



World Dementia Council Satellite Summit

Realising Hope — Dementia in Latin America and the Caribbean

Swissotel
Lima, Peru
13 May 2025

Overview

This inaugural one-day World Dementia Council (WDC) Satellite Summit will explore the public policy response to the challenge of dementia in Latin America and the Caribbean. Given the rapidly ageing population, policymakers need to urgently address the challenges dementia presents. The 2025 WDC Satellite Summit will challenge participants to think boldly and offer solutions from prevention, to research and care and ask how advocacy can help secure those advances. The WDC has been hosting a series of virtual dialogues on dementia in Latin America and the Caribbean and at the conclusion of the meeting will be publishing a paper reviewing the discussion. The meeting will be conducted with real-time translation in Spanish and English.

Programme

09.00-10.30 Registration

Foyer

09.00-10.00 Breakfast

Paracas II

10.00-10.10 Welcome and Scene Setting

Paracas I

Joanne Pike, DrPH, Chair, WDC and President & CEO, Alzheimer's Association

Lenny Shallcross, Director, WDC

Professor Paulo Caramelli, Professor of Neurology, Federal University of Minas Gerais

Professor Ricardo Allegri, Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre, FLENI

Dr Joanne Pike and Lenny Shallcross will open the meeting, introduce the work of the Alzheimer's Association and World Dementia Council, and outline the meeting's aims. Professors Paulo Caramelli and Ricardo Allegri, chairs of the meeting, will share opening reflections.

10.15-11.00 Dementia in Latin America and the Caribbean: the regional challenge

Paracas I

Chair: Professor Paulo Caramelli, Professor of Neurology, Federal University of Minas Gerais

Professor Nilton Custodio, Professor of Medicine, Instituto Peruano de Neurociências

Professor Ricardo Allegri, Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre, FLENI

and Dr Daisy Acosta, Associate Professor of Geriatrics at Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Dominican Republic

Opening reflection on the dementia landscape in Latin America and the Caribbean, drawing on insights from the WDC Virtual Dialogue Series.

11:00-11:45 The Ecosystem in Latin America: Dementia Research

Paracas I

Chair: Professor Ricardo Allegri, Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre, FLENI

Opening Discussion: Dr Maria Carrillo, Chief Science Officer and Medical Affairs Lead, Alzheimer's Association; Dr Gustavo Selvester, Professor of Pathology, FLENNI; and Professor Rema Raman, Professor of Neurology Kirk School of Medicine USC; and Eduardo Zimmer, Assistant Professor, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Porto Alegre

The first of two sessions considering the dementia ecosystem in Latin America and the Caribbean and opportunities to make progress. This session will examine public policy challenges in conducting research and clinical trials in the region and discuss how regional and international consortia can help strengthen the research ecosystem.

11.45-12.15 Coffee Break

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12.15-13.15 The Ecosystem in Latin America: Prevention

Paracas I

Chair: Professor Paulo Caramelli, Professor of Neurology, Federal University of Minas Gerais

Opening Discussion: Dr Lucia Crivelli, Head of Neuropsychology, FLENI; Andrea Slachevsky, MD, PhD, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Chile; and, Dr Heather Snyder, Vice President, Medical & Scientific Relations, Alzheimer's Association

The second session on the dementia ecosystem in Latin America and the Caribbean and opportunities to make progress. This session will examine the science of prevention, understanding the Latin American and the Caribbean context, and opportunities for public policy interventions.

13.15-14.15 Lunch

Paracas II

14.15-15.00 The Decade Ahead

Paracas I

Chair: Professor Ricardo Allegri, Director of the Ageing and Memory Centre, FLENI

Opening discussion: Professor Lea Grinberg, John Douglas French Alzheimer's Endowed Professor, University of California San Francisco; Ana Luisa Sosa, professor at the UNAM Faculty of Medicine, Mexico, Juan J. Llibre Rodriguez, Professor of Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at the Medical University of Havana

This session will explore how to accelerate scientific progress in the coming decade. It will consider how emerging treatments and diagnostics can reach patients across the region and how this new era can elevate dementia research as a policy priority.

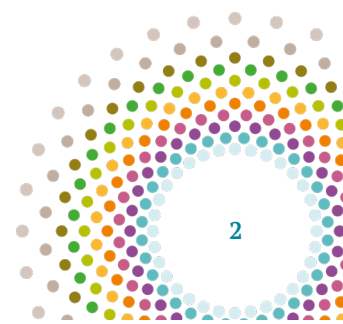
15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

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15.30-16.15 Advancing Advocacy

Paracas I

Chair: Professor Paulo Caramelli, Professor of Neurology, Federal University of Minas Gerais



Opening Discussion: Celene Pinheiro, President Brazilian Alzheimer's Association; Diego Aguilar, Regional Director Americas, Alzheimer's International.

This session will focus on the role of advocacy in driving progress, examining how it can be strengthened to secure the benefits of scientific advances for patients. And how can national organizations beyond the region, and international organizations help these efforts.

16.15-16.30 Closing Reflections

Paracas I

Joanne Pike, DrPH, Chair, WDC and President & CEO, Alzheimer's Association

Lenny Shallcross, Director, WDC

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This short session will offer closing reflections and highlights of next steps from the meeting chairs and the chair and director of the WDC.

16.30 Reception

Paracas II