

3rd Meeting of the International Alliance on Brain Health

Rome, November 25-27, 2026

Program draft, July 8

Day 1: Wednesday, November 25, 2026	
Swiss Embassy in Rome, Via Barnaba Oriani 61, Roma	
18:00 – 19:00	Welcome addresses <u>R. Balzaretti</u> , Ambasciatore Svizzero a Roma <u>I. Cassis</u> (videomessage), Ministro Svizzero Affari Esteri <u>O. Schillaci</u> , Ministro Italiano della Salute <u>Robert Nisticò</u> , Presidente AIFA <u>A. Siracusano</u> , Consiglio Superiore di Sanità, Italia <u>C. Bassetti</u> , Presidente IABH
19:00 – 20:00	Arts and the Brain: Brain health and Beauty Michelangelo Pistoletto (tbc)
20:00 – 22:00	Networking dinner
Day 2: Thursday, November 26, 2026	
Horti Sallustiani – Piazza Sallustio 21	
09:00-09:15	Welcome addresses: M. Zappia (SIN, confirmed), C. Bassetti (IABH, confirmed), A. Fiorillo (EPA, confirmed), T. Schulze (WPA, confirmed), S. Debetto (WBHF, confirmed), S. Lewis (WFN, confirmed), T. Dua (WHO, videomessage)
Session 1: Prevention of brain disorders	
<i>Chairs: S. Iavicoli (tbc), K. Adorjan</i>	
09:15 - 09:30	Biological mechanisms of genetic risk for Schizophrenia Alessandro Bertolino, University of Bari (confirmed)
09:30 - 09:45	Prevention of Brain disorders: The neurological perspective Natalia Rost, Boston, AAN (confirmed)
09:45-10:00	Prevention of Brain disorders: The psychiatric perspective Thomas Schulze, Munich, WPA (confirmed)
10:00 - 10:15	Preventing Brain Disorders: From Risk Reduction to Brain Resilience. Lesson from multiple sclerosis Claudio Gasperini, San Camillo Hospital, Rome
10:15 - 10:30	The PROMOTE Brain Health Trial Philipp Homan, Zurich (confirmed)
10:30 - 11:00	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>

Session 2: Italian perspectives on brain health	
<i>Chairs: M. Zappia, A. Fiorillo</i>	
11:30 - 11:45	Promoting and monitoring Brain Health Nicola De Stefano, University of Siena
11:45 - 12:00	Cognitive remediation: the bridge between brain and mental disorders Antonio Vita, University of Brescia (confirmed)
12:00 - 12:15	Brain Health in Italy: Addressing Functional Neurological Disorders and Promoting Early Neurorehabilitation Cristina Tassorelli, University of Pavia
12:15 - 12:30	The suicidal brain Maurizio Pompili, Sapienza University, Rome (confirmed)
12:30 - 13:00	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
Session 3: Sleep and Brain health	
<i>Chairs: L. Nobili, A. Datta</i>	
14:00-14:15	Sleep difficulties in people with mental disorders: risk factors, symptoms or comorbidity? Gabriele Sani, Catholic University, Rome (confirmed)
14:15-14:30	Sleep in Childhood Health and Disease: A Bidirectional Relationship Shaping Development and Well-Being Oliviero Bruni (tbc) / Virginie Sterpenich (tbc)
14:30-14:45	Sleep and Brain Health in Adolescence: A Bidirectional relationship Alexander Datta, Basel, Switzerland (confirmed)
14:45-15:00	Sleep Health and Neurological Diseases Across Adulthood: Understanding a Lifelong Bidirectional Relationship Claudio Liguori, Policlinico Tor Vergata, Roma
15:00-15:30	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
Session 4: Co-morbidity of neurological and psychiatric disorders	
<i>Chairs: L. Tucker, G. Tedeschi</i>	
16:00-16:15	African Perspectives Olayinka Omigbodun, Nigeria or Lukoye Atwoli (Kenya)
16:15-16:30	The EU Cardiovascular Health Plan and Brain Health: Addressing the Neuropsychiatric Gap in Stroke Simona Sacco, University of L'Aquila

16:30-16:45	Peripartum depression and the role of the brain C. Niolu, University of Rome Tor Vergata (tbc)
16:45-17:00	Human genetic signatures of remembering and forgetting: from physiology to drug discovery Andreas Papassotiropoulos, University of Basel (confirmed)
17:00-17:30	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
17:30-18:30	Roundtable: Implementing Brain health in Italy: The Italian Brain Health Strategy Chairs: M. Leonardi, A. Bertolino Presidents of the Organizations members of the IBHS
18:30-18:45	Announcement of IABH meeting 2027 in Singapore Christopher Chen, Singapore (confirmed)
19:30 -	Social dinner in town (location tba)

Day 3: Friday, November 27, 2026	
Location tbd	
Workshop 1: New approaches in Brain Health I <i>Chairs: I. Bègue (Switzerland), F. Manes (Argentina)</i>	
08:30-08:45	Psychiatric talk (tbc) Andrea Fagiolini, University of Siena (tbc)
08:45-09:00	Brain economy (tbc) A. Padovani
09:00-09:15	The Chinese Brain Health Plan Y. Wang, Beijing or L. Liu (tbc)
09:15-09:45	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
09:45-10:15	Coffee Break
Workshop 2: New approaches in Brain Health II <i>Chairs: A. Fagiolini, A. Winkler</i>	
10:15-10:30	Asian Perspectives Prathima Murthy, India (confirmed)
10:30-10:45	The Chinese Brain Plan Mu-Ming Poo, Shanghai (tbc)
10:45-11:00	Latin American perspectives Hernando Santamaria, Colombia (confirmed)
11:00-11:15	World perspectives Steve Lewis, WFN (confirmed)
11:15-12:00	Panel discussion moderated by co-chairs
12:00-12:15	Coffee Break

Workshop 3: Future of the International Alliance on Brain Health	
12:15-13:00	Round table: A. Fiorillo, F. Manes, C. Chen, L. Tucker, N. Rost, L. Liu, S. Lewis, T. Schulze, C. Bassetti, P. Murthy
13:00-13:15	Conclusion of the event (M. Zappia, A. Fiorillo, C. Bassetti)