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PROGRAMME

9:00 - 9:30	Registration	
9:30 – 10:10	Opening and Plenary Session	**Limousin 3**
	Keynote Speaker: Bart de Strooper	
10:15 – 11:15	Parallel sessions 1	
	Track 1: Fundamental research	**Dexter 21**
	Track 2: Advancements in diagnostics, prognostics and interventions	**Dexter 25**
	Track 3: Living with dementia	**Dexter 11**
	Track 4: Technology and dementia	**Dexter 13**
11:15 - 11:45	Break	
11:45 - 12:45	Parallel sessions 2 (DEMPACT track)	
	Track 1: Education and dementia	**Dexter 11**
	Track 2: Dementia as a societal challenge	**Dexter 21**
	Track 3: Database deep dive: turning dementia data into discoveries	**Dexter 25**
	Track 4: Public-private partnerships	**Dexter 13**
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and poster presentations	
	Networking lunch for public-private parties	*Limousin 3*
13:45 - 14:45	Plenary session	**Limousin 3**
	Experiences of a person living with dementia	
	Pitches Research Talent Award winners	
	Keynote Speaker: Guus Smit	
14:45 - 15:15	Break	

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15:15 - 16:15   Parallel sessions 3

   Track 1: Advancements in diagnostics, prognostics and interventions   **Dexter 21**
   Track 2: Risk reduction and lifestyle   **Dexter 25**
   Track 3: Young people living with dementia   **Dexter 11**
   Track 4: Quick orals by ZonMw fellows and Impuls grantees   **Dexter 13**

16:20 - 17:00   Plenary session   **Limousin 3**

   Poster prize announcement

   Keynote Speaker: Debby Gerritsen

17:00 - 18:00   Networking drinks
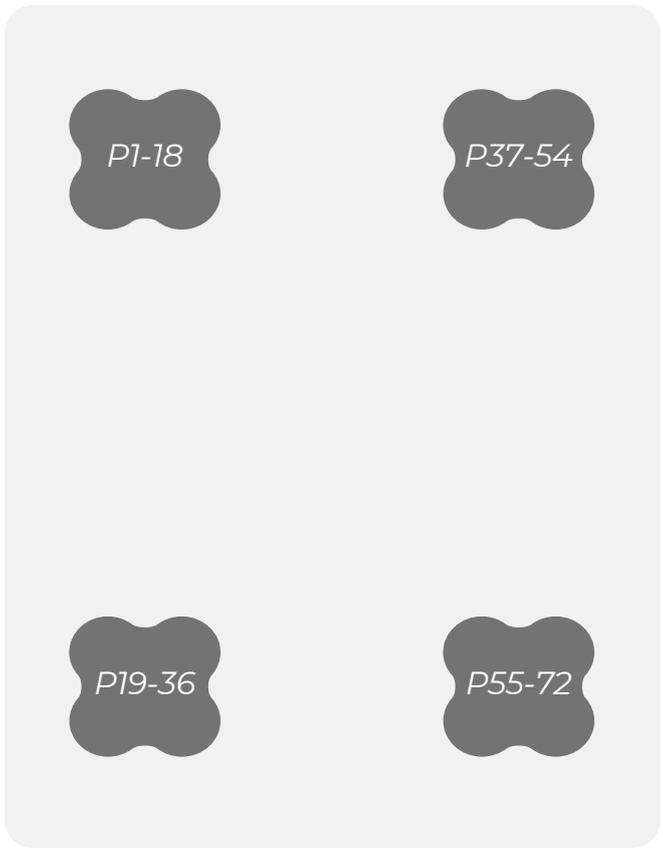
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Entrance

Registration

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Dexter 21

Dexter 25

speakers corner

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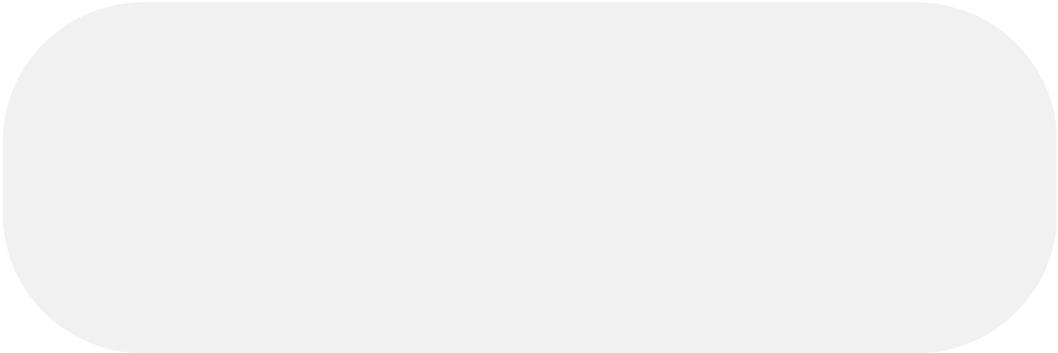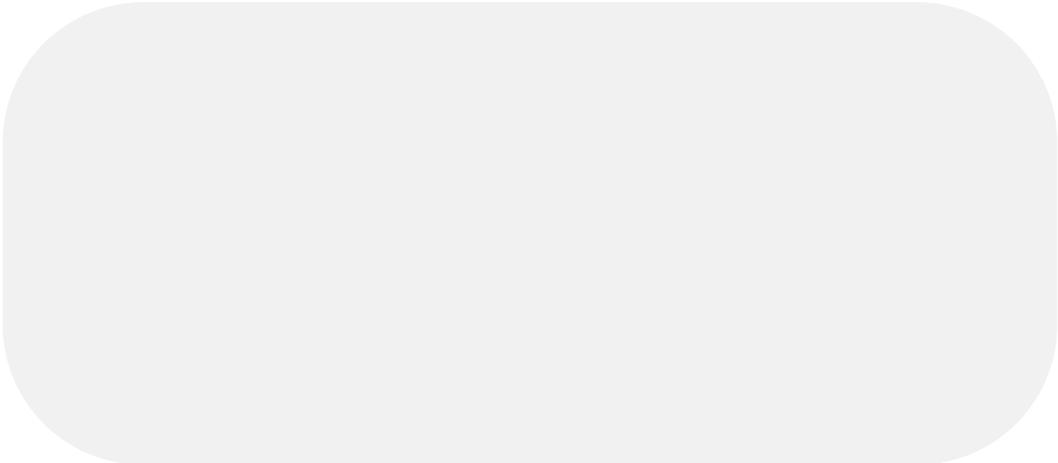
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Stage

KEY NOTES

Bart de Strooper

KU Leuven

Guus Smit

VU, Amsterdam

Debby Gerritsen

Radboud University
Medical Center

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PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

Fundamental research:

Corette Wierenga
Tipping the scale: How differential synaptic vulnerability to amyloid-beta oligomers may underlie network disruptions during early Alzheimer's disease

Timo Verlaan
Sample-level embedding and classification of Alzheimer's disease from single-nucleus data

Aurore Delvenne
Cerebrospinal fluid proteomics reveals distinct choroid plexus-related protein signatures in Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and dementia with Lewy bodies

Advancements in diagnostics, prognostics and interventions:

Prithvi Arunachalam
Decreased amyloid-related structure-function coupling in preclinical Alzheimer's Disease

Alida Leistra
Impact of biomarker variability on estimated sample sizes and clinical trial design in Alzheimer's disease

Ivana Kirilova
Black Rims at 7 Tesla MRI: An MRI-Histopathology Study of a Novel Imaging Marker for Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

Living with dementia:

Jacoba Huizenga
Case managers supporting everyday life of people with dementia and their family carers: insights from a collaborative study

Glenn Proctor
Lifestyle and environmental factors to improve quality of life in the dementia care dyad: a focus group study.

Geeske Peeters
Development of an escape room to increase awareness among health care professionals of cognitive decline as a comorbid condition in hospitalised patients

Technology and dementia:

Karla Marticic Giljevic
Measuring neuropsychiatric symptoms in the daily lives of people with dementia: a combined wearable and ESM approach

Dirk Steijger
AI and quality of life of people with dementia: A study on AI to and unstructured narrative observational data.

Olaiya Aro
Deep learning for the early diagnosis of behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia

PARALLEL SESSIONS 2

DEMPACT TRACK

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EDUCATION AND DEMENTIA

How do professionals in dementia care and support currently perform and learn? And how can we change care training programs to improve both dementia care and education?

Simone de Bruin (SPREAD+) will address this during the first part of the DEMPACT session on education. **Karel Kans** (ROC Mondriaan) spent 32 hours in a secure psychogeriatric ward to experience what vocational trainees, caregivers, and clients go through. This experience, part of a study by ROC Mondriaan and mboRijnland, provided a new perspective on research and insights for creators of educational materials for vocational programs.

DEMENTIA AS A SOCIETAL CHALLENGE

Research shows that lifestyle and preventive measures could reduce the risk of dementia. In the session 'Dementia as a Social Challenge' (DEMPACT track Dutch Dementia Researchers Conference 2026), dementia researchers engage in conversation with the audience about how to translate scientific insights into practice clearly and motivatingly. Questions they will explore: which factors are truly modifiable? How can we ensure that prevention leads to action - and thus truly makes a difference?

Speakers on behalf of the consortia:

BIRD-NL: Amber Yaqub, Frank Wolters
NDPI: Lieke Bakker, Anne Roos van der Endt, Niels Janssen

DATABASE DEEP DIVE: TURNING DEMENTIA DATA INTO DISCOVERIES

Is it possible to answer research questions using existing data and collaborations? Absolutely! Get inspired during the session 'Database Deep Dive: turning dementia data into discoveries'.

Katharina Bolsewig: *Leveraging the European Platform for Neurodegenerative Diseases (EPND) to identify cohorts for CSF biomarker studies*

Betty Tijms: *Insights from participating in the Global Neurodegeneration Proteomics Consortium (GNPC)*

Georgia Malliou: *Beyond the Database – collaborating to build a cross-omics data overview in the MODEM consortium*

Didi Lamers (DEMPACT) will host a closing discussion: *Opportunities and pitfalls of using databases in dementia research*

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

During this PPP session, public–private collaborations in the field of dementia take center stage. After a short introduction and context-setting, the SPREAD+ and DEMTECH programme will be presented, including examples from ongoing projects within these programmes. Several companies will then present their innovations and the challenges they are facing, highlighting opportunities where researchers may be able to contribute.

The session provides insight into innovative solutions and demonstrates how science, technology, and entrepreneurship come together to create impact. We wrap up by encouraging participants to continue the conversation and meet with entrepreneurs during the designated networking lunch.

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PARALLEL SESSIONS 3

Advancements in diagnostics, prognostics and interventions:

Marit Stolte
The trajectories of cognition, behaviour, and daily functioning in the pre-clinical stages of dementia

Mathijs Rosbergen
Development of a dementia prediction model for individuals with cognitive complaints or familial history

Jackie Poos
Exploring changes in cognitive network structures across the genetic FTD disease spectrum: a GENFI study

Risk reduction and lifestyle:

Frank Wolters
Long-term risk and predictors of dementia in individuals with covert brain infarction: a joint analysis of 7 population-based cohort studies

Colin Rosenau
Updated LIfestyle for BRAin health (LIBRA2) score, genetics, and risk of Alzheimer's Disease, vascular dementia, and stroke in older adults

Jolanda Dobbe
Involving societal stakeholders in dementia risk reduction: an explorative study

Young people living with dementia:

Lise Vandaele
Advance Care Planning in adults with serious and chronic illnesses: key factors for successful implementation in Young-Onset Dementia.

Jasper Maters
Survival and determinants of mortality in nursing home residents with young onset dementia

Hanna Bodde
Do neuropsychiatric symptoms differ in young- versus late-onset dementia? A systematic review and meta-analysis

Quick orals by ZonMw fellows and Impuls grantees:

Nienke de Wit
Colin Groot
Sylvie Lesuis
Lianne Reus
Renzo Riemens
Mohit Dubey
Janet McNeil Vroomen
Noortje Kloos

NETWORKING LUNCH FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTIES

Are you interested in **funding opportunities** from **Health~Holland?** Or would you like to meet the companies and entrepreneurs from the PPS session mentioned here?

Join them for an **informal networking lunch** for public-private parties at the Limousin 3!

Hedderik van Rijn, director of Precision Cognition Labs
Willem Schüngel, CEO Remind
Olga Karpus - CEO, Alzheimer's Evolutionary (AE)
Peter Spijkers, Owner of Alzheimer.App
Vincent Eurlings, CEO, Aumens

MEET ALZHEIMER NEDERLAND AT THE DDRC

Come visit Alzheimer Nederland's stand on **PPI (in Dutch: doelgroepenparticipatie)**

Alzheimer Nederland plays a big role in supporting you in conducting PPI within your research. We provide researchers with **advice** (always) and with **practical help** in finding people to think along and join your research (in eligible cases). At our stand, we welcome you to come to us with your questions on PPI.

Do you already have an idea, or do you need us to think along from the start?

You are welcome to ask any question you like. If you would like to make an appointment for more in depth advice, you are also welcome at our stand.

MEET ZONMW AT THE DDRC

At the ZonMw stand, researchers can **explore how their work connects to the broader landscape of dementia research and policy** in the Netherlands. We provide an overview of all dementia consortia and highlight ZonMw's role within the National Dementia Strategy of the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS).

Visitors can **browse a bookle**t showcasing key results from previous dementia research, **gain insights** through the IMPULS magazine, and **pick up practical materials** such as a notepad, pens, and a flyer with tips on communication and knowledge utilisation to strengthen the societal impact of their research.

Whether you are looking for inspiration, context, or practical guidance on impact, communication and collaboration, the ZonMw stand is the place to connect research to policy and practice.

MEET DEMPACT AT THE DDRC

- **DEMPACT connects researchers with practice settings** and facilitates implementation.
- **DEMPACT Academy** offers training on implementation, FAIR data, target group participation & communication.
- **DEMPACT offers help with specialised dementia data issues** and shares your experiences and solutions.
- **DEMPACT Think Tank Dementia Vocational Healthcare Education** to share your knowledge with healthcare educators.
- **DEMPACT Expertise hub on lived experience & participation** for advice and support on stakeholder engagement, cocreation & participatory research.

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What did you think
of DDRC 2026?

THANK YOU

For your attendence at
and your contributions
to the DDRC 2026!

We hope to welcome
you at our next edition:

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