



Worldwide FINGERS Network Teleconference

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9am Eastern Time/3pm Central European Time/1pm Greenwich Mean Time

The Worldwide FINGERS meeting was held on July 23, 2020 as part of the virtual Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Over 150 participants joined the call and nearly all network studies were represented. Professor Miia Kivipelto and Dr. Maria Carrillo provided insight into the network both internally as well as in the context of the global pandemic.

Studies were organized by geographical region and 18 studies presented updates on activities. These studies included: MYB (Australia), AU-ARROW (Australia), MIND-CHINA (China), SINGER (Singapore), SUPER BRAIN (South Korea), J-MINT (Japan), THISCE (Taiwan), Malaysia My AGELESS (Malaysia), FINGER (Finland), MIND-ADmini (EU), MET-FINGER-APOE (EU), BRAIN DIABETES (Ireland), GOIZ-ZAINDU (Spain), PENSA (Spain), AgeWell.de (Germany), US POINTER (USA), CAN Thumbs-UP (Canada) and LatAm FINGERS (Latin America).

The meeting included a discussion led by Drs. Rema Raman, Markku Poltonen and Mark Espeland on the methodological challenges studies have encountered with the global pandemic. Certain challenges that were discussed include adjusting statistical plans and study interventions as well as how to incorporate the impact of the pandemic into assessments and analysis. This conversation will continue through a series of discussion topics to be organized in the fall.