

ASI Research End of Year Roundup 2025



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Welcome to our final newsletter of 2025!

As we conclude another productive year, we take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements and collaborations across our research community and to thank you for your continued engagement.

We extend our warmest wishes for the holiday season—whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or observing the season in other ways—and wish you a joyful close to the year!



Research Roundup

Funding & Collaborations

In 2025 we continued to collaborate with research teams across the country. We partnered with universities and organisations to strengthen the work that we do collectively and produce high-quality, dementia research.

This included supporting applications to the HRCI/HRB Joint Funding Scheme, supporting researchers with lived experience inputs through our constantly growing Dementia Research Advisory Team (DRAT) for Public Patient Involvement (PPI) initiatives, and providing an avenue to connect researchers with potential study participants through our Team Up for Dementia Research (TUDR) service.

Launch of ASI Research and Policy Strategy



In July, we officially launched our new **Research & Policy Strategy 2025**.

Our work over the coming years will be guided by six key objectives:

- Produce and support high-quality research
- Drive research investment
- Grow capacity and build public understanding of research
- Drive policy change
- Demonstrate excellence and leadership in Public and Patient Involvement (PPI)
- Enable research participation and recruitment through the Alzheimer Society of Ireland's TeamUp for Dementia Research service

[Read the Full Report Here](#)

Disease Modifying Therapies

2025 was a progressive year in the field of disease-modifying therapies and biomarkers, with the landmark approval of European Commission of the drugs Leqembi (lecanemab) in April and Kisunla (donanemab) in September, both for early stage Alzheimer's disease.

Some EU countries have already started working towards making these drugs available, and it is our hope that they will ultimately be available in Ireland as well.



Both drugs will only be suitable for a relatively small number of people who are in the very early stages of Alzheimer's Disease. There are many for whom this drug will not be suitable, including those living with other types of dementia.

The ASI will continue to support and advocate for people with dementia and their families so they can live as well as possible for as long as possible

While there were exciting developments in dementia research this year, the community also received more measured news: the Phase 3 Evoke and Evoke+ trials found that semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist used in popular diabetes and weight-loss medications such as Ozempic and Wegovy, did not slow disease progression in early Alzheimer's disease, leading to the discontinuation of both trials.

Similarly, blarcamesine, a potential oral therapy that had generated hope for its convenience and novel approach, was not approved by European regulators, though the company plans to reapply with additional data.

Event Highlights 2025!

#TeamASI were incredibly busy attending events this year. We attended a number of exciting events including Walking the Talk for Dementia at the Camino in Spain and the 35th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Bologna, Italy. We also attended a lunch debate at the European Parliament themed '*The Future of Dementia Research in Europe*' in Brussels!

Here are some photos from all the great events!

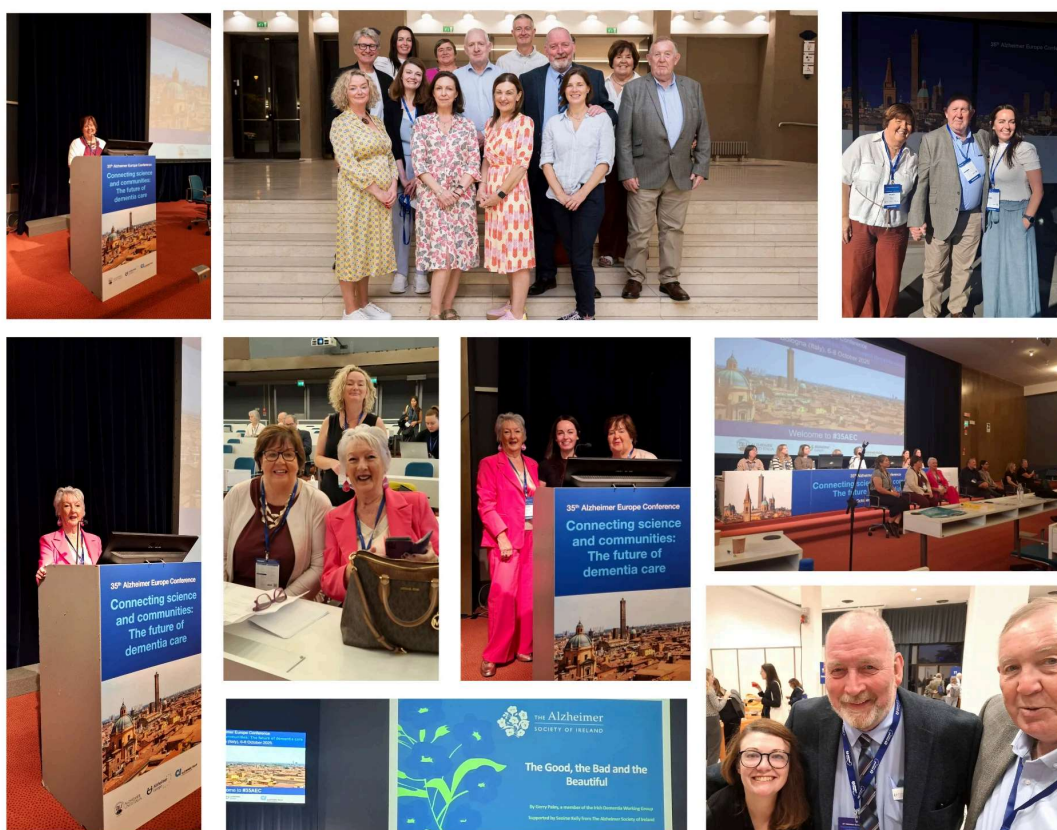


At The European Parliament Lunch Debate in Brussels.

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DRAT members and the ASI Research Team attend *Walking the Talk for Dementia* 2025. Photo credit: João Barbosa



ASI Team Members and Dementia Research Advisory Team Members at the 35th Alzheimer Europe Conference in Bologna, Italy.

DRATgons' Den was a lively highlight of PPI Month, bringing Early Career Researchers together with people with lived experience to showcase dementia research in an engaging and meaningful way. The event placed Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) at the heart of the conversation, challenging researchers to communicate their ideas clearly, creatively, and convincingly to our DRATgons, for a 3000 euro prize!

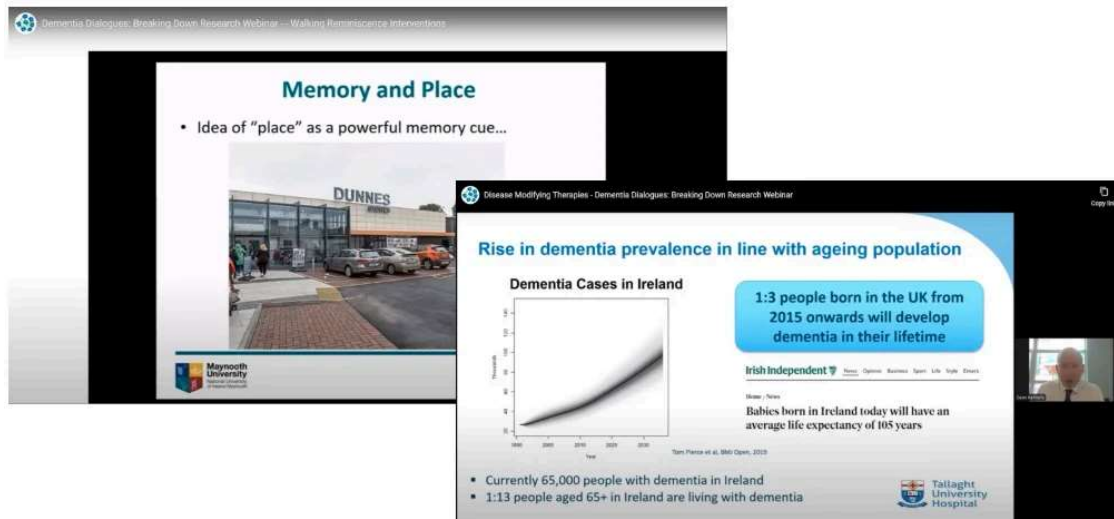
Congratulations to our outstanding winners: **First Prize** went to **Nina Zumbrunn (DCU)** , while **Second Prize** was awarded to **Anupa Sara Paulose (UCD)** .



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Breaking Down Research: Dementia Dialogues Webinar Series

We are thrilled to have completed the last of our four-part Dementia Research Webinar Series in January this year. The aim of this series is to break down emerging research in plain language for a national audience. Thank you to everyone for your support so far, and a special thank you to all our collaborators and presenters.



[Click here to watch webinars](#)

Save these Dates in 2026!

Public Research Event - Brain Health and Dementia : Understanding and Connection

We are excited to announce that, in collaboration with Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI), we will be hosting a free public research day focused on dementia and brain health!

The event will feature leading researchers, clinicians, local service providers and people with lived experience, sharing insights in a clear and accessible way.

Venue: The Civic Theatre, Tallaght, Dublin.

Date : Tuesday, 25th February, 2026

Time : 10:00 - 15:00

Click [here](#) to view our exciting line-up of speakers!

THE CIVIC THEATRE, TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24
10AM-3.30PM

February 25th 2026

Brain Health & Dementia:
Understanding & Connection

- Expert advice from health and social care professionals
- Insights from people with lived experience
- Information on local services and supports

Purchase E-Tickets at www.civictheatre.ie
or Call Box Office: 014627477

Individual Ticket: Free (subject to booking fee, €2)

There will be ample opportunity to network and chat with experts in the field.
Refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

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[Kindly click here for more information / to register](#)

Alzheimer Europe Conference - Dublin 2026!

36th Alzheimer Europe Conference

Sláinte: Building momentum in dementia through policy, research and partnership

27 - 29 OCT 2026
DUBLIN, IRELAND



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (The ASI) is proud to announce that Ireland will host the prestigious 36th Alzheimer Europe Conference from October 27th–29th, 2026, at the Convention Centre Dublin.

Themed 'Sláinte: Building momentum in dementia through policy, research and partnership', the event is anticipated to welcome more than 1,200 delegates from across Europe, including a strong representation from Ireland. Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate including abstract submission and exhibitions!

[For more information on Alzheimer Europe 2026 Conference, please click here](#)

New Research Officer



We welcome our new research officer - Dr. Sally Yalley, who joined us in October this year. She will be covering the maternity leave of Dr. Diane O'Doherty, who has recently welcomed a lovely baby!

We wish Diane and her family a wonderful time with their bundle of joy, and the very best to Sally in this new role!

And finally...

We would like to wish all our extended research collaborators and partners a very Happy New Year!

We hope to continue to engage and work together in 2026!



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