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Keith N. Fargo, Ph.D., is director of Scientific Programs & Outreach at the Alzheimer’s Association. He leads research programs and initiatives to accelerate the Association’s vision of a world without Alzheimer’s.

Dr. Fargo works alongside a committee of expert researchers to develop scientific programming for the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference® (AAIC®), the largest and most influential international meeting dedicated to advancing dementia science. Annually, AAIC offers over 2,000 poster sessions and more than 100 podium presentations on basic science, risk factors, diagnosis, causes, risk factors, and potential methods of treatment and prevention to nearly 6,000 of the world’s leading researchers.

Dr. Fargo oversees the data reported in the Association’s annual Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures, the definitive compilation of national statistics and information conveying the impact of Alzheimer’s and other dementias on individuals, families, government and the nation’s health care system.

Dr. Fargo directs the Association’s efforts to build participation in Alzheimer’s disease research studies as a critical component of advancement in the field. He manages the Association’s role in recruiting participants for the Longitudinal Early-Onset Alzheimer’s Disease Study (LEADS), a cutting-edge project that explores the development of early-onset Alzheimer’s disease and how it compares to the more common late-onset Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Fargo also ensures the quality, responsiveness and promotion of Alzheimer’s Association TrialMatch®, a free clinical studies matching service that connects individuals with Alzheimer’s, caregivers and healthy volunteers to hundreds of current studies.

As an Association spokesperson, Dr. Fargo addresses emerging Alzheimer’s disease research and has been quoted in a variety of outlets, including ABCNews.go.com, CNNnews.com, TIME magazine and Wired magazine.

Dr. Fargo received his Ph.D. from Indiana University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Before joining the Alzheimer’s Association, Dr. Fargo held positions as a research scientist at the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital Rehabilitation Research & Development Program and as an assistant research professor at the Loyola University Chicago Department of Molecular Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s. For more information, visit alz.org.