



Towards Joint Programming in Research

A Pilote Initiative on Combating Neurodegenerative Diseases, in particular Alzheimer's disease

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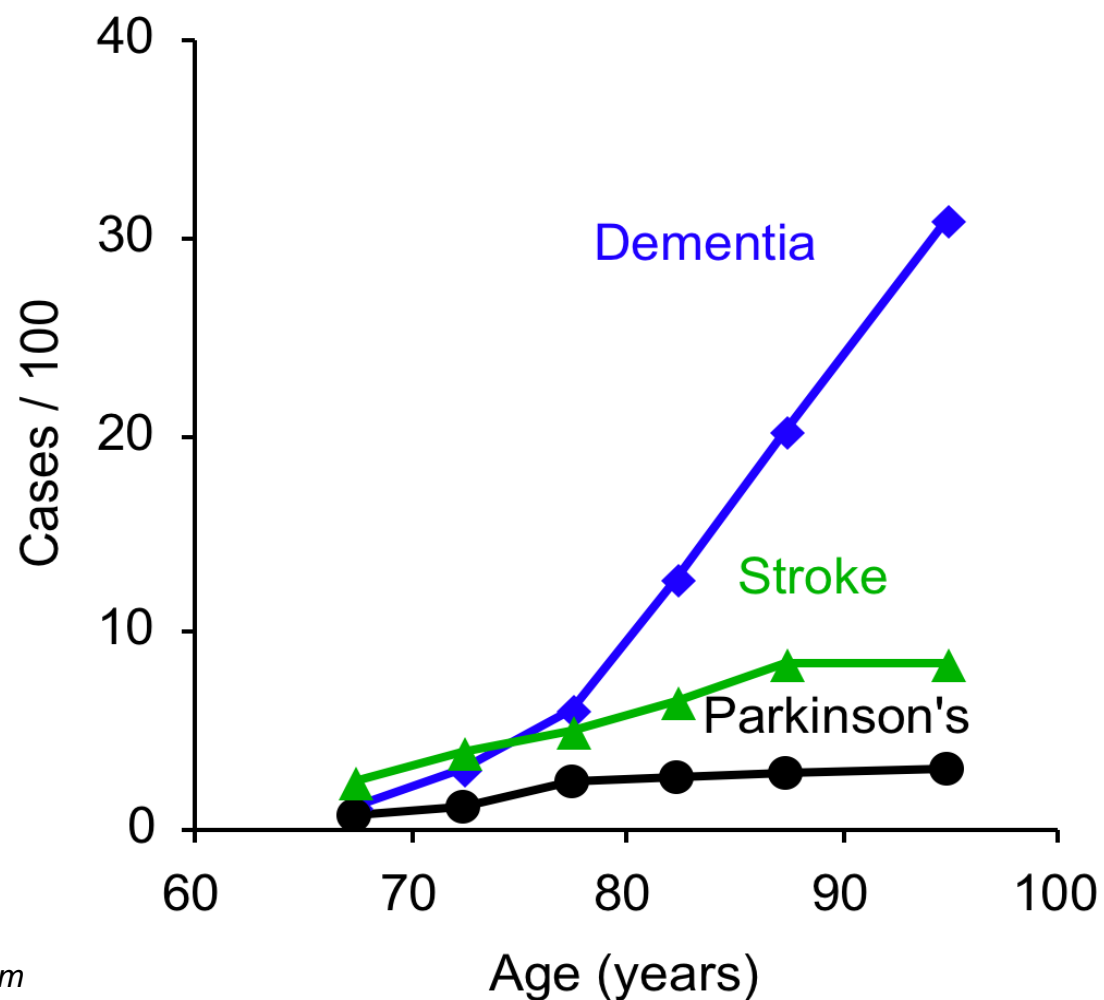
1. A shared vision



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Prevalence of Neurodegenerative Diseases



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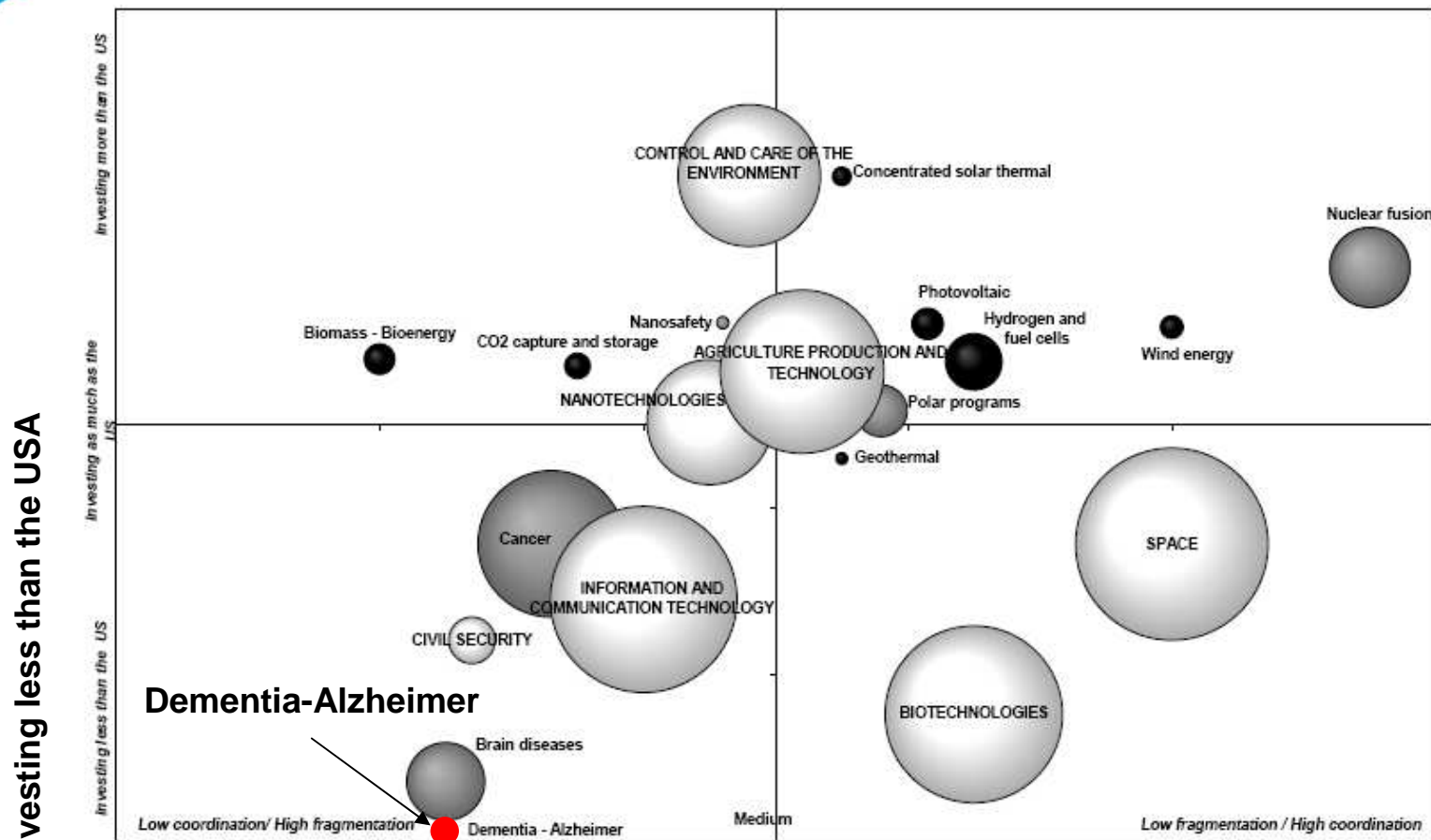
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Low coordination / High fragmentation

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Joint programming perspectives and motivation

- Harmonizing strategic research approaches within countries to tackle more efficiently societal challenges
- Synergistic use of shrinking research budgets in a difficult economic climate
- Grouping calls for grants at the level of several member states on a voluntary basis will reinforce the potential for scientific collaboration in Europe
- Accountability to stakeholders in pooling research efforts addressing common social issues in Europe
- Simplifying European procedures governing scientific collaboration (and its administration)



2. Towards a common strategic research agenda



Taking the disease into account in all its dimensions

To mobilise the best researchers from all fields, to develop the sharing of best practices and know how

- A scientific challenge
- A medical challenge
- An ethical and social challenge



Building the Strategic Research Agenda

- Identify research priorities with a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) composed of 15 of the best scientists equally distributed between domains
- Mapping the research field at National and European levels
- Organize ad-hoc groups to detail each scientific priority finally retained by the SAB
- Identify the gaps to bridge
- Organize a list of priorities to implement
- Facilitate an “à la carte” organization allowing each member of the JP to participate actively



3. Designing a management structure



General Composition

- Representatives able to take strategic decisions with sufficient authority to commit funds at a national level
- Ex: A member of a research ministry, the director or senior executive of a research agency or a national council (e.g. Inserm for France, MRC for UK....) or any other representative
- Research scientists, clinicians and health service researchers implicated through a Scientific Advisory Board
- On a voluntary basis
- Open to new participants



Mission

- Develop **a shared vision** of the nature of the challenge, the opportunities and threats associated with it, the added value of joint work and the impact which a joint initiative could have over time.
- Lay down **a strategic research agenda** (SRA), identifying the most suitable and urgent priorities for joint action, taking into account existing national and EU programmes
- Look for the best suited **instruments** and funding mechanisms (national, regional, inter-governmental, Community) adapted to the selected priorities
- Make recommendations about the implementation of the final SRA with **variable participatory arrangements** according to the different work packages over time
- Build up an “à la carte” program in which several countries in variable geometry could **participate voluntarily** and on the basis of their respective political and financial commitments.



Framework Conditions

- Identify and **share information** about relevant national programmes and research activities
- Reinforce **joint foresight and technology assessment capacities** and maintain oversight of the research strategy
- Share (scientific / clinical) **information resources**
- Exchange best practices and agree **common standards**
- Define **common rules for cross border participation** in national programmes
- Select **topics for joint calls** based on advice from the scientific council and bottom-up scientific consultation
- Manage a harmonised **peer review process**
- Define an agreed **intellectual property regime**
- Monitor and **evaluate progress** and achievements against pre-set objectives
- **Report at the political level** to participating states and to the EU (GPC, CREST)



4. State of Play



A Declaration of Intent and 23 Participants

- **Albania**
- **Belgium**
- **Czech Republic**
- **Denmark**
- **Finland**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Greece**
- **Hungary**
- **Ireland**
- **Italy**
- **Luxemburg**
- **The Netherlands**
- **Norway**
- **Poland**
- **Portugal**
- **Slovak Republic**
- **Slovenia**
- **Spain**
- **Sweden**
- **Switzerland**
- **Turkey**
- **United Kingdom**



Achievements

- **The Management Board has been launched on 18th june 2009**
 - President : Philippe Amouyel, **France**
 - Vice President : Maria Wästfelt, **Sweden**
 - Executive board : Adriana Maggi, **Italy** ; Enda Connolly, **Ireland**; Eckhart Curtius, **Germany**
- **The term of references has been adopted**
- **A Scientific Advisory Board proposal** has been prepared by an ad hoc committee from the MB including **Spain, Germany, Poland, France, Italy, Slovak Republic**
- **The work plan is under construction** prepared by an ad hoc writing group including **Germany, Ireland, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, France**



Next steps

- Constitution of the SAB (15 names among the 45 proposed by the ad hoc committee on scientific excellence whatever the nationality)
- Adoption of the work plan divided in 5 work packages with various active participants
 - ➔ WP1: Coordination and management (FR, UK, DE, IE, NL, IT, SE, LU, GR, CZ, DK, FI, SK, TU, SW, SP)
 - ➔ WP2: Development of the Strategic Research Agenda (UK, FR, NL, IT, SE, CZ, DK, FI, SK, TU, SW, SP)
 - ➔ WP3: Implementation of the SRA (DE, IE, NL, FR, SE, LU, GR, CZ, DK, FI, SK, SW, SP)
 - ➔ WP4: Dissemination and Communication (IE, UK, LU, CZ, DK, FR)
 - ➔ WP5: Framework for monitoring and evaluation of JP (NL, UK, FR, IT, GR, DK, FI, SK)



Next meetings and milestones

- SAB ad hoc committee = 26th October 2009 (teleconf)
- WP ad hoc committee = 6th November 2009 (London)
- EB meeting = 12th November 2009 (Paris)
- MB meeting = 13th November 2009 (Paris)
- Call submission = 19th Novembre 2009
- EB meeting = 15th December 2009 (Paris)

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