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AGENDA

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

AX ODYCY
Qawra, Malta

29.05.26

- 8:00** **WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION STANDS PRESENTIONS**
- 9:00** **OPENING SPEECHES**
- 9:30** **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Dr Laura Castro-Aldrete - Alzheimer's Disease International
Dementia care and support through innovation and advocacy
- 9:50** **LOCAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Dr. Anthony Scerri - University of Malta
From Insight to Impact? A Critical Appraisal of Global Dementia
Progress and Its Translation into Maltese Practice
- 10:10** **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Carer Burnout:
What Does the Research Tell Us – and What Should We Do About It?
- MODERATOR**
Ms. Miriana Buffa
- PANELISTS**
Prof. Charles Scerri
Dr. Roberta Sultana
Dr. Kristian Zammit
Ms. Roxanne Cole
- 10:30** **PARALLEL SESSIONS**
- 11:30** **COFFEE BREAK**



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12:00

PRESENTATION

Mr. Jeremy Sammut

Practice Nurse within the Dementia Care Directorate
Dementia Policy and Care in European Small Island States: A
Comparison of Malta, Cyprus and Iceland.

12:20

SPEAKER

Dr. Christian Zammit

Department of Anatomy within the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery,
University of Malta
The Neuroanatomy of Dementia: Linking Brain Structure to
Cognitive Decline

12:40

SPEAKER

Prof. Marvin Formosa

Department of Gerontology and Dementia Studies, University of Malta
Learning for persons living with dementia: Possibilities,
challenges, future pathways

13:00

DEBATE

Dr Maria Mallia & Dr Nicola Dingli

Consultants, Department of Neurology, Mater Dei Hospital
Hope on the Horizon: Breaking Down New Alzheimer's
Disease Treatments



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- 13:20** **SPEAKER**
Dr. Stephen Abela
Consultant Geriatrician, JADEHealth project co-ordinator
A survey on the awareness and stigma in Dementia - JADE Health Project
- 13:40** **DEMENTIA AWARDS CEREMONY**
- 14:10** **CLOSING REMARKS**
- 14:30** **NETWORKING LUNCH**

PARALLEL SESSIONS DETAILS

ROOM 1: CARE, COMMUNICATION & SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Communication as Connection: An Intergenerational Model for Dementia Support
by **Nicola Montesin**

Intermediate Care: a model of care provision geared towards rehabilitation and reablement
by **Dr Francesca Farrugia & Dr Doriella Camilleri**

Employability in Filial Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia in the Maltese Islands
by **Claire Camilleri**



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ROOM 2: RESEARCH, POLICY & COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS

From Bench to Bedside: Molecular Insights and Emerging Therapies for Alzheimer's Disease
by Prof Neville Vassallo

Day centres as meaningful nodes for ageing in place:
Mapping responsive environments in the experience of dementia day centres in Malta
by Dr Alexia Mercieca, Francesca Attard and Julia De Bono

Who cares? Assessing dementia knowledge and skills in the healthcare profession
by Prof Charles Scerri

ROOM 3: CAREGIVING EXPERIENCES & SUPPORT NETWORKS

The role and impact of a dedicated dementia team in the Maltese Islands
by Charmaine Spiteri

The experiences of informal caregivers caring for a person with dementia after relocation to a long-term facility: a qualitative approach
by Reuben Cassar

Living with a Spouse/Partner with Dementia: Sharing and Holding Back Information
by Dr Yaser Teebi