

# SWISS DEMENTIA FORUM

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN  
RESEARCH, TREATMENT AND CARE.

6 – 7 November 2025

Eventforum Bern

## Day 1: Thursday, 6 November 2025

**Chair:** Prof. Bogdan Draganski, University of Bern

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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**

**Speaker:** Prof. Bogdan Draganski,  
University of Bern

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03:30 –  
05:25 PM

**Keynote Lectures & Panel Discussion:  
Early Diagnosis, Biomarkers & Therapy**

**Chair:** Prof. Andreas Papassotiropoulos,  
University of Basel

**Speakers:**

- Prof. Frank Jessen, University of Cologne
- Prof. Charlotte Teunissen, Amsterdam University Medical Centres

**Panel Discussion:**

- Prof. Frank Jessen, University of Cologne
- Prof. Charlotte Teunissen, Amsterdam University Medical Centres
- Dr. Anke Post, AC Immune
- Dr. Tatjana Meyer-Heim, Swiss Memory Clinic 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

**Chair:** Prof. Bogdan Draganski, University of Bern

<b>08:30 – 09:00 AM</b>	<b>Morning Coffee</b>	
<b>09:00 – 09:45 AM</b>	<b>Keynote Lecture: Underlying Mechanisms of Dementia</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Gilles Allali, Leenaards Memory Center, CHUV <b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Marc Aurel Busche, University of Basel
<b>09:50 – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>Lightning Talks</b>	
<b>10:45 – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	<b>Public Health Perspectives of Dementia</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Emiliano Albanese, Università della Svizzera italiana <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Alessandro Blasimme, ETH Zurich</li><li>• Prof. Mauricio Avendano, University of Lausanne</li></ul>
	<b>Care Aspects of Dementia</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Stefan Klöppel, University of Bern <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Steffen Heinrich, Ostschweizer Fachhochschule</li><li>• Dr. Christina Zweifel, CURAVIVA</li></ul>
	<b>AI &amp; Data Analytics in Dementia</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Michael Krauthammer, University of Zurich <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. Philipp Homan, Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich</li><li>• Dr. Rasita Vinay, ETH Zurich</li></ul>
	<b>Blood-based biomarkers - Session organized by the Swiss Memory Clinics</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Prof. Julius Popp, University of Zurich <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Ansgar Felbecker, Inselspital Bern, Praxis St. Gallen</li><li>• Prof. Paolo Arosio, ETH Zurich</li></ul>

<b>12:30 – 02:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>02:00 – 03:10 PM</b>	<b>Keynote Lectures: Memory Traces</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Lucie Bréchet, University of Geneva</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Katharina Henke, University of Bern</li> <li>• Prof. Johannes Gräff, EPFL</li> <li>• Dr. Tomas Ryan, Trinity Institute of Neuroscience, Ireland</li> </ul>
<b>03:15 – 04:00 PM</b>	<b>Lightning Talks</b>	
<b>04:00 – 04:30 PM</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>04:30 – 05:45 PM</b>	<b>Parallel Workshop Sessions</b>	
	<b>Producing Useful Evidence – Translation Methodology for Implementation</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Marina Boccardi, University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland
	<b>Success Factors for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Dementia Research</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Kevin Richetin, Leenaards Memory Center, CHUV
	<b>Developing Patient Centered and Ethical Dementia Research</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Kelly Ormond, ETH Zurich
	<b>Translational Science: From an Idea to a Startup</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> tbd
<b>05:45 – 06:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Plenary</b>	