk Score (prs) In Admixed Brazilian and European Populations Stratified By Local Ancestry*

Samantha Lucciola Paço, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

*Distinct Patterns Of Tau Tangle Deposition Underlie Clinical Variability In Typical Alzheimer's Disease*

Rayan Mroué, University of Pittsburgh, United States

*Distinctive Functional Capacity Patterns In Peruvian People With Alzheimer's Disease Versus Frontotemporal Dementia*

Gregory Brown, Instituto Peruano de Neurociencias, Peru

*Community Centers For Dementia Care In Chile: Lessons For Implementing Complex Dementia Interventions*

Jean Gajardo Universidad San Sebastián, Chile

9:40-11 a.m.

**Session: Epidemiology**  
Grand Salon 2-3

**Moderators:**

José Alberto Ávila Funes, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán, Mexico

Marcela Beatriz Mar Meza, San Antonio Abad University, Global Brain Health Institute, Peru

**Presenters:**

*Epidemiological Insights Into Attributable Risk for Dementia Across Latin America and the Caribbean*

Ismael Calandri, FLENI, Argentina

*Trends in Dementia Prevalence and Risk Factors in Latin American Populations*

Juan Llibre Rodriguez, Universidad de Ciencias Médicas de La Habana, Cuba

*The Impact of Social Determinants of Health in Latin America*

Joaquin Migeot, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Global Brain Health Institute, Chile

*Epidemiology Research on Indigenous and Hardest Reached Populations*

Juliana Nery de Souza-Talarico, The University of Iowa, United States

*Insights on building an epidemiological cohort of older Latino adults focused on brain health: the Rush Latino Core Study*

Lisa Barnes, RUSH University, United States

11-11:45 a.m.

**Poster Viewing Break**

*Beverage Break - Grand Salon Foyer*

*Posters - Grand Salon 1*

**11:45-11:50 a.m.**

**Brain Health Boost: Challenging the Brain**

Grand Salon 2-3

Paulina Vergara, Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, Chile

Brian Kennedy, Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, Ireland/Australia

**11:50-1 p.m.**

**Session: Health Policy and Economics**

Grand Salon 2-3

**Moderators:**

Andrea Slachevsky, Universidad de Chile, Global Brain Health Institute, Chile

Rosario Isasi, University of Miami, United States

**Presenters:**

*Health Systems Across Latin American Countries* Diego Aguilar, Alzheimer's Disease International, United Kingdom

*Qualitative Methods to Understand the Response of the Health Systems to People with Dementia and Their Carers in Peru*

Maria Lazo Porras, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Peru

*EsSalud*

Cesar Chaname, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru

**1-2:15 p.m.**

**Lunch (In person only)**

Paracas

ISTAART Skills Forum 2 - Meet Professional Networks

Inka 3-5

**2:15-3 p.m.**

**Session: Lightning Presentation Round - Atlantic Fellows - Global Brain Health Institute**

Grand Salon 2-3

**Moderators:**

Victor Valcour, University of California - San Francisco, Global Brain Health Institute, United States

Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

**Presenters:**

*Valiant Cohort: Vascular Risk Factors; Cognitive Phenotypes and Biofluid Biomarker Profiles*  
Rufus Akinyemi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

*Cognitive Findings From Prevent Dementia - DS: A Biomarker Cohort Study In Down Syndrome*  
Eimear McGlinchey, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

*A Rare Tardbp Variant In A Peruvian Frontotemporal Dementia Patient Of The PeADI Cohort: Case Report*

Sheila Castro-Suarez, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Neurologicas, Peru

*The Psychosocial Impacts Of Co-designed Healing Gardens Among Aged Care Residents With And Without Dementia In Nigeria*

Funmi Akindejoye, University of Tasmania, Australia

*Tabcat Brain Health Assessment For Detecting Cognitive Impairment In Israeli Arabs*  
Rafi Hadad, Rambam Health Care Campus, Israel

*Inclusive Environmental Solutions For Plwd In Rural Chile Pilot Project: Insights From A Pre-intervention Evaluation*

Macarena Espina Díaz, Viviendo con Demencia I+D Estudio de Diseño, Chile

*Using Indigenous Art To Increase Dementia Awareness And Social Engagement Among Older Adults In Northern Uganda*

Rodney Erismas Kiggundu, University of California - San Francisco, United States

*Quality Of Life, Functional Communication And Language Improve After Clown Therapy With People With Chronic Expressive Aphasia*

Lenisa Brandão, Universidade Federal do Santa Maria, Brazil

*Low-field Mri Beyond The Clinic: Reliability, Validity, And Patient Experience In A Mobile Setting*  
Tavia Evans, Radboud UMC Netherlands

**3-3:05 p.m.**

**Brain Health Boost: Walking the Talk for Dementia**

Grand Salon 2-3

Fernando Aguzzoli Peres, Atlantic Fellow, Global Brain Health Institute, Brazil

**3:05–4 p.m.**

**Why We Do What We Do: Our Lived Experience as Care Partners**

*Grand Salon 2-3*

**Moderators:**

Sarah Cullum, United Kingdom/New Zealand

Michelle Memran, United States

**Presenters (Atlantic Fellows):**

Alex Kornhuber, Peru

Sonata Mačiulskytė, Lithuania

Fernando Aguzzoli Peres, Brazil

**4–4:30 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks and Award Ceremony**

*Grand Salon 2-3*





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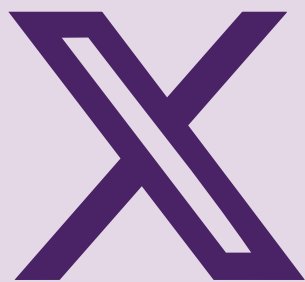
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