

WOMHER

Womher opening symposium April 26, 2021 at 13:00-16:10

Welcome to the opening symposium for Uppsala University's centre for Women's Mental Health during the Reproductive lifespan – Womher!

Womher started 2020 and aims at being a unique interdisciplinary research centre. Womher will establish a new knowledge base with focus on the contemporary global increase in mental health problems, especially among young women.

Mental ill-health is a challenging and complex global health problem that afflicts more women than men, especially in the midst of life namely the reproductive life span. There is a giant gap to be filled in understanding, preventing, and combating this enigmatic condition.

The Womher opening symposium will reflect some of the research areas of importance with brief presentations from both international and Uppsala University researchers.

Warm welcome!



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Womher opening symposium Agenda

13:00-13:10 Welcome!

Lisa Ekselius, Director of Womher, Uppsala University

Opening of Uppsala University's centre Womher

Anders Hagfeldt, Vice Chancellor, Uppsala University

Scientific programme

Inger Sundström Poromaa, moderator

When the brain weeps: Imaging the conspiracy of sex hormones and neurotransmitters
Julia Sacher, Department of Neurology, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig

13:35-13:50
The great complexity of the brain brings opportunities for specific intervention

Dan Larhammar, Department of Neuroscience, Uppsala University

13:50-14:00 **BREAK**

Sex hormone contributions to depression in women

Vibe G. Frokjaer, Neurobiology Research Unit and Center for Integrated Molecular Brain Imaging, Copenhagen University

14:15-14:30

Medical humanities and the gendered psyche Ylva Söderfeldt, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University

Emotion regulation as transdiagnostic factor in female mental health Birgit Derntl, Department Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University of Tübingen

14:45-15:00 BREAK

Socially assistive robots: from education to healthcare

Ginevra Castellano, Department of Information Technology, Uppsala University

The cycling brain - what are the behavioral implications?

Belinda Pletzler, Department of Psychology, Paris-Lodron University Salzburg

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronique Fatigue Syndrome - Common disease in women Jonas Bergquist, Department of Chemistry - BMC, Uppsala University

Embracing the heterogeneity of animal models of depression: the special case for postpartum depression

Liisa Galea, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia

16:00-16:10

Concluding remarks

