

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Global & Ecosystem Perspectives



Sonia Muliyl
Editor-in-Chief, The Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Women's Health

Prior to joining The Lancet Group as the founding Editor-in-Chief of The Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology, & Women's Health, Sonia worked as a Senior Editor for Nature Medicine. She has also served as the lead editor of Trends in Genetics and a consulting editor for Cell Genomics and Developmental Cell. As an EMBO and HFSP fellow at the University of Oxford (UK), she investigated the role of TNF signalling in lipid metabolism and neurodegeneration. Sonia has been a member of UN Women UK and a facilitator of RisingWISE, a program aimed at enhancing the career development of women scientists. She remains passionate about all aspects of women's health.



Fiona Thwaites
Commercial Leader for HealthTech Ventures; Former FemTech CEO (Jennis)

Fiona Thwaites is a commercialisation specialist and former CEO of Jennis, a women's health platform she led to a strategic exit in 2024. She now works as a fractional commercial leader for healthtech ventures and serves as a Board Director of CensHERShip, an initiative advocating for the removal of censorship affecting women's health products and services in advertising and communications. An active venture scout, angel investor, and advisor to Femtech France and Femtech UK, Fiona is deeply committed to improving how capital flows to female founders in health.

From Biological Insight to Disease Risk & Intervention

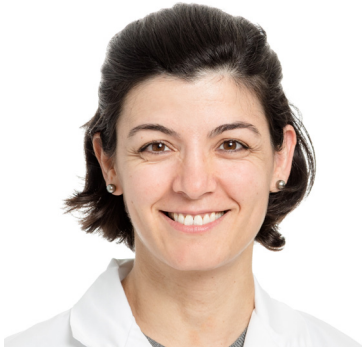


Mariapaola Barbato
Scientific Lead, Women's Brain Foundation

Dr. Mariapaola Barbato is a cognitive neuroscientist with over 15 years of international research experience in cognition, mental health, and neurodegenerative diseases. She is Director of Science at the Women's Brain Foundation in Zürich, where she advances research and advocacy to promote sex- and gender-sensitive precision medicine in brain health.

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Berna Özdemir

Senior Physician, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital

Berna Özdemir is an oncologist and researcher with an MD-PhD in experimental cancer biology and a strong focus on sex and gender medicine. She studies how sex and gender shapes cancer biology, treatment toxicity, and patient outcomes, and she works to integrate these insights into clinical care and medical education. She is also founding member of the ESMO Gender Medicine Task Force and an active voice in advancing sex-based research in oncology.

Translation: From Lab to Market - Building and Financing Women's Health Innovation



Anna-Luisa Schaffgotsch

Founder & CEO, Impli

Anna Luisa Schaffgotsch is the Founder and CEO of Impli, a deep-tech MedTech company revolutionizing female endocrine health. With a background in biotechnology and entrepreneurship, she is leading the development of the world's first real-time, implantable hormone monitoring platform to optimize outcomes in IVF and beyond.



Nina Porter Reinhart

Angel Investor; Founder, Meno Suisse

Nina co-founded Reinhart Capital which invests in early-stage technology ventures. Her challenging menopause transition made her decide to focus on Women Health innovations and also start Meno Swiss, a non-for-profit Association establishing modern menopause standards of care for women to age well.