



SWISS NETWORK FOR DEMENTIA RESEARCH
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Pooling Resources and Expertise to Advance Innovation and Translation in Dementia Research

The Swiss Network for Dementia Research is an association that was established by Dementia Research Switzerland - Synapsis Foundation in October 2023. The foundation of the network is based on the conviction that pooling existing resources and promoting knowledge exchange between different disciplines will bring new inspiration to dementia research and advance the field.

From the beginning, the network was built around the community, ensuring their voice shaped its conception, planning, and execution. Community insights and recommendations played a crucial role in developing the network and its services.

Our Vision

As a unifying national network, we promote a collaborative and interdisciplinary research culture in Swiss dementia research to facilitate the discovery of new insights and accelerate their translation into clinical practice.

Our Mission

Nowadays, everything seems to be networked - thanks to globalization and technology. Despite the rise of new communication media and technical collaboration possibilities, networking in the scientific field is a challenge. We aim to foster unparalleled relationships, close collaboration, and efficient information exchange between academic and clinical institutions, researchers, and all relevant stakeholders to boost dementia research.

Our Goals

1. **Strengthen Expertise Exchange:** Facilitate expertise sharing within the Swiss research community and with stakeholders.
2. **Encourage Research Collaboration:** Promote interdisciplinary collaborations within and across Swiss institutions to consolidate resources and expertise.
3. **Promote Young Talents:** Support the development of emerging researchers and clinicians in the field of dementia.
4. **Create Awareness About Dementia:** Increase awareness of dementia to improve understanding for relevant stakeholders.
5. **Align Swiss Research Efforts:** Enhance Switzerland's international recognition as a leading partner in dementia research.

Our Services

The network aims to establish a Swiss community that jointly promotes dementia research. To this end different offers will be created that allow to connect research groups and experts from all over Switzerland.



Community Platform



Scientific Events

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The Swiss Dementia Community Platform serves as a central hub for dementia research and engagement in Switzerland, connecting key stakeholders — researchers, clinicians, institutions, funding partners, and patient organizations.

The platform features detailed expert profiles, highlights ongoing projects and initiatives, and provides access to recent publications, funding opportunities, job listings, and events. Additionally, it enhances transparency by clarifying who is involved in which research efforts and highlighting completed projects. Young researchers benefit from these resources to build networks and stay informed on field developments. Furthermore, the platform assists users in locating resources such as biosamples, animal models, and diagnostic tools, while supporting the exploration of funding options.

While focused on research, the platform also provides targeted resources for all stakeholders including clinicians. The *Tools & Services* section on the platform supports clinicians by offering guidelines, diagnostic tools, and educational materials relevant to clinical practice. In turn, clinicians contribute to research by sharing available biosamples, study participants, and practical insights — key elements in advancing patient-centered research.

Various communication measures, such as newsletters and social media posts, will guarantee a steady dialogue within the community.

Events

We are convinced that a lively community can only be created through personal meetings. For this reason, we will offer various event formats. We are currently planning the first national conference on dementia research, which will bring together researchers and clinicians from all over Switzerland. The event will take place in November 2025. In addition, several webinars and networking events are being prepared, including clinic visits for basic researchers.

Target Group

All experts and stakeholders involved in neurodegenerative disorders, including researchers, clinicians, universities, hospitals, funding partners, societies, patient organizations, and industry.

Support Our Mission

Our mission can be supported in three ways: as a Member, Partner or Sponsor.

- **Member:** For people who are active in dementia research, diagnostic or care as well as those who wish to help shape the network's initiatives. Members benefit from exclusive events, newsletters, event fee reduction and co-determination at the General Assembly.
Annual Membership Fees: Students CHF 25, postdoc / residents CHF 50, scientists / physicians CHF 100.
- **Partners:** For universities, hospitals, professional associations, foundations, institutions, patient organisations and other organisations in the dementia field.
Annual Partnership Fees: We create a personalized support package for each partner.
- **Sponsor:** For companies that want to support our mission and increase their reach in the dementia community.
Annual Platform Sponsor Fees: Start-ups 500 CHF and Companies 2'000 CHF.
Event Sponsoring: Fee based on event-specific sponsorship packages.

Sustainable Impact through Longevity

In contrast to government research networks, which have limited support in time, an association allows for a long-term orientation of the Swiss Network for Dementia Research. Investments in building a researcher community, as well as in new structures and platforms, can thus create a sustainable effect for dementia research at both national and international levels

Sponsor Benefits

- **Connect with an Interdisciplinary Community:** Engage with experts across various disciplines.
- **Increase Visibility:** Company logos and descriptions will be featured in the industry corner on the platform.
- **Event Promotion:** Company events relevant to the community will be highlighted on the platform's event calendar.
- **News Sharing:** Company news pertinent to the community will be shared on social media channels and the platform.
- **Exclusive Sponsorship Discounts:** Profit from discounted rates for conference sponsorship opportunities.
- **Stay Informed:** Receive the latest updates from the community and the field.
- **Translate Research into Practice:** Support the conversion of fundamental scientific discoveries into practical applications in the field.
- **Raise Awareness:** Contribute to greater awareness of neurodegenerative diseases.
- **Position Switzerland as a Hub:** Help establish Switzerland as a central player in neurodegenerative research, attracting young talents and leading researchers.

Your Engagement:

Would you like to support us energize Swiss dementia research?
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