YOUNG RESEARCHER
CONGRESS PROGRAM

27TH OF MARCH 2026 IN MECHELEN

8:30 - 9.00	**COFFEE**
9.05 - 9.15	WIM ANNAERT- OPENING WORDS

9.15 - 9.55	LUCÍA CHÁVEZ-GUTIÉRREZ (VIB/KULEUVEN) - CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF AD THERAPIES AND PATH FORWARD
9.55 - 10.10	EMILIE DOERAENE (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES) - INVOLVEMENT OF DIABETES AND ANTI-DIABETIC TREATMENT ON TAU PATHOLOGY PROPAGATION
10.10 - 10.25	PABLO LARGO-BARRIENTOS (VIB/KULEUVEN) - IDENTIFICATION OF SYNAPTIC TARGETS FOR THE TREATMENT OF TAUOPATHIES
10.25 - 10.40	MARINKA BROUWER (VIB/KULEUVEN) - THE THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF NEURONAL BRINP2 IN AMELIORATING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SYMPTOMS BY INCREASING LYSOSOMAL EXOCYTOSIS

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11.00 - 11.40	AXEL MONTAGNE (THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH/UK DRI) - EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN CEREBROVASCULAR AND INFLAMM-AGEING TO NEURODEGENERATION AND DEMENTIA
11.40 - 11.55	LAURA FUMAGALLI (VIB/UANTWERP) - XENOTRANSPLANTATION OF IPSC-DERIVED MICROGLIA TO ELUCIDATE THE IMPACT OF C9ORF72 HEXANUCLEOTIDE REPEAT EXPANSION
11.55 - 12.10	LIEN VAN HOECKE (VIB/UGENT) - WHEN COVID-19 MEETS ALZHEIMER'S: UNRAVELING THE EFFECT OF SARS-2 ON AD PATHOLOGY
12.10 - 12.25	GIULIA ALBERTINI (VIB/KULEUVEN) - DECIPHERING HOW LECANEMAB FACILITATES PLAQUE CLEARANCE IN HUMAN MICROGLIA

12.25 - 14.00	**LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION**

14.00 - 14.40	DIANA ARSENI - MRC LABORATORY OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (CAMBRIDGE) - LYSOSOMAL TMEM106B IN BRAIN AGEING AND DISEASE
14.40 - 14.55	CRISTINA VICENTE (VIB/UANTWERP) - NEW TECHNOLOGIES BRING NEW LIFE TO OLD PLAYERS IN NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES
14.55 - 15.10	BILAL KHALIL (VIB/KULEUVEN) - INVESTIGATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF TDP-43 PATHOLOGY TO DISEASE HETEROGENEITY AND VULNERABILITY IN DEMENTIAS
15.10 - 15.25	NURIA RUIZ-REIG (UCLOUVAIN) - DECIPHERING THE RELATION BETWEEN KIF2A DYSFUNCTION AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRESSION

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15.45 - 16.25	AITANA SOGORB-ESTEVE - CENTRO ALZHEIMER FUNDACIÓN REINA SOFÍA (MADRID) - IDENTIFYING BIOMARKERS TO ASSESS SYNAPTIC DYSFUNCTION
16.25 - 16.40	ROSE BRUFFAERTS (UANTWERP) - QUANTITATIVE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE MARKERS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND MONITORING OF FRONTOTEMPORAL DEGENERATION
16.40 - 16.55	FAHRI KÜÇÜKALI (VIB/UANTWERP) - IMPROVED CHARACTERIZATION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE GENETIC RISK THROUGH ASSESSMENT OF BRAIN CELL-TYPE-SPECIFIC TRANSCRIPT DIVERSITY
16.55 - 17.10	LISA QUENON (UCLOUVAIN) - HOW TO DETECT WHO WILL DECLINE NEXT YEAR? DEEP COGNITIVE PHENOTYPING AND PLASMA ANALYSES TO PREDICT EARLY TAU AGGREGATION IN PRECLINICAL AD

17.10 - 17.30	**CLOSING DRINK**

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