

Kraków organises international debate on dementia for the first time

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Nearly 1,000 delegates from 92 countries, including researchers, experts, and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease, shall be attending the Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International in Krakow, where they shall discuss the latest trends in the area of diagnosing and treating dementia, as well as comprehensive patient care solutions.

The Ambassadors of Alzheimer's Disease International – Her Majesty Queen Letizia of Spain and Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al Hussein of Jordan, together with representatives of the World Health Organization (WHO), shall grace us with their presence at the Conference. The event is organised by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), with the support of the Polish Alzheimer's Association.

The 36th Global Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International 2024 is being held at the Metropolo Krakow hotel on 24-26 April 2024, under the patronage of the Ministry of Health, the Patients' Rights Ombudsman, and the Polish Neurological Society.

The Conference is organised by the ADI, which brings together over 100 national Alzheimer's and dementia associations from across the globe, and is also an official partner of the World Health Organization.

- **It is estimated that Alzheimer's accounts for 65-70% of all dementia cases.** In Poland, dementia caused by Alzheimer's might affect more than 1.2 million people in 2050.
- **There are currently more than 8.7 million people in Europe and 47.5 million worldwide with dementia, with 4.5 million new cases diagnosed each year.**
- **In 2019, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia ranked 7th among the leading causes of death.**
- **Alzheimer's disease is only diagnosed in approximately 25% of cases,** and so the key to disease management is a correctly defined path for patients to navigate within the system, and the creation of specialised medical healthcare units enabling diagnosis.*****

Information on Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)

ADI is a global federation bringing together 105 associations and federations dealing with Alzheimer's around the world, and cooperates with the World Health Organization. ADI acts locally to support national Alzheimer's associations in promoting and offering care and support for both those suffering from dementia and their carers, and also acts globally to bring attention to dementia and promote health policy changes. More information is available at www.alzint.org

The Polish Alzheimer's Association (Polskie Stowarzyszenie Pomocy Osobom z Chorobą Alzheimera) was established in 1992, and has been a member of ADI since 1995. Its mission is to organise comprehensive support for both those afflicted by dementia and their carers, which can be done through various services, including support groups for patients and carers, advisory and psychological assistance, and training in caring for people with dementia. The Association also works to raise awareness at their educational seminars and events, by



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disseminating materials, and advocating health policy changes.