Dementia is considered one of the major challenges of modern industrial society. Health innovations are urgently needed to prevent the onset of dementia, delay the progression of the disease and reduce the burden on patients, caregivers and relatives. In the wake of digitalization, technical assistance systems are gaining importance in the care of people with dementia, but the development of new devices often neglects the target group of dementia patients themselves. This jeopardizes the use of the technology due to a lack of benefit and acceptance of the devices and low user-friendliness. Although the willingness to involve patients, caregivers and relatives in health-related research has increased internationally in recent decades, there are currently still few research approaches that address patient involvement in dementia research.

During this conference, leading international experts in the field of dementia research will present the current state of methods and applications of participation in the development of technical innovations for people with dementia. The aim of the interdisciplinary event is to develop a methodological framework and an initial process plan for the development and implementation of peer research methods in future dementia-related research and technology projects.

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PROGRAM I

10.00 Conference opening

10.15-11.45 First session with panel discussion

Dr. Katrin Grüber, Institut Mensch, Ethik und Wissenschaft:
Requirements and conditions for participatory research

Dr. Dianne Gove, Alzheimer Europe:
The contribution of people with dementia to research in the context of Public Involvement

Dr. Louise Hopper, Dublin City University:
“Some people can listen, but they may not hear” – Evaluating participatory research with people with dementia in Ireland

Prof. Dr. Mike Martin, University of Zurich:
From studying to improving Quality of Life in couples affected by dementia: About the power of participatory research for science and society

Panel discussion

PROGRAM II

11.45-12.30 Lunch Break

12.30-13.45 Second session with panel discussion

Prof. Dr. Stefan Teipel, German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) Site Rostock/Greifswald:
Research priorities of dementia stakeholders and participatory priorities of researchers

Dr. Jan Alexandersson, German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence:
Some Experiences with Interdisciplinary and User-Centered R&D Methodologies

Dr. Alexandra König, Université Côte d’azur:
Personalizing assistive technologies for meaningful engagement

Panel discussion

13.45-14.00 Break

14.00-15.00 Expert panel for speakers

15.00 Conference ending

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