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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share this annual report of the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI).

In August 2023, we welcomed our eighth cohort, 28 new Atlantic Fellows, to GBHI. The program now totals 232 fellows—current and Global Atlantic Fellows (alumni)—from 53 countries across the globe. As more brain health leaders join the program from across the world and across disciplines, it is becoming established as a global movement with a profound impact on brain health equity.

Collaborative work across our fellows network, the wider community of Atlantic Fellows programs, and with our partners and collaborators, is now delivering definitive results and sustainable change. In this report you will learn about many of these accomplishments, including leadership in language-based brain health research, the establishment of a new research network to enhance dementia care, outcomes and access to clinical trials in Ireland and implementing and culturally adapting dementia and cognitive training programs in Ecuador and Zimbabwe.

In 2022–23, we were delighted to once again embrace opportunities to meet and collaborate in person with GBHI hosting regional meetings in Kenya and our Annual Conference in Mexico. Walking the Talk for Dementia, an immersive experience involving people working, researching and living with dementia, took place on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Plus innovations in brain health and creativity were explored at a dynamic live event—Sleep & Dreams: Music, Neuroscience & Stories of Slumber—hosted in partnership with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the second annual Creative Brain Week explored the themes of Conflict, Imagination, and Joy through expert talks and an expansive creative program on the Trinity College Dublin campus.

We hope you enjoy reading about all these stories and more. We share deep gratitude to our community members and supporters.

Bruce Miller, MD & Ian Robertson, PhD
Founding Directors, Global Brain Health Institute
The Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI) is dedicated to protecting the world’s populations from threats to brain health.

Dementia is rapidly increasing around the world. By 2050, the number of people with dementia could triple from 50 million to 152 million, overwhelming families, communities, public health care systems, and economies worldwide.

In 2015, The Atlantic Philanthropies offered significant funding to the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (Trinity) to establish GBHI, a groundbreaking institute that aims to tackle the emerging dementia epidemic and improve brain health worldwide.

GBHI works to reduce the scale and impact of dementia in three ways: by training and connecting the next generation of leaders in brain health through the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program; by collaborating in expanding preventions and interventions; and by sharing knowledge and engaging in advocacy.

GBHI brings together a powerful mix of disciplines, professions, backgrounds, skill sets, perspectives, and approaches to develop new solutions. We strive to improve brain health for populations across the world, reaching into local communities and across our global network. We focus on working compassionately with people in vulnerable and underserved populations to improve outcomes and promote dignity for all.

The Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health program at GBHI provides innovative training, networking, and support to emerging leaders focused on improving brain health and reducing the impact of dementia in their local communities and on a global scale. It is one of seven global Atlantic Fellows programs to advance fairer, healthier, and more inclusive societies.

Atlantic Fellows at GBHI join the program for 12 months and have a base at UCSF or Trinity. A curriculum covering neurology, health economics, epidemiology, law and ethics, leadership, public policy, creativity, and research analysis methods constitutes part of the knowledge exchange. Fellows also gain experiences in the clinic, are exposed to the lived experience of people with dementia, and engage in projects aimed at advancing brain health. Through intensive mentoring, fellows are guided in the development of projects, careers, leadership, and policy efforts.

After training, fellows return to their home community to implement a project using their enhanced knowledge and expertise. They continue to have access to career-duration mentoring, pilot funds, and an international network of colleagues.

The Atlantic Fellows program at GBHI is training hundreds of global leaders over 15 years across the world to promote brain health and dementia prevention, to reduce stigma, and to improve the lives of people with dementia. The fellows come from many different professional backgrounds, including clinical practice, social sciences, arts, economics, public health, research, policy, and education.
Our Values

GBHI is “A FORCE” for equity in brain health. Our values guide us as we advocate to reduce the impact of dementia. We believe by taking a values-based approach to brain health, science, arts, humanities and advocacy, we can drive change for millions of people.

**AUTHENTICITY**
assumes a genuine foundation for action

**FAIRNESS**
implies transparency and is founded within the value of equity

**OPENNESS**
requires an appreciation for diversity and underlies the curiosity needed for evidence-based change

**RESPECT**
fortifies gratitude and embraces diversity

**COURAGE**
implies the need to take risk

**EMPATHY**
is at the heart of community-informed change

“Through shared values and different perspectives, we progress in our journey of multidisciplinary collaboration and collective commitment to create real change.”

—Selam Yoseph, Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health
Training & Connection

In 2022–23, the program embraced opportunities to return to in-person collaborations in Nairobi, Kenya, and Mexico City, Mexico.

DEMENTIA AND BRAIN AGING IN KENYA

From December 6–9, 2022, members of the GBHI community and partners convened a diverse group of participants, including Atlantic Fellows, researchers, faculty, and staff for a significant scientific conference, “Dementia and Brain Aging in Low- and Middle-Income Countries,” in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference aimed to address the pressing issue of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where the prevalence of dementia is projected to increase substantially in the coming decades.

“In terms of equity, LMICs are often left behind,” said Atlantic Fellow Rufus Akinyemi, neurologist at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. “We need to ensure that no matter who we are, where we live, or how much money we make, we have access to the same treatment, opportunities, and care.”

The conference sought to underscore the importance of achieving equity in brain health, emphasizing that access to treatment, opportunities, and care should be universal regardless of one’s location, economic status, or background. Key topics included modifiable risk factors for dementia, the intersection of HIV and dementia, cognitive testing and diagnosis, and dementia care and policy in LMICs.

Read about the conference. View conference highlights.

BUILDING BRAIN HEALTH EQUITY IN MEXICO

The 2023 GBHI Annual Conference in Mexico City marked a significant return to in-person gatherings after the pandemic hiatus, uniting the 2021 and 2022 Atlantic Fellows cohorts. The conference immersed participants in the country’s rich culture, history, and traditions, showcasing Mexico’s love for dance, music, and its compassionate approach to supporting individuals living with dementia.

Capacity building emerged as a central theme, focusing on developing intrinsic capacity and resilience. Discussions revolved around the most effective models for sustainability and capacity building in the regions where Atlantic Fellows work.

The event included meetings involving valued GBHI partners the Alzheimer’s Association, Atlantic Institute, and Alzheimer’s Disease International—offering Atlantic Fellows opportunities for collaboration and connections in support of their work in their home countries.

Following the conference, GBHI and Atlantic Fellows actively participated in the AAIC Satellite Symposium, engaging in various activities, including symposia, posters, and creative “brain health boosters.” Highlights included the GBHI Lightning Session, with Atlantic Fellow Macarena Espina (industrial designer and engineer, Chile) receiving the prize for the best presentation, and a symposium on intersectionality and musical performances that elevated the atmosphere.

Read about the conference. View conference highlights.

FELLOW SPOTLIGHT: SELAM YOSEPH (ETHIOPIA)

Selam Yoseph is a psychiatrist working as Director of the Psychiatry training program at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. As an Atlantic Fellow, she is at the forefront of addressing the global challenge of dementia within the context of a rapidly changing demographic landscape.

Yoseph is dedicated to understanding and mitigating the risk factors associated with dementia, particularly in Ethiopia. With a visionary outlook, she recognizes the critical need for a comprehensive national dementia strategic plan aligned with the World Health Organization’s guidelines.

“The Atlantic Fellows program helped me use a holistic approach and inspired me to adapt a model of treatment used in California at my university hospital in Addis Ababa,” said Yoseph. “I am now conducting a study to test the feasibility and effectiveness of the model with the pilot project grant I received.”

Yoseph’s work underscores the urgency of addressing dementia in developing nations like Ethiopia. Her expertise spans from enhancing healthcare professionals’ capabilities to the adaptation of assessment tools and the pursuit of advanced diagnostics and treatments. Through her leadership and commitment, she strives to alleviate the impending health, social, and economic burdens posed by dementia in her country and across sub-Saharan Africa.
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THE PILOT AWARDS FOR GLOBAL BRAIN HEALTH LEADERS
GBHI, the Alzheimer’s Association, and Alzheimer’s Society in the United Kingdom share the commitment to developing the next generation of brain health leaders and aim to support these emerging leaders by funding small-scale pilot projects, activities or studies to advance skills, knowledge, and general efforts to delay, prevent, and mitigate the impact of dementia.

The goal of the Pilot Awards for Brain Health Leaders is to both support leadership development of the Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health and to advance pilot projects that improve outcomes in brain health. As Atlantic Fellows return to their home communities, these pilot awards help them to achieve regional impact while maintaining a link to GBHI through mentoring.

Diversity of discipline, profession, and region is key to our success. Funded pilots range from advocacy addressing challenges with access to care, stigma, social determinants of brain health, education, and much more.

Featured Pilot Awards
Martha Unaucho Pilalumbo (Ecuador)
Implementing a Dementia Training Program in Ecuador
Lack of dementia diagnostic tools is a global issue, as many cases worldwide are misdiagnosed. Given limited dementia training in the field, especially in developing countries like Ecuador, these facts raise concerns about how well primary care doctors can recognize dementia symptoms. These shortcomings present an opportunity for healthcare providers to identify the symptoms of dementia.

For her pilot project, neurologist Unaucho Pilalumbo recruited 175 primary care physicians working for the Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health in Loja, Zamora, and El Oro zones to participate in a five-month training course. Before, during, and three months after the program’s execution, each participant answered questions about their understanding of dementia (DKAS-S) and degree of confidence in their capacity to make a diagnosis. The participants claimed to have more knowledge overall and self-confidence in their capacity to identify dementia and employ cognitive screening tools.

“I live convinced that there is not an impossible,” said Unaucho Pilalumbo.

The project emphasizes the importance of improving education and training for physicians to recognize and diagnose dementia, highlighting the need to create structures within the national healthcare system to care for patients with dementia in Ecuador.

View the project webpage.

Primrose Nyamayaro (Zimbabwe)
An Intervention for Adults Aging with HIV
More than three-quarters of people with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa, including Zimbabwe. HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders (HAND)—consisting of HIV-associated dementia, mild neurocognitive disorder, and asymptomatic neurocognitive impairment—are one of the biggest threats to brain health in this region.

Cognitive training is effective in improving cognitive function. It may also help patients with HAND. Led by research psychologist Nyamayaro, the current project aims to adapt and translate Smartbrain Pro—a computerized cognitive training program with training tasks on processing speed, attention, executive function, and memory—for adults aging with HIV.

This project is being conducted at an urban clinic in Zimbabwe that offers HIV treatment services. The relevant tasks from Smartbrain Pro will be selected, culturally adapted, and translated.

“We need to ensure the interventions and evidence-based practices for cognitive impairment are also accessible to low income countries,” said Nyamayaro.

Nyamayaro expects that this project will offer a robust cognitive training program to improve the brain health of adults aging with HIV. Subsequently, it will be tested in a randomized control study on cognitive rehabilitation of adults with HAND.

View the project webpage.

Magda Kaczmarska (United States, Poland)
Using Dance to Build Spaces of Belonging with People Living with Dementia
People living with dementia inevitably experience shifts in their modes and capacities for expression which influence their ability to express and feel connected to the communities around them. They also often experience widespread stigma, manifesting in a reduction in the size of their social networks and loss of connection with others. But meaningful connection is paramount for maintaining dignity and extending a sense of purpose.

Stories in the Moment is partnering with people living with dementia online and in person, to amplify their expressive voices through creative dance. Dance is increasingly recognized to promote and extend brain health among older adults through amplifying coordination and gait, supporting wellbeing, offsetting depression, and offering ameliorative cognitive effects.

“All of us have stories to tell. And when we connect together to discover and co-create these stories through dance, we cultivate new narratives that celebrate our individuality while amplifying our unity,” said Kaczmarska, a teaching artist.

The Stories in the Moment program led by Kaczmarska uses dance to unite these pro-active brain health elements with narrative and meaning-making, and to highlight individual story and imagination while bolstering community building.

View the project webpage.
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2022–23 Pilot Awards

The 2022–23 awards will support projects that address disparities in dementia diagnosis, treatment, and care for vulnerable populations across the world. They span 14 countries, including Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Mongolia, Nigeria, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Türkiye, and the United States.

The 23 awardees will join 114 previously funded pilots in 41 countries, bringing the total awarded to date to $3.4 million. Over the past six years, awardees have leveraged their projects for an additional $2.1 million investment directly related to their pilot projects. The visionary work of the awardees has led to a total of more than $67 million to further advancements of dementia-related resources.

137 pilots across 42 countries

$3.4M awarded via pilots program; ≈$72.6M in total funding secured by awardees and $2.3M of that in leveraged funds to support and expand their pilots

71 distinct conferences and seminars

116 publications in leading journals

62 media outlets covered

15 pilot awards

In the first six years of the Pilot Awards program, 137 pilots across 42 countries and administrative regions have been awarded a total of $3.4 million. Pilot awardees have subsequently secured an additional $93.5 million in other funding, of which $16.1 million is leveraged to directly support and expand their pilots.

Photo (right): Atlantic Fellow Primrose Nyamayaro working at a clinic in Zimbabwe.
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### 2022-23 Pilot Awards

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Language-based brain health research

Language offers crucial insights into brain health. However, the majority of associated research is in English, limiting their applicability to other languages. The International Network for Cross-Linguistic Research on Brain Health (Include), led by Atlantic Fellows Adolfo García (neuroscientist, Argentina), Boon Lead Tee (Neurologist, Taiwan, Malaysia), GBHI faculty member Maria Luisa Gorno Tempini and Jessica De Leon aims to promote fairer global approaches to brain health by researching diverse languages. Launched in November 2022, the network involves over 60 sites across 30 countries.

Learn more about Include.

Bilingualism may protect against dementia and cognitive decline. Led by Tee, the Multilingualism in Socio-Demographically and Linguistically Diverse Populations (MULTIVERSE) research project focuses on studying the role of bilingualism in cognitive reserve through three socio-demographically and linguistically diverse cohorts: Chinese Americans, Mexican Americans, and Indians. Also involving the efforts of Atlantic Fellow Faheem Arshad (neurologist, India) the project expects to assemble one of the largest, multicultural, multilingual, and well-characterized cohort of 2,200 individuals to build a theoretical framework for bilingualism and cognitive reserve.

Learn more about MULTIVERSE.

Knowledge gap concerning young adult brain health

Young adults, constituting over 30% of the global population, face significant challenges such as the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, education and employment issues, all of which affect brain health.

Research from Atlantic Fellows Francesca Farina (neuroscientist, Ireland/Italy) and Laura Booi (social gerontologist, Canada), GBHI Site Director Brian Lawlor and others highlights a substantial knowledge gap in young adult brain health, with a need for interdisciplinary efforts to integrate brain health measures into existing studies. Sustained investment in large intervention trials is vital. Recognizing cumulative risks that begin accumulating in youth is crucial for both primary and secondary dementia prevention.

“As the next generation, young adults are ideally placed to lead a positive brain health movement,” said Farina, “but we know very little about the factors that affect brain health in this group.”

The story underscores the need for greater research attention on young adult brain health. Currently, most research focuses on middle-aged and older adults, although early detection and management of risk factors are crucial for preventing later-life dementia. Optimal brain health encompasses cognitive, sensory, social-emotional, and behavioral well-being.

View the editorial in the British Medical Journal.

New research network to enhance dementia care and access to clinical trials

Dementia Trials Ireland (DTI) is a new research network focused on enhancing dementia care outcomes and offering access to clinical trials for the 65,000 individuals in Ireland affected by dementia. DTI aims to expand the capacity for clinical trials at all stages of dementia, including preclinical to advanced stages and various dementia types like Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and vascular dementia.

Historically, only a few centers in Ireland have conducted dementia trials, limiting access to potential treatments for individuals with dementia. DTI seeks to change this by involving both laypeople and professionals in the dementia community, including healthy volunteers, people with dementia, and caregivers, to improve the lives of those at risk of or living with dementia. The trials will encompass a range of interventions, from social and creative arts therapies like dance therapy to complex drug interventions.

GBHI faculty members Iracema Leroi and Seán Kennelly are principal investigator and co-lead of the project which is funded by the Health Research Board for five years and will provide research opportunities for Atlantic Fellows.

“The overwhelming need for trials, and the high prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, demands that we in the dementia community continue seeking a solution,” said Leroi.

Read more about Dementia Trials Ireland.
EQUITY AWARD COMMITS TO SERVING DIVERSE OLDER ADULTS

In January 2023, GBHI and the UCSF School of Medicine awarded Elena Tsoy, GBHI faculty member, with the 2023 Population Health and (Brain) Health Equity Award. This annual award supports research projects impacting communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Tsoy’s winning project, “Psychometric and Ecological Validity of Neuropsychological Assessment in Diverse Older Adults,” focuses on validating widely-used cognitive health assessment measures for diverse populations. This validation is crucial for improving person-centered care and reducing disparities in dementia diagnoses, as cognitive performance can be influenced by race, ethnicity, and culture.

Tsoy aims to empower clinicians to accurately assess cognitive abilities across diverse groups, advancing culturally fair dementia diagnostic care. The project aligns with GBHI’s mission of global brain health equity and contributes to the development and validation of culturally sensitive cognitive assessment tools. Tsoy receives $20,000 in funds and will collaborate with scholars across UCSF to address population health and health equity, underscoring GBHI’s commitment to promoting equity in brain health and underserved communities.

Read more about the Equity Award.

Elena Tsoy, GBHI faculty

Photo (right): Atlantic Fellow Alison Canty at the GBHI Annual Conference in Mexico City, Mexico.
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Highlights of GBHI’s aim to share knowledge and engage in advocacy.

WALKING THE TALK FOR DEMENTIA

Founded by Atlantic Fellows Fernando Aguzzoli-Peres (journalist and writer) and Clara Dominguez (neurologist), Walking the Talk for Dementia (WTD) is an innovative and immersive experience involving people working, researching and living with dementia. In May 2023, the program brought together participants, from almost 30 countries, on a 40 km journey on the world’s most famous pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago in Spain, followed by a scientific symposium led by people living with dementia.

WTD participants experienced the essence of the Camino—self discovery and enlightenment—but this time with a single purpose: to build a better world for people with dementia.

“We need to demonstrate that dementia is not the end, and that it is possible to experience joyful moments, as long as society adapts to support individuals living with dementia, rather than expecting them to conform. Walking the Talk for Dementia serves as a powerful example of how this transformation can take place,” said Aguzzoli-Peres.

Participants regarded the event as “one of the most transformative experiences of their lives,” impacting them both personally and professionally—fostering a deeper understanding and empathy for the challenges and thriving experiences of those living with a dementia diagnosis.

Read GBHI faculty member Iracema Lero’s WTD walking diary.

SLEEP & DREAMS

In October 2022, GBHI, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music (SFCM) and the UCSF Memory and Aging Center (UCSF MAC) co-hosted Sleep & Dreams: Music, Neuroscience & Stories of Slumber—a dynamic live event featuring music and visual art, scientific stories and studies which awakened stimulating ideas about sleep and dreams.

It was the fifth in a series of fascinating collaborations between the three organizations, which featured contributions from Luis Martinez (Atlantic Fellow, neurologist and visual artist), Lea Grinberg (GBHI faculty member), and Bruce Miller (GBHI Founding Director). Scientific presentations were interspersed with talks by SFCM faculty and performances by SFCM students and The Nocturnists—a community of healthcare workers who humanize the practice of medicine through storytelling.

During the event audience members embarked on a multi-sensory experience through music, neuroscience, and stories across the phases of sleep and dreams and gained an understanding of what happens when sleep is challenged and the impacts on brain health.

SFCM, UCSF MAC, and GBHI joined forces in 2019 to explore the intersection of music, creativity, and brain science. This innovative collaboration produces an annual series of public-facing educational programming which aims to raise awareness of innovations in brain health and music for a broad audience.

Watch Sleep and Dreams.

LET’S TALK ABOUT BRAIN HEALTH AND BRAIN INJURY

Brain injury is a considerable threat to brain health that exacerbates the global burden of inequity in dementia incidence. However, there are many unanswered questions around the interplay between brain health and brain injury, particularly its significance in relation to policy discourse. Recognizing this gap, Gráinne McGettrick (Atlantic Fellow and research and policy manager) led a number of initiatives this year which examined brain injury as a brain health issue over the life course. This included a GBHI roundtable session and a public satellite symposium, coinciding with the 2023 World Congress on Brain Injury, which featured Atlantic Fellows who are leading brain injury experts.

Event participants explored the role of brain health education in preventing traumatic brain injury, the challenges of stroke as brain injury and opportunities to further the research and education agenda in relation to brain injury, neurodegeneration and brain health.

“Working at the interface of policy, research and advocacy, I recognize that growing the interdisciplinary global network is key to addressing the significant challenges that face people with brain injuries,” said McGettrick. “Such global efforts need to take a life course approach and to focus on prevention, treatment, recovery and rehabilitation and long term care and support.”

View event report and recording.

UNDERSTANDING NEED IN AGING RESEARCH

The concept for the March symposium emerged from research Emily Adrion (Atlantic Fellow and health economist) undertook as part her Pilot Award for Global Brain Health Leaders—supported by GBHI, the Alzheimer’s Association, and Alzheimer’s Society (UK).

“That project, on unmet need and public financing of home care, really sparked an interest in how need is conceptualized, how it is measured and understood within aging research, clinical care and policy,” said Adrion. “Understanding how need is defined and implemented is vital as it can legitimize certain needs while discounting others. In policy for example, how need is defined...
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has direct implications for resource allocation, determining who can and cannot access care or services.”

The symposium explored the diverse meanings of need in aging research and examined its dimensions, qualities, and implications for healthcare, brain health and equity. Speakers, including Adrion and Atlantic Fellows Krista Harrison (policy and palliative care researcher) and Irina Kinchin (health economist), considered need in home care, palliative care, and caregiving—as well as the theoretical and empirical conceptualizations of need. The importance of moving away from binary definitions of need and unmet need and capturing more nuanced notions of need which incorporate the perspectives of service users was also highlighted.

CREATIVE BRAIN WEEK
Now in its second year, Creative Brain Week, a GBHI innovation at Trinity College Dublin, has rapidly achieved local and international significance in its exploration of how brain science and creativity collide. It is the world’s first such festival celebrating the creativity-neuroscience-psychology-health links which are critical for wellbeing and economic development.

From March 6–11, 2023, in-person attendees and a global online audience explored the theme of Conflict, Imagination, and Joy through an expansive creative program and talks by over 100 global experts including Atlantic Fellows and GBHI faculty members. The thought-provoking event examined questions such as: How are artists and scientists connecting to explore, examine and educate? And where could imagining a culture of care lead science, arts and policy?

By showcasing innovation at the intersection of neuroscience and the arts, the event helps raise awareness of the powerful relationship between brain health and creativity and stimulates research into how creative practice might mitigate the negative effects of poverty, low education and disease on brain function and quality of life.

Creative Brain Week was presented in association with the Jameel Arts & Health Lab, in collaboration with the World Health Organization and with support from Creative Ireland and the Atlantic Institute.

Learn more and view recordings.

BETTER TOGETHER: INCREASING IMPACT ON BRAIN HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP
In March 2023, Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) and GBHI co-hosted a symposium which explored opportunities to promote brain health equity through their networks. The event highlighted the organizations’ many synergies in how they support people impacted by dementia and strive to create sustainable change.

Themes considered included national dementia plan development, policy advocacy and arts for awareness. Atlantic Fellows from Ethiopia, Romania and Peru—Yared Zewde (neurologist), Stefania Ilincu (health economist) and Alex Kornhuber (photographer)—shared their experiences of collaborating with ADI including founding the Alzheimer’s Ethiopia Association; developing a Romanian translation of the ADI attitudes to dementia survey which generated a valuable data set for the country; and demonstrating the impact of storytelling on awareness.

“Stay connected and think creatively through collaborations,” said Kornhuber. “Paola Barbarino, CEO of ADI, said something amazing today: ‘The Atlantic Fellowship takes one year of your life, but a lifetime of partnership.’ I think each of us is quite unique in what we do. Together, in partnership, we are awesome.”

ADI also highlighted opportunities to jointly rise to the challenge of dementia and brain health inequity by establishing Alzheimer’s Associations in new countries, augmenting advocacy campaigns and driving research to create an evidence base for policy change.

Photo: Atlantic Fellows Agustín Ibáñez (Argentina), Cathy Correa Lopera (Colombia), Mike Hanrahan (Ireland), and Aline Haas (Brazil) perform at Creative Brain Week.
Community Members, Partners & Collaborators
Fellows (2016–2022)

GLOBAL REACH
THE FELLOWS COME FROM THE FOLLOWING REGIONS:

- 27% LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN
- 18% MEDITERRANEAN
- 18% NORTHERN EUROPE
- 16% NORTHERN AMERICA
- 4% EASTERN AFRICA
- 3% WESTERN AFRICA
- 3% EASTERN ASIA
- 3% SOUTHERN AFRICA
- 3% SOUTHERN ASIA
- 2% WESTERN EUROPE
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- DESIGN

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Theater Arts
Ethiopia, 2019

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Neurology
Israel, 2022

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Visual Arts
Nigeria, 2019

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Health Economics
United States, 2019

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Journalism & Writing
Brazil, 2019

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Public Health
Nigeria, 2020

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Neurology
Nigeria, 2018

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Epidemiology
Jordan, 2017
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Medicine, Biostatistics
Cuba, 2019

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Psychiatry & Epidemiology
Ethiopia, 2022

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Neuroethics
United States, 2016

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Neurology & Research
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Neurology
Ethiopia, 2022

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Neurology
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Film
United States, 2022

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Gerontology
Canada, 2018

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Brazil, 2018

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Theater, Film & Music
United States, 2022

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United States, 2019

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Neuroergiatrics
France, 2019

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Neurology
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Choreography & Film
United States, 2018

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Music
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Behavioral Neurology
Spain, 2016

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Advisor
Lithuania, 2020

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Marketing & Business Development
Ireland, 2018

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Music
United States, 2016

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Neurology
Peru, 2019

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Service Design & Social Entrepreneurship
Singapore, 2021

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Behavioral Health
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Geriatrics
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Nutrition
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Arts Administration, Curation & Production
United States, 2021

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Neuroscience
Ireland/Italy, 2020

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Neuroscience
Argentina, 2022

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Medical Gerontology
Kenya, 2021

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Health Services
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Spain, 2021

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Behavioral Neurology
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Health Economics
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Sweden, 2019

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Neurotoxicology
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Geriatrics
Colombia, 2022

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Ireland, 2016

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Neurology
Ecuador, 2020

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With GBHI now operating at steady state, the programmatic focus has shifted toward the alumni network and global impact. Increased spending in Year 7 compared with Year 6 is primarily driven by new impact work funded by external sources. This leveraged funding has grown substantially and has exceeded the 15-year projection for Years 5 to 7. In-person meetings and conferences for Alumni Initiatives and Learning Experience have resumed and spending in these areas are back to pre-pandemic levels. Starting Year 7, UCSF implemented the Equity in Brain Health Certificate Program which not only reduced the fellow benefits costs but also provided fellows with access to a wide range of UCSF student services. Overall, annual expenditures are in line with the GBHI strategic plan and maintain a strong focus on spending for impact.

Over the first seven years of the Pilot Awards for Global Brain Health Leaders program, 137 pilots were awarded a total of $3.4 million across 42 countries. Key partners are funding 68% of the pilot awards program, with GBHI covering 32% of all pilots. Continued emphasis on maintaining and strengthening our key partnerships is an important strategic goal and programmatic focus.

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