

RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2026 DAY ONE

8.30 - 9.30am Registration and arrival refreshment		
SESSION ONE AUDITORIUM		
9.30 - 9.40am	Welcome from Alzheimer's Research UK: Dr Susan Kohlhaas	
9.40 - 9.55am	Supporter talk: Charlie Quirke	
9.55 - 10.55am	Plenary session: Prof Cath Mummery	
10.55 - 11.40am Refreshment break and poster session		
SESSION TWO	AUDITORIUM	CHARTER 1
Parallel sessions 11.40am - 1pm	Molecular mechanisms and cellular dynamics in neurodegeneration Chairs: Prof Patrick Lewis Dr Melissa Scholefield Speakers: Prof Adam Greenstein Dr Maria Jimenez-Sanchez Dr Peter Harley Dr Vanya Metodieva Dr Lovesha Sivanantharajah	AI and data science in dementia: integrative analytics for prognosis, mechanisms, and prevention Chairs: Prof Conceição Bettencourt Dr David Whiteside Speakers: Dr Laura Winchester Prof Valentina Escott-Price Dr Miriam Vignando Dr Ivan Koychev Felix Breach
1 - 2.10pm Lunch break		
1.25 – 2.05pm	Fellows lunchtime session: Shaping your future as a research leader Chair: Prof Charles French-Constant Speakers: Lydia Beaton, Dr Sarah Marzi	Charter 3
1.25 – 2.05pm	PPIE lunchtime session: Making patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) count in your ARUK application Chair: Anna Goodman Speakers: Dr Helen Beaumont, Dr Sophie Farrow, Dr Faiza Durrani	Exchange 4 & 5

SESSION THREE

Parallel sessions
2.10 - 3.30pm

AUDITORIUM

Translational neurodegeneration: from genetic insights and biomarkers to clinical impact

Chairs:

Prof Fiona Ducotterd
Dr Stephanie Brown

Speakers:

Prof Camille Carroll
Dr Janet Brownlees
Dr Zubida Al-Majdoub
Dr Sam Washer

CHARTER 1

Cellular vulnerability and immune mechanisms in dementia pathogenesis

Chair:

Prof Katie Lunnon

Speakers:

Prof Delphine Boche
Dr Wioleta Zelek
Dr David Koss
Dr Zoe Van Acker
Dr Katherine Fodder

3.30 - 4.15pm

Refreshment break and poster session

SESSION FOUR

AUDITORIUM

4.15 - 4.45pm

David Hague Early Career Investigator of the Year Award

4.45 - 5.25pm

Debate

5.25 - 5.30pm

Closing of the day: Dr Sheona Scales

RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2026 DAY TWO

8 - 9am	Registration and arrival refreshment	
8 – 8.45am	Future Leaders breakfast session: Overcoming barriers in your career	Charter 3
	Chair: Dr Laura Winchester Speakers: Dr Sana Suri, Dr Maura Malpetti, Dr Emily Lane - Hill	
8 – 8.45am	Research Leaders breakfast: Translating your research	Exchange 4 & 5
	Chair: Dr Emma Mead Speakers: Dr Wei-Li (William) Kuan, Dr Lennart Spindler	

SESSION FIVE

AUDITORIUM

9 – 9.05am	Welcome to Day two: Dr Jacqui Hanley
9.05 - 10am	Stuart Pickering-Brown Prize
10 - 10.15am	Laura Pulford Prize
	Chair: Dr Jacqui Hanley
	Speakers: Phoebe Foster Yunan Li Grace Thomson Samuel Boulger

10.15 - 11am Refreshment break and poster session

SESSION SIX

AUDITORIUM

11 - 11.20am	Jean Corsan Prize
	Chair: Dr Leah Mursaleen
11.20am - 12.15pm	Clinical trial outcomes and design
	Chair: Prof Cath Mummery
	Speakers: Prof Paresch Malhotra Charalampos (Haris) Tzoulis Dr Janice Smith Gabrial Ruane

12.15 - 1.25pm Lunch break and poster session

SESSION SEVEN

Parallel sessions
1.25 - 2.35pm

AUDITORIUM

**Advanced methods and
molecular mechanisms in
dementia research**

Chairs:

Prof Catherine Lawrence
Dr Jemma Hazan

Speakers:

Prof Heather Mortiboys
Dr Soraya Meftah
Dr Juan Varela

CHARTER 1

**Diet, nutrition, and brain health:
pathways and prevention in
cognitive ageing**

Chairs:

Prof Jessica Teeling
Dr Thomas Littlejohns

Speakers:

Dr David Vauzour
Dr James Conway
Dr Daria Jensen
Dr Nicola Ann Ward

2.35 - 3.05pm Refreshment break

SESSION EIGHT

3.05- 3.15pm

3.15 - 4.10pm

4.10 - 4.15pm

AUDITORIUM

Award presentations

Plenary session: Prof Henrik Zetterberg

Conference closing remarks