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# **IAGG HEADQUARTERS**

# **IAGG'S STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

During the 3rd IAGG Executive Committee Meeting held in Dublin, Ireland on April 25, 2015, it was discussed to issue the IAGG statement on climate change. The idea was brought to attention by Prof. Toni ANTONUCCI (Chair of North America Region) and Prof. John ROWE (President Elect). They shared with the executive members that the Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, Prof. Linda FRIED, asked for the support of IAGG in promoting partnership elders as ambassadors of change regarding climate warming. The summit will be held in Paris during the fall.

The main idea is to encourage participation of older persons as the key voice in promoting the agenda of climate change and involve them in education. Although older persons can be considered as vulnerable to climate change, they can also be considered as ambassadors of change in communicating the importance of addressing the issue to their communities, families, neighbors and others. Prof. FRIED has been collaborating with the Dean at University of Washington and both will attend the summit together. Other partners include HelpAge, Vitality, NRDC, and IFA.

**Prof. ANTONUCCI** and **Prof. ROWE** summarized the statement expressing IAGG's support for Elders as Ambassadors of Change regarding Climate Warming as below and the statement was approved at the 3rd Executive Committee Meeting in Dublin, Ireland.

As reflected in its efforts to enhance human rights for all people, the IAGG strongly supports intergenerational solidarity. We support the role of elders as a resource and as ambassadors of change regarding issues arising with respect to climate change to both protect and educate their families, communities, and societies. IAGG sees efforts of older persons to enhance awareness of climate change in order to assure a legacy of a healthy planet for coming generations as consistent with this intergenerational focus and we encourage such initiatives.

# THE 3RD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, DUBLIN, IRELAND, APRIL 25, 2015











(1st row, from left to right): Prof. Sung Jae CHOI (Korea) - IAGG Secretary General, Ms. Rachel WHIDDEN (USA) - GSA, Prof. Toni ANTONUCCI (USA) - IAGG North America Region Chair, Prof. John ROWE (USA) - IAGG President Elect, Prof. Marianela FLORES DE HEKMAN (Brazil) - IAGG COMLAT Region Chair, Ms. Hyun Ju SHIM (Korea) - IAGG Executive Secretariat, Prof. Dong Ho LEE - IAGG Treasurer

(2nd row, from left to right): Mr. James APPLEBY (USA) - GSA, Prof. Isabella ABODERIN (Kenya) - IAGG Africa Region Chair, Prof. Heung Bong CHA (Korea) - IAGG President, Prof. Keith Hill (Australia) - IAGG Asia/Oceania Region Chair, Prof. Alain FRANCO (France) - IAGG Immediate Past Secretary General

Missing from the picture: Prof. Vladimir KHAVINSON (Russia) - IAGG Europe Region Chair and Prof. Bruno VELLAS (France) - IAGG Immediate Past President

The 3rd Executive Committee Meeting was held in Dublin, Ireland, on April 25, 2015. The agenda of the meeting included: 1) Reports from IAGG Regions and Headquarters, 2) Financial Report of 2014, 3) WAA & IAGG's Suborganizations, 4) Planning for Africa Regional Congress, 5) Progress Report of 2017 IAGG World Congress, and 6) Other. To present the progress of the planning for the 2017 IAGG World Congress, two guests joined the discussion from the Gerontological Society of America (GSA): Executive Director, Mr. James APPLEBY and Director of Meetings, Ms. Rachel WHIDDEN.

The meeting was meaningful as most delegates were highly engaged in discussion and new regional Chairs were elected to add further enthusiasm. The profiles of the two new executive members are shown below.

During the meeting, the possibility of holding the next IAGG Executive Committee Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey in 2016 was discussed. The venue, invitation and agenda of the next meeting will be informed in due time.

IAGG would like to take this opportunity to thank all the executive members as well as delegates from the GSA for their valuable presence as well as active participation.

# **IAGG'S NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

The month of April 2015 was filled with two important Regional Congresses in both Europe and Latin America. Prof. Clemens Tesch-Römer was elected IAGG Europe Region Chair in the Council Meeting on April 25, 2015, and Prof. Marianela Flores de Hekman was elected IAGG COMLAT Region Chair by the Council on April 10, 2015. IAGG extends our cordial congratulations and looks forward to collaborating with these new executive members.





Prof. Clemens TESCH-RÖMER received his diploma in psychology from Bochum University and his Ph.D. in psychology from Freie Universitaet Berlin. Since 1998 he has been director of the German Centre of Gerontology in Berlin and since 2003 adjunct professor at the Free University of Berlin. His current research interests relate to the topics: quality of life and well-being in old age, health and health behavior, social relations and social integration of older persons, intergenerational family solidarity and societal solidarity, and comparative ageing research. He has published 15 books and more than 160 other scientific publications. He has been (and currently is) principal investigator of European and German surveys and research networks: European COST Network 1402 "Ageism" (since 2014), German Ageing Survey (DEAS, since 2001), German Volunteering Survey (FWS, since 2012), Autonomy Despite Multimorbidity (AMA, 2008-2013), European project "Old Age and Autonomy: The Role of Service Systems and Intergenerational Family Solidarity" (OASIS, 2000-2003). Since 1998 he has been a member of the Expert Committees for the German Federal Government for reporting on the life situation of the elderly in Germany.

# IAGG South America and Caribbean (COMLAT) Regional Chair: Marianela Flores de Hekman



Prof. Marianela FLORES DE HEKMAN graduated from the Santa Maria Federal University of Medicine, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and completed medical residency at the Hospital São Lucas in Geriatrics and Gerontology of Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She participated in a training course and research in the area of Geriatric Cardiology at TOKAI University School of Medicine, Japan, and worked at the Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology Hospital Moinhos de Vento, based in Porto Alegre and Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. She has held various positions promoting Geriatrics and Gerontology in the Latin America Region. She is the coordinator of the Southern Region of Brazil's Confederation of associations and societies of Brazilian Osteoporosis and Osteometabolism (CEBOM) and is a Permanent member of the Consultative Board of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology. She has been President of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (2006-2008), President of the Commission of Ethics and Regulations of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (2008-2014), and Director of the Latin American Education Committee area of Geriatrics and Gerontology (2007-2011). On April 10, 2015, she was appointed Chair of the IAGG Latin American and Caribbean Region during the VII COMLAT Congress held from April 9-11, 2015.

# **IAGG'S NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Name	Position	Country
Heung Bong CHA, PhD	President	Korea
Sung Jae CHOI, PhD	Secretary-General / Vice President	Korea
Dong Ho LEE, MD	Treasurer	Korea
Bruno VELLAS, MD	Immediate Past President	France
John ROWE, MD	President-Elect	USA
Keith HILL, PhD	Chair, Asia/Oceania Region	Australia
Toni ANTONUCCI, PhD	Chair, North America Region	USA
Isabella ABODERIN, PhD	Chair, Africa Region	Kenya
Clemens TESCH-RÖMER, PhD	Chair, Europe Region	Germany
Marianela FLORES DE HEKMAN, PhD	Chair, South America Region	Brazil

# IAGG-ER CONGRESS, DUBLIN, IRELAND, APRIL 23-26, 2015

















The IAGG-ER Congress was held from April 23-26, 2015, in Dublin, Ireland, under the theme of **Unlocking the Demographic Dividend**. The event was organized by the Irish Gerontological Society and attended by 1,300 participants, who actively presented 12 parallel sessions. The main objective of the Congress was to tap into the growing awareness that gerontological research can help us understand the collective and personal benefits that we gain from population ageing, a better understanding of the barriers to realizing the full potential of the Demographic Dividend, and the advances in gerontological science which allow these barriers to be overcome in the most effective way possible.

The opening ceremony was initiated by a speech by the Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of Ireland, Enda Kenny, whose knowledge of aging was best illustrated by his three priority visions for the country: That Ireland will be the best place to do business, to raise family, and to age with dignity in the world. Following his excellent remarks, Prof. Mo Flynn, President of the Irish Gerontological Society, welcomed the delegates from around the world and presented a preview of the country's latest research trends in gerontology and geriatrics, with its recent focus on smart aging. IAGG President Prof. CHA delivered the congratulatory address to thank the efforts of Prof. Desmond O'Neill, Chair of the Organizing Committee and Prof. Mo Flynn for organizing the IAGG-ER Congress in such a successful manner.

During the Congress, IAGG organized many side events such as the IAGG-GSIA Master Class, IAGG-INPEA Symposium and Executive Committee Meeting. Detailed information on the Master Class and Symposium will be available in a later section of this newsletter (IAGG-GSIA Master Class in the **IAGG-GSIA** Section, and the IAGG-INPEA Symposium in the **UN Activities** Section).

During the IAGG-ER Congress, the election for the new IAGG-ER Executive Team was conducted. Prof. Clemens Tesch-Römer was elected the new Regional Chair during the Council Meeting on April 25, 2015. Also at the meeting, the venue for the next European Congress was voted, and the 2019 European Congress will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden; Prof. Boo Johansson will be the organizer.

# IAGG COMLAT Congress, Belém, BRAZIL, April 9-11, 2015



IAGG COMLAT Committee

From 9 to 11 April 2015, Belém do Pará, Brazil, received at the VII Congress of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee on Geriatrics and Gerontology – COMLAT renowned professionals, educators and researchers from different areas of science, education and practice in aspects of gerontology and geriatrics. Representing different

entities from Latin America, the Caribbean and other regions of the IAGG, they are involved in and concerned with the rapid aging going on in their regions, and came together for this event with the official theme of "SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND AGING."









The opening ceremony of the event had the presence of authorities and representatives from Geriatrics and Gerontology: Prof. JOSÉ RICARDO JAUREGUI (President of COMLAT & Caribbean), Prof. DONG HO LEE (Treasurer of IAGG), Prof. MARIANELA FLORES HEKMAN (President of VII COMLAT), ZEQUINHA MARINHO (Lieutenant Governor of the State of Pará), Prof. JOÃO BASTOS FREIRE NETO (President of SBGG and Honorary President of the VII COMLAT), Prof. NEZILOUR LOBATO RODRIGUES (Honorary President of the VII COMLAT), Prof. ELIZABETE VIANA DE FREITAS (President of the Scientific Committee of the VII COMLAT) and Prof. MARIA ANGÉLICA SANTOS SANCHEZ (Vice-President of SBGG and President of the Department of Gerontology). During the opening ceremony, the keynote speech was delivered by Prof. José Ricardo Jauregui, (President of COMLAT & Caribbean). Following his speech, Prof. DONG HO LEE delivered the opening address on behalf of IAGG President Prof. Heung Bong Cha.

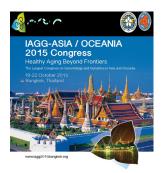
The COMLAT received 641 scientific papers, which were carefully evaluated by a team of reviewers. 535 were approved: 24 for presentation as Free Themes and 160 for Poster Presentations in the Geriatrics focus, as well as 27 for presentation as Free Themes and 324 for Poster Presentations in the Gerontology focus. There were 81 professional speakers, of which 24 were International and 57 were from Brazil. The total number of participants was 947.

The VII COMLAT achieved great scientific success, surpassed expectations and was a major effort for the SBGG, strengthening scientific exchanges between Brazil and other countries in the region, notably with the international activities that brought major contributions, bringing our ties even closer and providing great growth in technology for all those involved.



The fact that a Congress for Latin America and the Caribbean was held in the Amazon Region of Brazil was a significant achievement for the region, bringing a special touch of "latinidad" to the wealth of different realities in Latin America, a rich continent with apparent similarities, but with different realities of aging that were presented through the varied papers, conferences and presentations of the VII COMLAT Congress. At every COMLAT Congress we grow scientifically and learn from the different aging processes and different ethnic groups. Above all, we enable exchanges among the different institutions directed towards the study and research that are vital for allowing aging with quality of life for the "older adult."

# **ASIA/OCEANIA REGION**



# ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, OCTOBER 19-22, 2015

The venue of the Regional Congress was changed from Bangkok to Chiang Mai. The Congress plans to feature 8 plenary speakers and 13 invited symposia; **the deadline for abstracts was extended to April 30, 2015**. The Congress also intends to support students and an early career researcher symposium by organizing both research and social activities that can bring together students and early career researchers. The bid for the upcoming 2019 Congress will be held and its host will be decided. For more information, please visit the website: <a href="http://iaggchiangmai2015.com/">http://iaggchiangmai2015.com/</a>

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GARY ANDREWS TRAVELING ACADEMY**

The first Academy Forum, marking the official launch of this academy, will be organized as a pre-conference workshop (Implementing best practice in falls prevention for older people: Interdisciplinary perspectives) during the IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress in Chiang Mai. As the Master Classes on Ageing have been primarily focused on medical sciences and geriatrics, the objective of the Gary Andrews Academy is to focus on the non-medical sides. Therefore, the workshop will have:



- Multidisciplinary presentation panel including geriatricians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nurses, podiatrists
- Includes presenters from Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong

The second Academy Forum is being planned for late next year.

# 6TH MASTER CLASS ON AGEING (MCA) IN ASIA, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, MARCH 26-28, 2015



The 6th IAGG Master Class on Ageing was held in Taipei, Taiwan on March 26-28, 2015, with great success. The main theme of this Master Class was "Aging, Immunosenescence, Infectious Diseases and Vaccination." Thirty young geriatricians coming from Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, China and Taiwan attended this session. Eight tutors with solid expertise were invited to address lectures on frailty, vaccination and cardiovascular risks and recommended vaccination for the elderly, etc. The case presentation and group activities provided a great chance for the delegates to work with each other and promote collaboration for a future Asian research network.

# **GLOBAL DEMENTIA LEGACY EVENT IN JAPAN**

- The Global Dementia Legacy Event Japan was held at Roppongi Academy Hills from November 5-7, 2014, organized jointly by the Ministry of Health, Labor & Welfare, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Tokyo Dementia Care Research & Training Center.

- Over 300 delegates from more than ten nations including many members of the Japan Gerontological Society attended.
- As decided in the G8 Dementia Summit in London last year, Japan is expected to play a major role in innovative care and prevention. Productive discussion on "New Care and Prevention Models" was held.

Website: http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/policy/care-welfare-care-welfare-elderly/141003.html

# **NEW INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTRE (ILC-AUS)**

The new International Longevity Center was established in Australia (ILC-AUS) under the leadership of Prof. Julie Byles. ILC-AUS will join a global alliance of centers from around the world including the UK, USA, Japan, Singapore, Brazil, and South Africa. The mission of ILCs is to help societies address longevity and population ageing in positive and productive ways.

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invited and plenary speakers in the conference, and third some information about the fir planned Garry Andrew Academy forum to be held as pre-congress tworkshop on in pre-condition. See details on pag 3 of this newsletter.

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# The Asia/Oceania Regional Newsletter is published every 6 months to share the latest news and activities across the fairly diverse regions and builds interregional communication.

# SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION

#### **CONGRESS SCHEDULE**

Year	Month/Date	Event
2015	July	19th National Congress of Geriatrics 2015, July 22 – 24, 2015, in Central Park, Chile
	August	3rd International Congress of Residential & Services, August 26 – 29, 2015, in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico
COMLAT: Internatio		COMLAT: International Diabetes Symposium on IAGG and Ageing Populations, September 3 – 6, 2015, in
	September	Buenos Aires, Argentina,
2016	June	The 20th Brazilian Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology, June 8 – 11, 2016, in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil

# **MEMBERSHIP**

- Population ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean has increased greatly, from 161,000 million in 1951 to 512,000 million in 2000, and this number is projected to reach 734,000 million in 2050. Thus, training more geriatricians and gerontologists has become an important challenge, although the change of leadership makes it difficult sometimes. Prof. Marianela HEKMAN referred to the instance of Venezuela, whose President passed away and therefore its society no longer identifies itself as a member of IAGG.
- Member Societies with the largest memberships are the **Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology** (3,001) and **Argentina Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics** (1,503). There are 17 member societies in 15 countries. Argentina and Mexico have two societies, while all other countries only have one member society.



# VII COMLAT, BELÉM, BRAZIL, APRIL 9-11, 2015

• VII COMLAT, BELÉM, BRAZIL: Prof. Marianela HEKMAN informed the Executive Committee that she took the Board of the COMLAT Regional Committee during the VII COMLAT in Belém on April 12, 2015. Prof. Marianela HEKMAN resides in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in the southern region of the country close to Uruguay and Argentina and her

institution is the PUC of Rio Grande do Sul. The Office of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology is located in the city of Rio de Janeiro (Southeast Brazil) and will work closely for the Latin American region.



- The number of participants in each category was as follows:
- 952 participants
- 630 scientific papers submitted
   535 APPROVED: 184 on Geriatrics, 351 on
   Gerontology

### **PLANNING OF THE WORLD CONGRESS 2021**

• **Planning of the 22nd World Congress**: Argentinian societies SAGG and AGA are working together for the 22nd World Congress. The place was obtained by vote of the plenary at the IAGG council members meeting. The two societies will host the event in Buenos Aires in 2021.

## **EUROPEAN REGION**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

IAGG-ER has the largest membership among the five regions, having 42 national member societies with over 22,500 members from 36 countries. Each country is represented by one society with the exception of the UK (3 societies), Spain (2 societies), Turkey (3 societies), and Italy (2 societies). New member societies that have been added to the IAGG-ER during the Presidency of Prof. KHAVINSON are:

- Association of Gerontologists of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)
- Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (Belarus)
- San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (San Marino)
- Academic Geriatrics Society (Turkey)

## MAIN ACTIVITIES OF IAGG-ER EXECUTIVE BOARD



- IAGG-ER Representatives' visit to San Marino: IAGG-ER Executive Committee Treasurer and Secretary General paid a visit to San Marino and met with the President and Vice-President of the San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics.
- Prof. KHAVINSON's visit to Belarus and Kazakhstan: Prof. KHAVINSON paid several visits to the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Kazakhstan to meet Presidents of societies, Prof. Andrei Ilnitski (Belarus) and Prof. Valery Benberin (Kazakhstan) and organized the **1st Eurasian Congress on Geriatrics and Gerontology**, as explained below.



- **Eurasian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology**: As the result of the 1st Eurasian Congress of Gerontologists in Astana, Kazakhstan, on April 9-10, 2015, out of collaboration among Russia, the Republic of Belarus and Republic of Kazakhstan, a gerontological community of the three national societies was established.

#### **MAIN EVENTS OF IAGG-ER REGION**



- **The 8th IAGG-ER Congress, Dublin, Ireland**: The event was organized by IAGG-ER and the Irish Gerontological Society, attended by over 1,200 participants from 80 countries.
- The IAGG-ER Symposium in Korea, Seoul, Korea: The symposium was entitled "State of Ageing Research and Innovation in the European Region" and chaired by Prof. KHAVINSON.
- **IAGG Travel Grants** were awarded to young scientists in gerontology and geriatrics as below:
  - Marjan ASKARI (Netherlands) University of Amsterdam
- Dmitry PANOV (Russia) Institute of Internal Medicine, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences
- **IAGG-ER Biological Section**: Two main events were held and both were attended by approximately 300-500 participants.



• 8th European Congress of Biogerontology (ECB) held in Beer Sheva, Israel, from March 10-13, 2013

Organized and chaired by: Prof. Vadim Fraifeld

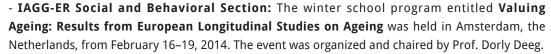
• 9th European Congress of Biogerontology (ECB) held in Seville, Spain, from October 16-18, 2014

Organized and chaired by: Prof. Guillermo Lopez Lluch





- **IAGG-ER Clinical Section:** The conference entitled **Geriatric Medicine: Strengthening Interdisciplinary Involvement** was held on August 29-31, 2012, in Prague, Czech Republic. The event was organized and chaired by Prof. Eva Topinkova.









- The year of 2012 was celebrated as the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. In observance of this special year, the **UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing** was held in Vienna, Austria, from September 18-20, 2012. The event was organized by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection in cooperation with the UNECE Secretariat in Geneva and with support of the European Commission, and attended by more than 40 ministers and deputy-level officials from across Europe.

- **Senior Generation, St. Petersburg, Russia:** The Senior Generation is an annual international forum that brings together world-famous experts on gerontology and geriatrics. Attendees of significance included: Dr. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich (Switzerland), Prof. Eva Topinkova (Czech Republic), Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko (Austria), and Prof. Joseph Troisi (Malta).
- **The International School in Gerontology and Geriatrics:** The event has been organized to promote education and training on gerontology and geriatrics in developing countries every two years. The last event was held in St. Petersburg, Russia, from April 14-19, 2014.
- **The 20th Anniversary of the Russian Gerontological Society**: To commemorate the 20th Year Anniversary of the Russian Gerontological Society, the scientific conference *Fundamental Issues of Gerontology and Geriatrics* was held on 5-6 June, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

### **IAGG-GARN**

As of June 18, 2014, 456 new members of GARN have joined, of which 57% is from Europe, 18% from Asia/Oceania, 16% from North America, 6% from South America, 2% from Africa and 1% from other regions. More detailed information is available in the **IAGG-GARN section**.

#### **IAGG-ER AWARD**

- The IAGG ER Award is honored with an authentic silver medal bearing the emblem of the IAGG European Region which is accompanied by an official diploma. The award ceremony takes place every 4 years during the IAGG-ER Congress.
- The first award ceremony took place in Bologna, on April 14th, 2011. The recipients were as follows:
  - Biological Science: Prof. Vladimir Anisimov (Russia)
  - Clinical Science: Prof. Mario Passeri (Italy)
  - Social and Behavioral Science: Prof. Alan Walker (UK)
- The second award ceremony took place in Dublin, Ireland, on April 23rd, 2015. The recipients were as follows:



Biological Science: Prof. Claudio Franceschi (Italy)



Clinical Science: Prof. Gordon Wilcock (UK)



Social and Behavioral Science: Prof. Joseph Troisi (Malta)

# IAGG-ER ENCYCLOPEDIA "GERONTOLOGY IN EUROPE"



From about mid-2012, the IAGG-ER Executive Board sent out invitations to present a brief overview of the state of gerontological research in their respective countries in Europe. The first series of such reports from Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine have been presented in *Advances in Gerontology*. Since 2011, Pleades Publishing has issued it in the English language for distribution by SPRINGER VERLAG. This first series of reports will ideally be sent to Presidents and/or Prime Ministers of all countries concerned about raising awareness and improving knowledge on gerontology and geriatrics.

#### **IAGG-ER WEBSITE**

The IAGG-ER website is now online at <a href="www.iagg-er.net">www.iagg-er.net</a>. Updated sections include: the Executive Board, National Societies, Events, News, Awards and the upcoming 2019 Congress.





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# **NORTH AMERICAN REGION**

# PAN AMERICAN MEETING/NARC PARTICIPATION

- Two symposia on Families, Social Relations and Health were delivered at 27/03/2014, V\* Panamerican Congress (COMLAT-NARC), in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
- Titles and authors of the presentations are as follows:
- How Remittances from Adult Children and Use of Outpatient Health Care Services by Older Adults in Rural China

Author: Prof. Merril Silverstein, Syracuse University

- Intergenerational Living Arrangements and Well-Being in Comparative Perspective

Authors: Prof. Ishtar Govia, Prof. Kristine Ajrouch, Prof. Toni Antonucci, Prof. James Jackson, University of Michigan

- Is Perceived Social Support Associated with Health and Socioeconomic Well-Being? A Study with Brazilian Community-Dwelling Elderly

Author: Prof. Anita Liberalesso Neri, State University of Campinas, Brazil

- Positive and Negative Intergenerational Relations

Authors: Prof. Lindsay Ryan, Prof. Ishtar Govia, Prof. James Jackson, Prof. Toni Antonucci, University of Michigan

- Grandparent-grandchild Relationships in Brazil

**Authors:** Prof. Heloisa Goncalves Ferreira, Federal University of Sao Carlos/ University of Alberta, Prof. Norah Keating, Global Social Initiative on Ageing, IAGG/ University of Alberta.

In addition, Prof. Toni Antonucci gave a presentation on publishing in English journals.

# NARC SYMPOSIUM AT THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY (CAG)

• In keeping with the desire to have NARC and IAGG be more visible to our national associations, a symposium was submitted and accepted to the CAG national meetings. The theme of the symposium was "Looking Within – Reaching Beyond." Three papers presented on: 1) Interactive links between personal and social network education levels and health, Authors: Prof. Noah Webster and Prof. Toni Antonucci; 2) Physical activity, sedentary behavior and cardiometabolic risk, Author: Prof. Ken Madden; 3) Improving oral health in residential long term care settings: An example trainee opportunities within the Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC) Program, Authors: Prof. Matthias Hoben, Prof. Carole Estabrooks, University of Alberta; Discussant, Prof. Francis Beland. The range of topics and methods presented highlighted the diversity of participating member organizations.

# **NARC COMMITTEE MEETING**

- The NARC Committee met on November 7, 2014 at the GSA meetings in Washington, DC. **In attendance**: Prof. Toni Antonucci, Mr. James Appleby, Prof. Norah Keating, Prof. Fox Wetle, Ms. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard (CAG), Ms. Kristina Miller (Student Connection of CAG), Ms. Katherine Hall (GSA ESPO), Ms. Candace Brown (GSA ESPO), Prof. Noah Webster (reporting on CAG NARC symposium), Prof. Matthias Hoben (attending for Carole Estabrooks; also presented at CAG NARC symposium). Several matters were discussed including the upcoming IAGG meeting in Seoul, the IAGG meeting in San Francisco in 2017, the Global Social Initiative on Aging, the Pan American meeting in Cartagena, student support, and initiating research partnerships especially for junior scholars across regions.
- Mr. James Appleby, Executive Director of the Gerontology Society of America, provided an update on early planning for the IAGG 2017 meeting in San Francisco. Members were encouraged by these early beginnings and conveyed their enthusiasm to Mr. Appleby.

- Prof. Norah Keating reported on the developments in the Global Social Initiative on Aging plans for the Dublin meeting including a symposium and workshop. Generally the focus is on families, age-friendly communities, housing/livability and care.
- All members agreed that we would like to develop and enhance our support of students and wish this to be a major focus of our efforts in the future.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

• NARC is particularly interested in funding students both those who are able to attend the Congress and those not able to attend. Discussion centered on sources of funds and process for allocating funds. The Korean organization allocated funds after the previous IAGG meeting but this was seen as a one-time only event. IAGG generally allocates some student travel funds; the host organization also has funds post-meeting (as was the case with the Korean secretariat) that have been often used in the past to fund members from that organization, as was the case when CAG hosted IAGG. The need for documenting the various sources for funding and who is eligible for which source of funds was discussed. There was a problem at the last meeting with people applying for both sources of money (IAGG and previous host organization funds e.g. CAG funds). We recognize the need to balance the desire to support and encourage member organizations to allocate funds for student travel to IAGG meetings, as well as the desire to provide equity of opportunity across member organizations. Among the issues being considered is how to create a bigger source of student travel funds, how to connect our students with more senior researchers, conducting workshops specifically targeting students who attend the IAGG meetings, and the possibility of research partnerships across regions.

#### CREATING RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS AMONG JUNIOR SCHOLARS



- GSA ESPO mentioned that they currently have an ESPO International Task Force that is comprised of scholars interested in studying international aging issues. It is suggested that this could serve as group to begin discussion of international partnerships among junior scholars.
- It was also noted that some members will be leaving and new members entering in the coming months.

# **HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE**

• NARC is pleased to offer support for the IAGG UN initiative concerning human rights. Given the geographic proximity of NARC to the United Nations in New York, we can also be present and available as necessary. In addition, the NARC chair is a member of the UN Committee on Aging, has served as an expert consultant on aging and is a member of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, a UN recognized NGO. We request to be kept informed of ongoing initiatives so that we might offer assistance as appropriate.

#### **IAGG 2017 SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING**

• Consider encouraging a symposium submission regarding research partnerships. Consider the possibility of a junior scholar focused pre-conference workshop, although there was concern over the added cost to junior scholars to attend the meeting early. As an alternative suggestions for junior scholar focused workshops were advocated to be held during regularly scheduled meeting days.

# **AFRICAN REGION**

# **SOUTH AFRICA GERIATRICS SOCIETY (SAGS)**



The South Africa Geriatrics Society (SAGS) developed a diploma course in Geriatric Medicine in 2014. The course has been accredited by the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA), and is available to both those from South Africa and those who are not. A comprehensive curriculum addressing theories as well as clinical skills is offered. A 2-day preparatory course on

Basic Geriatrics is provided annually, with the next one scheduled for May 23-24, 2015. The course is mainly targeted at physicians and general practitioners. The Africa Region is considering how to expand and apply this model to other health care professionals and other countries, as this course is only the second after the first one in Senegal.

## **NIGERIA SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS (NSGG)**

The Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA), led by Prof. Norah KEATING, has put forward a proposal to build a research network between the University of Swansea and a number of universities in Africa including the University of KwaZulu Natal, North West University, and Malawi Aged Project Trust in Africa, with the theme of "Families, intergenerational relationships and ageing in sub-Saharan Africa." The proposal was submitted to Leverhulme Trust with the IAGG Korean administration's support with the application. The pre-application was successful and the proposal will undergo the full application process. If successful, the proposal will be considered as an outcome of the GSIA expert workshop held in July 2013, on the same topic. A relevant article on families and intergenerational relationships in Africa will be published in the *Canadian Journal of Ageing* soon.

# **CHALLENGES IN THE AFRICA REGION**

The following challenges were discussed as the main causes for concern in the region.

- Low resource base, capacity, issues with membership fees \* Exception: South Africa Geriatrics Society
- Lack of cross-society exchange, common initiatives -> little action
- Need for consolidation of the Africa region:
- Formal adoption of by-laws
- Formal constitution of regional council
- Mechanisms for regular consultation / exchange
- Plans for strategic engagement in regional/global forums
- Need for plans for strengthening of resource base

# **IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS**

# **IAGG-GARN (GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK)**

## **WEBSITE**

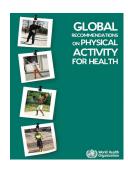


# **IAGG GARN WEBSITE -** AN INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION FOR "NURSING HOME" - A RECENT PAPER

This new tool has now been re-organized to further enhance scientific works on age-related issues developed worldwide. We invite you to visit it regularly to get updated information on the important outcomes in the field of aging. http://www.garn-network.org

## WHO'S GLOBAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR HEALTH

The World Health Organization aims to provide national and regional level policy makers with guidance on the dose-response relationship between the frequency, duration, intensity, type and total amount of physical activity needed for the prevention of NCDs. The recommendations set out in this document address three age groups: 5-17 years old; 18-64 years old; and 65 years old and above (beginning page 29). Download the English PDF file from the IAGG GARN website at <a href="http://www.garn-network.org/associated-conferences.php">http://www.garn-network.org/associated-conferences.php</a>. Versions in Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian are available on the WHO website.



## **PUBLICATIONS**

## A WHITE BOOK ON FRAILTY



The IAGG GARN White Book on Frailty aims to promote preventive interventions against disability and to provide information on how to adequately implement frailty into everyday clinical practice. To this effect, the book highlights current knowledge on the identification of the target population, assessment of frailty, and development of tailored intervention programs. We now know that early detection and intervention are critical to addressing frailty.



A French version is now available at <a href="http://www.fragilite.org/livre-blanc.php">http://www.fragilite.org/livre-blanc.php</a> and will soon be translated into English and Chinese.

## **OTHERS**

#### Taskforce on Exercise in the Nursing Home Setting: Looking for Recommendations

Several studies have proven the importance of exercise training for the health of residents of long term care facilities. However, the best exercise regimen in terms of feasibility, safety, and effectiveness has not yet been established. IAGG GARN will collaborate to organize this Taskforce that will gather the experience and viewpoints of worldwide leaders in the field of exercise for residents living in long-term care facilities. The aim is to define clear exercise guidelines and to elaborate a first draft of a consensus paper on the best exercise regimen.

# IAGG-CSO (COUNCIL ON STUDENT ORGANIZATION)

**President**: Claudia Meyer, MPH (PhD Candidate-La Trobe University, Australia)

Vice President: Shannon L. Freeman, PhD (University of Northern British Columbia, Canada)

Secretary-Treasurer: Katherine S. Hall, PhD (Veterans Affairs/Duke University Medical Centers, USA)

# **IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS**

# A REVIEW OF IAGG-EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONGRESS (APRIL, 2015) IAGG-CSO EVENTS

The IAGG-CSO, with funding support from the IAGG Korea Secretariat, hosted several innovative sessions designed to provide professional development content and networking opportunities for students and trainees. These sessions were well attended (attendees hailing from 21 different countries) and have served as an important foundation for future programming at Regional Congress meetings.



The IAGG-CSO Executive held a *Breakfast with the Stars* event that featured mentoring match-ups for student members with world-renowned senior scholars.



The IAGG-CSO awarded its first ever student travel awards during the breakfast, supporting 4 student IAGG-ER attendees. (From left to right: Ms. Katherine Hall, IAGG -CSO Secretary/ Treasurer; Ms. Bruna Moretti Luchesi; Ms. Glenna Brewster; Ms. Shannon Freeman, IAGG -CSO Vice President; Ms. Josefa Palacios; Ms. Claudia Meyer, IAGG-CSO President; Ms. Katharine James).

The GSIA ran its first Master Class at the IAGG European Region conference. Addressing the 'Care' theme of the GSIA, through the topic *Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work*, the Master Class focused on supporting participants to conceptualize topics, build personal research agendas, learn more about how to get their work published and develop their scholarly networks. It comprised a full day prior to the start of the IAGG European Region conference, a half-day session at its end, and an individual mentor session for each participant during the conference. Sixteen early career scholars took part.

# UPCOMING EVENTS: IAGG-ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, 19-22 OCTOBER 2015, CHIANG MAI

The IAGG-CSO has been actively working to provide interesting and relevant programming for student/early career investigators for the IAGG-Asia/Oceania 2015 conference. We hope to provide several informal opportunities to network with fellow student members that will be presented during the conference. Additional information can be found on the IAGG-Asia/Oceania website (http://iaggchiangmai2015.com).

# IAGG-CSO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR IAGG-ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS: APPLY NOW!!

The IAGG-CSO is excited to offer travel awards to support student/trainee attendance at the IAGG-Asia/Oceania conference. Please email the IAGG-CSO Executive Committee (<a href="mailto:iaggcso@gmail.com">iaggcso@gmail.com</a>) for an application form. Applications are <a href="mailto:due August 1">due August 1</a>.

# IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MS. BRUNA LUCHESI, BSN, MSN

We are pleased to continue the IAGG-CSO "Exceptional Student and Early Career Member Spotlight" initiative, which features exceptional scientists involved in Gerontological organizations across IAGG. In this issue, we are delighted to spotlight Ms. Bruna Luchesi, below. We encourage our readers to nominate deserving IAGG students, early career members and/or student gerontological organizations for consideration by emailing the IAGG Executive Committee (iaggcso@gmail.com).

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# **IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS**

# IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH MS. BRUNA LUCHESI, BSN, MSN

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Degrees: BSN, MSN

**Title:** PhD Candidate in Fundamental Nursing **Department:** Ribeirão Preto School of Nursing

**Institution:** University of São Paulo **Institution Location:** São Paulo, Brazil

# 1. How did you get interested in the field of ageing?

In the 2nd year of my undergraduate course in Nursing, I had the opportunity to meet one of the most important researchers and professors in the field of geriatric nursing in Brazil, named Professor Sofia Pavarini. She invited me to apply for a scientific research scholarship as my supervisor. After that, I became a member of the research group and have been developing my studies in the field and never stopped. I am interested in geriatrics because I recognize the importance of the research in the field of aging, particularly in Brazil, where population ageing is recent, and happening so fast.

## 2. What are your key responsibilities at your job and/or school?

Nowadays, as a PhD researcher I have the responsibility to finish my PhD thesis, because in three months I need to deliver it. But since starting it, I've had to attend some courses, supervise undergraduate students, conduct research in literature, interview elderly patients, coordinate a group of data collection, enter the data and analyze it, participate and present papers in conferences, submit articles to journals and I also had the opportunity to do a part of my PhD in another country (Portugal).

# 3. Tell us a little about your most recent activities/accomplishments.

My PhD research was conducted with elderly caregivers that care for an elderly care recipient. My research group and I interviewed 351 pairs of elderly caregivers-elderly care recipients to evaluate cognition, frailty, activities of daily living, burden, stress, pain, coping, attitudes toward elderly, hope and religiosity. My thesis is mainly about the attitudes toward elderly and what elderly caregivers think about older people in general. I am finishing some papers about this and I hope soon there will be publications about our findings.

# 4. How long/why did you become a member of IAGG and why is it important for other students to join/attend IAGG?

In my opinion, a member of IAGG can participate in all conferences and regional congresses, receive newsletters, make contact with other researchers in the field and know what has been done in the world regarding the population aging.

# 5. Do you have any tips for emerging gerontology and geriatrics scholars?

The gerontology and geriatric field is very broad, so it is easy to find a theme to research, a research question to answer, or a hypothesis to test. Everybody knows at least one elderly person and is able to help him/her by doing some research and learning about the aging process. Do not get discouraged, because the number of older people is increasing and working with older people is the occupation of the future.

# **IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS**

# **IAGG-GSIA (GLOBAL SOCIAL INITIATIVE ON AGEING)**

GSIA MASTER CLASS: POPULATION AGEING AND THE CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATING PAID WORK AND FAMILY CARE WORK, DUBLIN, APRIL 22-26, 2015

The GSIA ran its first Master Class at the IAGG European Region conference in Dublin in April 2015, convened by **Prof. Sue Yeandle (UK)** and delivered with support from four additional mentors: **GSIA Director Prof. Norah Keating (Canada)**, Prof. Janet Fast (Canada), Prof. Kate O'Loughlin (Australia) and Prof. Judith Phillips (UK).

Addressing the 'Care' theme of the GSIA, through the topic **Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work**, the Master Class focused on supporting participants to conceptualise topics, build personal research agendas, learn more about how to get their work published and develop their scholarly networks. It comprised a full day prior to the start of the IAGG European Region conference, a half-day session at its end, and an individual mentor session for each participant during the conference.





**Sixteen early career scholars** took part. All were currently registered for PhD studies or had recently been awarded a doctorate in a relevant field of study. Joining the class from sixteen universities in **nine countries**, some brought knowledge, links or experience from more than one country, enabling them to share knowledge from many areas of the world: Africa; Australia and New Zealand; North America; East Asia; Europe; the Middle East and South America.

The class was comprised of group sessions led by the mentors with opportunities for discussion and debate, small group work designed to help participants develop their own ideas for publication, and expert contributions from mentors, which explored the Master Class topic from demographic, economic, and policy perspectives. Each participant gave an individual presentation on the opening day, based on a poster prepared for the class in advance, and had a personal mentor session in which they could discuss their topic, career plans and strategies for getting their work published and achieving impact.



Feedback from participants was extremely positive: they particularly valued the expert contributions which helped frame the discussions and debate; the small group work on the posters, in which comments, questions and feedback gave them valued support in thinking about how to present, share and promote their own work; the social events and opportunities for networking and to connect with the IAGG Council of Student Organizations, which significantly enhanced their experience of the IAGG conference; and the mentor sessions in which they received personalised advice and guidance.

# **IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS**

The Master Class was made possible by: funding provided by the IAGG for the GSIA; administrative support and funding made available by the University of Leeds through a Worldwide Universities Network award; the contribution of time and expertise by the Master Class convenor and mentors; and the support many participants had from their home universities. GSIA bursaries enabled some participants to attend who would otherwise not have been able to travel to Dublin to benefit from the class or the conference.

# The GSIA Master Class participants in April 2015 were:

No.	Name	University	Country
1	Dr. Katie Aubrecht	Mount Saint Vincent University	Canada
2	Johanne Brady	University of Sydney	Australia
3	Glenna Brewster	University of South Florida	USA
4	Tracey-Lee Dalton	University of Auckland	New Zealand
5	Shanika Donalds	University of Alberta	Canada
6	Karen Hanley	University of Brighton	UK
7	Natasha Ginnivan	Australian National University	Australia
8	Ignatius Gutsa	University of Harare	Zimbabwe
9	Claudia Meyer	La Trobe University	Australia
10	Dr. Joohong Min	University of Southern California	USA
11	Isaac Kabelenga	University of Lapland	Finland
12	Dr. Carol Kelleher	University College Cork	Ireland
13	Andi Celine Martin	University of Regina	Canada
14	Sigal Naim	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Israel
15	Jenny Read	University of Leeds	UK
16	Gustavo Sugahara	Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences	Norway

# The GSIA Master Class mentors in April 2015 were:

No.	Name	Department	University	Country
1	Dr. Janet Fast	Professor of Human Ecology	University of Alberta	Canada
2	Dr. Norah Keating	Professor of Family Gerontology	University of Alberta	Canada
			Swansea University	UK
			North West University	South Africa
3		Professor of Behavioural and Social Sciences in Health, Faculty of Health Sciences	University of Sydney	Australia
4		Professor of Gerontology, Director of the Centre for Ageing and Dementia Research	Swansea University	UK
5	Dr. Sue Yeandle	Professor of Sociology and Director of CIRCLE, Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities	University of Leeds	UK

# **UN ACTIVITIES**

# **UN GENEVA NGO COMMITTEE, APRIL 29, 2015**

The NGO Committee Meeting was held in Geneva, Palais des Nations on April 29, 2015. The meeting discussed (1) the Adoption of Minutes of February 17, (2) the Review of the 28th Human Rights Council and Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), (3) the Outcome of the WHO Ministerial Meeting on Dementia held on March 16-17, and (4) the new REPORTS. Ms. Silvia PEREL-LEVINE (International Longevity Centre – ILC) led the meeting as the chair of the committee, and Prof. Alain FRANCO as well as Prof. Michel ORIS, IAGG Representative to the United Nations European Missions, participated in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the upcoming reports which may be of interest for those involved in ageing as below:

- GAROP: In Our Own Words by Help Age International
- Age International: Facing the Facts
- What is Next in Aging Europe: AG!NG by the World Bank
- Global Ageing and Health by WHO
- Age-friendly Cities Indicators Guide by WHO







Prof. FRANCO presented to the Committee a special symposium organized at the IAGG-ER 8th Congress, Dublin, April 23-26, 2015. The title of the symposium was *Challenging Ageism: a new convention on the rights of older people*. The Co-Chairs were Ms. Susan SOMERS (President of INPEA) and Prof. Heung Bong CHA (President of IAGG). The speakers included Ms. Susan SOMERS, Prof. Israel DORON, Prof. Alain FRANCO, Ms. Bridget SLEAP, and Ms. Eilinoir FLYNN, and the session was moderated by Mr. Ken BLUESTONE (Age International).

For more information on the NGO Committee on Ageing in Geneva, please go to www.ageingcommitteegeneva.org

# FALLING BETWEEN THE CRACKS: ABUSE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST OLDER WOMEN MARKING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY, JUNE 15, 2015

The NGO Committee Meeting organized a side event, in collaboration with UN OHCHR, to address the specificities of violence against older women and raise awareness on their risk of abuse and violence. The event was held in Geneva, Palais des Nations with sponsorship from UNFPA and the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Mozambique, Slovenia, Spain and the USA. The details of the program are as follows:

# **Opening words:**

- Natacha Foucard, Chief a.i, Groups and Accountability Section, Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR
- Susan Somers, President, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

# Speakers:

- Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (TBC)
- H.E. Regina Maria Cordeiro Dunlop, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN in Geneva
- Francelina Romao, Health Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mozambique
- Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva
- Bridget Sleap, Senior Rights Advisor, HelpAge International Interventions from the floor by sponsors and interactive debate

Moderator: Alanna Armitage, Director of UNFPA office in Geneva

Website: http://ageingcommitteegeneva.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Flyer-side-event-WEAAD\_2015.pdf

# **UN ACTIVITIES**

# UN 6TH SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING

The 6th Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, from July 13-16, 2015. Prof. Sung-Jae CHOI, IAGG Secretary General and other IAGG UN representatives will attend the meeting. For more information, please visit the UN website: <a href="http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/">http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/</a>

# INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGEING - INTRENATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL POLICY



The International Institute on Ageing, United Nations – Malta, in collaboration with **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**, will be organizing an International Training Program in 'Policy Formulation, Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing', which is scheduled to take place in Malta, from **November 28 - December 5, 2015**.



This multi-disciplinary Training Program in Social Policy, designed by an International Expert Group, is aimed at discussing the implications of population ageing, underscoring the importance of including ageing issues in a country's development planning and discussing options for policy formulation and program/services implementation. It also aims at providing a broad and up-to-date understanding of the complex and far-reaching consequences of mass longevity. Participants are helped to evolve and implement appropriate policies that will ensure the quality of life and well-being of older persons in their societies. The program consists of lectures, seminars, site-visits and workshops. Topics dealt with include: 1) understanding the commitments of the *Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing* as well as the *Regional Implementation Strategies*; 2) ensuring that policies in response to population ageing have a holistic approach and are implemented in a coordinated manner over a wide range of policy areas; 3) exploring ways of facilitating the participation of all stakeholders namely: governments, civil society, the family, the community and the older persons themselves; 4) collecting and disseminating the best knowledge and evidence based practices available regarding adequate policy responses to population ageing and 5) monitoring progress towards the achievement of the Priority Directions and Recommendation of the *Madrid International Plan of Action*.

Applications are invited from **policy-makers and decision-makers** in the field of Ageing in developing countries. They should be directly engaged in policy-and-decision-making for older persons in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors in their own country.

The cost of participating in the program is US\$ 2,680. This includes full board accommodation, tuition, and accident insurance for the period covering the participant's stay in Malta during the program.

### Please be advised that:

Air travel to and from Malta, is **NOT** included

Accident insurance does not cover any days spent in Malta beyond the days of the programme, and does **NOT** include any medical, travel or baggage coverage

Anyone interested in applying for the above training programme should fill in the online application form by following this link: <a href="http://www.inia.org.mt/training.html">http://www.inia.org.mt/training.html</a>

Moreover, one is also requested to forward the following:

- 1. Proof of proficiency in English
- 2. A letter of recommendation from the director of your organization
- 3. A personal letter (giving reasons for attending the course)
- 4. Copies of relevant certificates

Closing Date: August 31st, 2015

# NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

# ARGENTINA SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS (SOCIEDAD ARGENTINA DE GERONTOLOGÍA Y GERIATRÍA)

# **NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



The President of the Gerontological Society of Argentina has a new Board of Directors as below, effective from April 15, 2015. IAGG extends our heartfelt congratulations to all members and looks forward to fruitful collaboration in the future!

Title	Name	
President	Prof. Dr. José Ricardo Jauregui	
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Vice-President of Gerontology	Dra. María Julieta Oddone	
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Pro - Secretary	Dra. Sara Iajnuk	
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	Prof. Dra. Adriana María Adela Alfano	
	Dr. Ricardo Alejandro Blanco	
	Dr. Jorge Horacio José Schifis	
	Dra. Patricia Carmen Casanova	
	Dr. Mariano Alejandro Quezel	
Substitute Board Members Prof. Dr. Hector David Martínez Crosetto		
	Dr. Carlos Engel	
	Lic. Ester Viviana Lugo	

# **BRITISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY**



# **UPCOMING MEETINGS IN 2015**

The British Geriatrics Society would like to draw attention of the IAGG members for the following events:

Conferences	Period	Venue	Website
European Delirium Association & British Geriatrics Society's Dementia Special Interest Group Meeting	September 4-6, 2015	KCL London	https://www.eiseverywhere.com//ehome/120588
16th International Falls and Postural Stability Meeting	September 11, 2015	Wembley Hilton London	https://www.eiseverywhere.com//ehome/118412
1st British Geriatrics Society's 'Oncology Special Interest Group' meeting	September 18, 2015	London	https://www.eiseverywhere.com//ehome/120593
16th Annual British Geriatrics Society's 'Cardiovascular Section' Meeting	September 18, 2015	London	http://bgscv.org.uk/meetings/
British Geriatrics Society Autumn Meeting	October 14-16, 2015	Brighton	https://www.eiseverywhere.com//ehome/106656

# **BRITISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY'S BLOG**

The British Geriatrics Society would also like to invite IAGG members to view, and contribute, to the British Geriatrics Society's regular and lively blog published several times each week: <a href="https://britishgeriatricssociety.wordpress.com/">https://britishgeriatricssociety.wordpress.com/</a>

# NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

## JAPAN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

# Meeting

On June 12-14, 2015, in Yokohama, Japan, the 29th Meeting of the Japan Gerontological Society (President: Hideki Ito, M.D., Ph.D., Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology) was held. The event was jointly hosted by the Japan Geriatrics Society, Japan Society, Japan Society, Japan Society for Biomedical Gerontology, Japanese Society of Gerodentology, Japanese Psychogeriatric Society, Japan Society of Care Management, and Japan Academy of Gerontological Nursing.

#### **Social Activities**

The Japan Gerontological Society and Japan Geriatrics Society have reexamined the appropriateness of the conventional definition of older persons by chronological age of 65.

#### **Education**

The 9th Geriatrics and Gerontology Summer Seminar for undergraduate medical students (years 4-6) hosted by the Japan Geriatrics Society and National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology will be held in July 30 - 31, 2015, in Karuizawa, Nagano, Japan.

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# **TURKISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY**

#### **Turkish Journal of Geriatrics**

The official scientific organ of the Turkish Geriatrics Society is the "Turkish Journal of Geriatrics," which is 18 years old and indexed in the Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Science Citation Index, Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition, Index Copernicus Master List, EMBASE, SCOPUS, ELSEVIER, EBSCO, TÜBİTAK - ULAKBİM "Turkish Medical

Index," Turkish Medline and Turkish Citation Index.





# **Geriatrics and Gerontology Courses**

The Geriatrics and Gerontology courses are organized regularly. The pictures of the current as well as the previous courses were sent by the Turkish Geriatrics Society as below.



# **NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES**





# **Public Education and Other Meetings**

Public education activities and meetings are organized and performed in collaboration with local municipalities.







Month/Date/Year	Event	Venue	
July 30- August 2, 2015	30- August 2, 2015 The 2nd World Congress on Healthy Ageing Website: http://www.wcha2015.com/index.html		
August 20-22, 2015  International Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics: Present and Future OB: Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Website: http://www.gerontology.moh.mn/index.php/en/icgg2015		Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	
October 19-22, 2015	October 19-22, 2015  IAGG's 10th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress  OB: Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine  Website: http://iagg2015.org/		
October 23-25, 2015	October 23-25, 2015  44th Annual Scientific of Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG A 2015)  OB: Canadian Association on Gerontology  Website: http://CAG2015.ca		
November 14-16, 2015	XVII National Congress OB: Mexico Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics Website: http://www.sociedadgemac.org.mx/	Mexico City, Mexico	
November 17-18, 2015	Care EXPO - IAGG Symposium Website: http://www.careexpochina.com/?cat=373	Shanghai, China	
November 18-22, 2015	68th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America OB: Gerontological Society of America Website: https://www.geron.org/meetings-events/gsa-annual-scientific-meeting	Orlando, USA	
December 2-3, 2015	2nd International Research Conference on Nursing Homes OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: http://www.nursing-home-research.com	Toulouse University Hospital Headquarters, France	
June 19-22, 2016	23rd Nordic Congress of Gerontology OB: Finnish Gerontological Society Website: http://23nkg.fi/index.html	Tampere, Finland	
June 21-23, 2016	International Federation on Ageing 13th Global Conference, Disasters in an Ageing World: Readiness, Resilience and Recovery Website: http://ifa2016.org.au/	Brisbane, Australia	
June 30-July 2, 2016	Congress of Cardiovascular Prevention in Pre-Elderly and Elderly Individuals (CPPEI) Website: http://cardioelderly.org/	Bratislava, Slovakia	
July 23-27, 2017	21st IAGG World Congress OB: Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Website: http://www.iagg2017.org	San Franciso, USA	
2021	22nd IAGG World Congress OB: Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	

# **IAGG REGIONAL CONGRESSES**

IAGG ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, OCTOBER 19-22, 2015



The 21st IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress has been arranged to be held at the International Convention and

Exhibition Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from October 19-22, 2015.

**Theme:** Healthy Ageing Beyond Frontiers

**Sub-Theme:** Clinical Medicine: Health Promotion for Active Ageing, Biological Science: Molecular Biology as Possible Enhancers for Healthy Ageing and Longevity, Social & Behavioral Science: Active and Dignified Ageing, Social Research & Planning Scientific: Social Research and Policy Response for Ageing beyond Frontiers

**Speakers:** There will be 70 speakers during the conference, of which 7 speakers for Plenary Lecture and 64 local and overseas invited speakers, with 540 sessions of Oral presentations and 128 sessions of Symposiums.

## **Abstract Topics:**

**Epidemiology, Clinical Practice and Health:** Longitudinal studies on ageing; Healthy ageing; Comprehensive geriatric assessment; Cognitive impairment and rehabilitation; Pain assessment and management; Continence, Falls and Mobility; Psychiatric disorders; Depression; Osteoporosis and fracture prevention and management; Respiratory disorders; Cardiovascular disease; Cerebrovascular disease; Progressive neurological disorders; Neoplastic diseases in older people; Metabolic syndromes; Diabetes mellitus; Hypertension; Immunization of older people; Infection

in older people; Geriatric oral health; Emergency care for older people; Peri-operative care for older people; Rehabilitation; Medication management; Quality in health care; Quality in residential care; Quality of life; Effective exercise approaches; Nutritional assessment and management; Translating evidence into practice

Behavioral and Social Sciences: Family dynamics and mental health; Work and retirement; Learning and education; Gender issues in ageing; Volunteering and community service; Cognitive impairment processes in ageing; Mental health and well-being; Cognitive impairment and quality of life; Ageing well; Active ageing; Mental health and primary care; Mental health in rural and regional areas; Social engagement and participation; Mental health; Cognitive assessment; Impact of global financial pressures on ageing well; Healthy adaptation to retirement; Stress and ageing; Pastoral care; Spirituality and ageing; Understanding lived experience; Voices of older people (eg. self-help/advocacy); Everyday lives of older people

**Biological Sciences:** Models of ageing; Genetics of longevity and ageing; Mechanisms of ageing and longevity; Biomarkers of ageing; Oxidative stress and ageing; Ageing and metabolism; Stem cell and cell therapy of age related diseases; Pharmacogenetics; nutrigenics and ageing; Molecular etiology of age related disease; Protein aggregation and ageing; Nutritional interventions; Lipoproteins and atherosclerosis; Health food and herbal medicine

Social Research, Planning and Practice: Trends of Asia / Oceania ageing; Globalization and ageing; Care-giving; Aged care; Indigenous elders; Indigenous services; Refugee and migrant elders; Culture and cultural differences; Home and community based service models and outcomes; Ensuring quality care in residential care; Person centered services; Best practice in aged care nursing; Nursing and other workforce issues; Dying well (preparing for natural death at end of life); Housing for older people; Pension reform and social security; Discrimination on age and gender; Population ageing and social policy; Suicide in older people; Urbanization and migration; Living to advanced age; Technology adoption; The built environment; Age friendly environments/communities; Working into older age; The mass media and older people; Poverty, Welfare, Homelessness, Family and intergenerational relationships; Abuse and neglect

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# **IAGG WORLD CONGRESS**



# 21st WORLD CONGRESS, SAN FRANCISCO, USA, JULY 23-27, 2017

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) will be hosting IAGG's 21st World Congress in San Francisco, USA. In view of GSA's long experience in organizing major events and of the city's important conference facilities, IAGG 2017 will be sure not to disappoint. The theme of this future milestone will be "Global Ageing and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice." In the meantime visit the congress website launched in June 2013.

## **Key dates**

- April 1, 2016: Call for Abstracts Opens
- July 15, 2016: Deadline for Abstract Submission
- **December 15, 2016:** Notifications of Abstract Decisions, Registration and Accommodations Open, Call for Late Breaking Abstracts
- February 15, 2017: Late Breaker Submission Deadline
- May 2, 2017: Early Bird Registration Deadline
- **July 23–27, 2017:** The 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics (*Dates subject to change*)

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# 22nd WORLD CONGRESS 2021, ARGENTINA, 2021







IAGG 2021 Buenos Aires, Argentina The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentinean Society of Gerontology (AGA), both Member Societies of IAGG, united together to present their candidacy in view of hosting the 22nd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled for 2021.

# **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY MEMBER SOCIETIES**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS: PRESENT AND FUTURE, ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA, AUG 20-22, 2015

# **Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics**



To commemorate its anniversary, the Mongolian National Gerontology Center in collaboration with the Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics is planning to organize an international conference in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from August 20-22, 2015. The conference aims to provide a forum to discuss the current state of Gerontology and Geriatrics and to identify some of its vital problems. It intends to bring

together researchers, policy makers, social workers and health workers from the medical and academic worlds to report and discuss on the latest information and experiences on this subject.

This is a great opportunity for professionals to present their ideas to doctors and researchers eager for the advancement of the health of older persons as well as visiting the beautiful country of Mongolia.

We believe the knowledge they bring to this conference will inspire developing nations to focus more light onto the field of Gerontology and Geriatrics.

# • Conference topics include:

- Clinical sciences
- Social and behavioral sciences
- Biological sciences
- Pharmacy and traditional medicine
- Policy making, planning and practice

## • Featured Speakers:

- Dr. Cullen T. Hayashida (University of Hawaii)
- Dr. Dong Hee Han (Research Institute of Science for the Better Living of the Elderly: RISBLE)
- Ms. Thelma Kay (former Chief of the Social Development Division of UNESCAP)

# • Registration & Abstracts:

- Regular registration: July 15, 2015
- Abstract submission deadline: July 1, 2015
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For more information, you can visit the conference website at: <a href="http://www.gerontology.moh.mn/index.php/en/icgg2015">http://www.gerontology.moh.mn/index.php/en/icgg2015</a>



# FROM POSSIBILITY TO PRACTICE IN AGEING, ALBERTA, CANADA, OCTOBER 23-25, 2015

# **Canadian Association on Gerontology**



The Canadian Association on Gerontology welcomes you to exciting Calgary, Alberta for Canada's premier multidisciplinary conference for those interested in individual and population ageing.

CAG2015 is hosted by the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary (<a href="http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/">http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/</a>).

Website: <a href="http://CAG2015.ca">http://CAG2015.ca</a>

# Ageing Population and Advanced Aged-Care Practice in China, SHANGHAI, CHINA, November 17-18, 2015

**Care EXPO China** 



Care EXPO, in its fourth year in China, is in good company with other similar events globally as it fills a pressing need in China. Care EXPO, along with other similar events in Europe, provides a much needed B2B platform for the aging care industry in China. As China approaches 2020 the demand for greater geriatric services, seniors' products and nursing home accommodations will create a marketplace in excess of 500 billion

RMB annually. Care EXPO, China's largest multinational aging care communications and trading platform, offers you an excellent vantage point to penetrate this market.

In 2015, Care EXPO rebranded and renewed its commitment to advancing leadership in aging through innovation and expanded access to aging-care business opportunities in China. In addition to the main conference which is known for thought leadership, master classes with IAGG (International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics) and ADI (Alzheimer's Disease International) will provide in-depth learning for practitioners. Care EXPO offers a strong and distinct voice for customers as it strives to expand the world of possibilities for the China aging-care industry.

Website: <a href="http://www.careexpochina.com/">http://www.careexpochina.com/</a>

# 23RD NORDIC CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY, TAMPERE, FINLAND, JUNE 19-22, 2016 Finnish Gerontological Society



On behalf of the Nordic Gerontological Federation, we invite you to share with your colleagues the most recent findings, ideas and innovations about ageing. Our ageing society urgently needs scientific knowledge to enable longer lives to reach their full potential. Better ageing means a better society for all. The theme of the congress is therefore 'Good ageing – better society'.

The Nordic congresses traditionally emphasize multidisciplinary perspectives on ageing and the life course. 23 NKG is a meeting place for all researchers and professionals, whether they are in social sciences, health research, medicine, nursing, biology, humanities, services research or any other field of scientific enquiry. Our special aim is to create sessions at which experts from different disciplines can meet and learn from each other. The 23 NKG is also a place for meeting old and new friends, for enjoying the conference's social programme, Finnish nature and Tampere's many cultural attractions. We look forward to meeting you in Tampere in June 2016!

Website: www.23nkg.fi

**Deadline for abstracts**: February 27, 2016 **End of early bird registration**: March 15, 2016

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# **OTHERS**

# **ETHICS IN DEMENTIA CARE SUMMER COURSE**

Leuven, Belgium, July 1-3, 2015



# **ETHICS IN DEMENTIA CARE**

Summer Course

The Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law of the KU Leuven is organizing the 1st edition of the Summer Course on Ethics in Dementia Care (Leuven, Belgium, 1-3 July 2015). The objective of the course is to foster exchanges on foundational, clinical-ethical and organizational-ethical approaches to dementia care practices.

During the Summer Course, national and international experts will give presentations on various ethical topics in the domain of dementia care. There will be time for intensive discussions. The language of instruction will be English.

The Summer Course is of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, gerontology, health care administration, philosophy and theology, and to PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas. Detailed information on program, funding opportunities, registration and payment can be found at our website <a href="https://www.cbmer.be">www.cbmer.be</a> under Summer Course.

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ACTIVE AGEING

# Wanchai, Hong Kong, July 3, 2015

The Institute of Active Ageing (IAA) is an interdisciplinary research and academic center for the advancement of knowledge and practice to facilitate active ageing.

In celebration of the 5th anniversary of the Institute of Active Ageing, the Hong Kong Polytech University is organizing an "International Symposium on Active Ageing" on 3 July, 2015 to showcase its research and practice on active ageing.

Featured speakers are as below:

## KEYNOTE

Prof. Hiroyuki MURATA (Tohoku University, Japan) Dr. Kathryn L. BRAUN (University of Hawaii, USA)

#### HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY SPEAKERS

Ir Prof. Yong-ping ZHENG (Head, Interdisciplinary Division of Biomedical Engineering)

Dr. Kam HUNG (Assistant Professor, School of Hotel and Tourism Management)

Dr. Alma AU (Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences)

Dr. Jackie KWOK (Associate Professor, School of Design)

• **WEBSITE:** <a href="http://web01.fhss.polyu.edu.hk/php1/event/iaa\_conf.php?event\_name=iaaconf&tab=iaaconf\_1">http://web01.fhss.polyu.edu.hk/php1/event/iaa\_conf.php?event\_name=iaaconf&tab=iaaconf\_1</a>



# **OTHERS**

# INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGEING 13TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE, DISASTERS IN AN AGEING WORLD: READINESS, RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

Brisbane, Australia, June 21-23, 2016



The International Federation on Ageing 13th Global Conference will be held in Brisbane, Australia, from the 21 - 23 June 2016. The program will focus on Disasters in an Ageing World as well as exchanging knowledge on Age Friendly Cities and Communities; Care and Support for Older People (Community and Residential); Elder Abuse, Law and Rights; and Income Protection and Security. The

Conference will provide a platform for decisions makers, practitioners, researchers, service providers and community members to share their experiences to support and empower rapidly ageing populations worldwide.

The program will primarily focus on Disasters in an Ageing World, reflecting on both natural and man-made disasters. We will explore approaches to risk reduction, readiness, resilience, response and recovery with the goal of understanding how to establish and design more age friendly, disaster prepared communities. In addition to this, the Conference seeks to also explore a broad range of age related issues.

Please visit the website for further information: <a href="http://ifa2016.org.au/">http://ifa2016.org.au/</a>.

# CONGRESS OF CARDIOVASCULAR PREVENTION IN PRE-ELDERLY AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS (CPPEI) 2016

Bratislava, Slovakia, June 30-July 2, 2016



The 1st Congress of Cardiovascular Prevention in Pre-Elderly and Elderly Individuals (CPPEI 2016) will take place in Bratislava, Slovakia on June 30-July 2, 2016.

The Congress has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of the latest

research developments in cardiovascular medicine, as well as responses to the most debatable issues primarily in the areas of the prevention of hypertension, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, coronary artery disease, heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias, stroke and acute coronary syndromes in Pre-Elderly and Elderly Individuals.

Many distinguished cardiologists and scientists have joined the faculty and will take part in this Congress. Papers will be presented in the form of plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, oral presentations and posters and will include superb scientific material that will be carefully selected by the Scientific Abstract Review Committee.

Website: http://cardioelderly.org/

# IAGG ADMINISTRATION

# □ IAGG ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Invoices for 2015 Annual Dues have been sent to member associations and societies. Please send your dues to the Korea Exchange Bank as indicated below. Any questions about dues or payments should be sent by e-mail: <a href="mailto:iaggseoul@hotmail.com">iaggseoul@hotmail.com</a>

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