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LET US ACT TO ENHANCE RESEARCH AND AWARENESS IN AGEING ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

Toulouse, December 10th, 2010



IAGG/WHO Global Research Network on Health & Ageing

With the support of the World Health Organization, IAGG aims to build worldwide research capacity in Ageing will be enhanced by the set-up of a major network of 500 Centres of Excellence dedicated to social gerontology, basic sciences and clinical gerontology. Experts will be invited to

- exchange information about all types of topics related to ageing,
- set up contacts between all actors in these fields: specialists, academics, industry, health authorities, other scientific networks etc,
- be involved in highlighting the importance of Gerontology in the world.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the identification work. It was provided by IAGG members: national scientific societies from each country, regional presidents and current collaborating centres. More than 1200 potential candidates were listed: 634 contacts came from Europe, 385 from North America, 30 from South America, 151 from Asia/Oceania and 11 came from Africa.

The selection process was launched beginning of September 2010 and the potential candidates were invited to complete a validation questionnaire. Details are currently being recorded and today 267 centres have already been registered.

This process will end on December 31st, 2010. After this deadline, it will not be possible to participate. So, **please invite all your national centers** concerned by social, biological, behavioural and clinical gerontology **to apply and complete** on-line the questionnaire before this date at the dedicated website <http://www.celsius-exhibition.com/iagg>.

Following these criterias and the willingness of each candidate, they can be selected to become full member of the Network after final approval of a Scientific Committee. Of course, you will be informed of the global outcomes in our next Newsletter. For more information, do not hesitate to contact Constance de SEYNES, our Executive Board Officer at seynes@cict.fr.



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The IAGG / WHO / SFGG Workshops

In our last Newsletter we mentioned the organization of four different workshops with the support of the [IAGG](#), [WHO - World Health Organization](#) and the [SFGG - French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology](#).

Workshop n°1

On June 4th, 2010, ten international experts and ten observers got together in Toulouse to define recommendations on the **“Identification of the main domains for quality of care and clinical research in nursing homes”**. Chaired by Prof John MORLEY (St Louis, USA) and Prof Yves ROLLAND (Toulouse, France) the participants presented their works on the following topics:

“Major Issues in Improving Nursing Home Care” (USA)

“Integration of Palliative Care in U.S. Nursing Homes” (USA)

“End-of-life Care for Individuals with Dementia Promoting Quality of Life” (USA)

“Chinese Nursing Homes: Now and the Future” (China)

“Promoting Evidence Informed Improvements within Care Homes: Nursing Perspectives” (UK)

“Pain Management in Nursing Homes as a Marker of Quality of Care” (Italy)

“Description of the REHPA Study on French nursing residents” (France)

“From Epidemiological and Clinical Research to Models of Care” (Spain)

“Long-term Care Medical Education in the US: Training Medical Students, Resident Physicians and Practicing Physicians”

“Identifying Best Practice for Nursing Homes and Home Care” (WHO)

You can see the videos of the lectures and read the related articles on the IAGG [website](#). The final recommendations will be distributed to IAGG members, WHO networks, UN organizations and national health authorities. A large distribution will be ensured by IAGG, so that all around the world you can benefit from this high level work.

We take this opportunity to thank once again all the participants for their involvement. They accepted to give their time, their energy and their expertise for the benefit of all, making this event rewarding and enlightening.

Workshop n°2

Dedicated to **“Health promotion program on prevention of late onset dementia”**, this event will be organized in Geneva in January 2011. It will take into account the large intervention studies that are currently undergone and the related findings that should be announced during autumn 2010. The prevention of late dementia being multidomain, the topics will deal with different aspects such as social, physical and cognitive activities. The program is currently under construction.

Workshop n°3

“Promoting access to innovation and clinical research for frail old persons” will be the title of this third international encounter. The work will include social innovation, such as home program and technology innovation, such as biomarkers. This workshop is scheduled beginning of 2012 and its location has yet to be confirmed.

Workshop n°4

“Human rights for older persons” Understanding and awareness of the need for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons has become a reality today. A workshop will be organized to treat this important issue. The date and place of this event has yet to be confirmed.



1st IAGG International Intensive Course on Ageing

Registration is now open!

The 1st Intensive Course on Ageing organized from June 30th to July 1st, 2011 in Barcelona, Spain, under the auspices of the IAGG has its dedicated [website](#). You can

- view the preliminary program
- obtain updated information
- **register directly**
- keep contact with the organizers

Of course, we will keep you informed of the developments and outcomes of this event. In the meantime, you can disseminate the information to your fellow colleagues, members of organizations, students etc.

We will welcome the following Course Directors:

- Jaime FITTEN (USA), Professor of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine of the University of California (UCLA) in Los Angeles, and Director of Geriatric Psychiatry at the Greater Los Angeles (GLA) Veterans Administration, Sepulveda,
- Norah KEATING (Canada), Professor and Co-director of Research on Aging, Policies and Practice at the University of Alberta in Edmonton,
- Antoni SALVA (Spain), Director of the Institut de l'Envel·liment of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona,
- Alan SINCLAIR (UK), Professor of Medicine, Director of the Institute of Diabetes for Older People (IDOP) at the University of Bedfordshire,
- Bruno VELLAS (France), Professor of Medicine, Chief Department of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Chief of Alzheimer's Disease Clinical Research Centre at the Toulouse University Hospital, and President of the International Association for Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG).





The preliminary program of the 1st Intensive Course on Ageing will feature:

June 30 th , 2011	Alzheimer's disease: from basic science to quality of life	Speakers
Session 1.1	Treatment for Alzheimer's disease. What's new ?	Pr Bruno Vellas (Toulouse, France)
Session 1.2	Biomarkers in AD	Pr Teresa Gómez Isla (Barcelona, Spain)
Session 1.3	Management of behaviour disorders in long-term care	Pr Jaime Fitten (Los Angeles, USA)
Session 1.4	Support the autonomy and wellbeing of dementia patients in long-term care	Pr Norah Keating (Vancouver, Canada)
	Alzheimer's disease: from basic science to quality of life	
Workshop 1.1	Psycho-social interventions in dementia	Pr Norah Keating (Vancouver, Canada)
Workshop 1.2	Preventive trial in AD	Pr Sandrine Andrieu (Toulouse, France)
	Nutrition and ageing	
Session 2.1	Psycho-social interventions to decrease risk of malnutrition	Pr Jean-Pierre Poulain (Toulouse, France)
Session 2.2	Vitamin D: implications in geriatrics	Pr Heike Bischoff-Ferrari (Zurich, Switzerland)
Session 2.3	Obesity and ageing	Pr Patrick Ritz (Toulouse, France)
	Nutrition and ageing	
Workshop 2.1	Managing CV risk in nursing homes	Pr Athanase Benetos (Nancy, France)
Workshop 2.2	Caloric restriction in ageing	Pr Patrick Ritz (Toulouse, France)

July 1 st , 2011	Frailty	Speakers
Session 3.1	Gerontechnology: moving from disease to function paradigms	Pr Alain Franco (Nice, France)
Session 3.2	Sarcopenia	Pr Yves Rolland (Toulouse, France)
Session 3.3	Diabetes and Frailty: how are these related and what interventions are available?	Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
	Frailty	
Workshop 3.1	Frailty vs active ageing	Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
Workshop 3.2	Diagnosing sarcopenia and frailty	Pr Yves Rolland (Toulouse, France)
	Metabolic & cardiovascular diseases	
Session 4.1	Biology	Pr Tom Kirkwood (Newcastle, UK)
Session 4.2	Prescribing physical activity for older persons	Pr Daniel Rivière (Toulouse, France)
Session 4.3	Epidemiology and pathogenesis of diabetes in older people	Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK)
	Metabolic & cardiovascular diseases	
Workshop 4.1	Basic science	Pr Angelo Parini (Toulouse, France)
Workshop 4.2	Diabetes management: the place of insulin, oral hypoglycemic agents and new drugs	Pr Alan Sinclair (Bedfordshire, UK) Pr H�el�ene Hanaire (Toulouse, France)



UNITED NATIONS REPORT

A team of NGOs to support ageing issues

As already mentioned in our previous Newsletter, a collaboration between IAGG and eight other international NGOs was set up in 2008 to promote international Ageing issues and to launch together an action for the worldwide respect of the Human Rights for the aged persons. The pool includes the following organizations:

❖ AARP International (American Association of Retired Persons) ❖ Age UK ❖ GAA (Global Action on Aging) ❖ HelpAge International ❖ IAHSA (International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing) ❖ IFA (International Federation of Aging) ❖ ILC-US (International Longevity Center) ❖ INPEA (International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse) ❖ and the IAGG of course

Draw attention

An Open Letter to United Nations' Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon was drafted on September 9th, 2010 by the pool of NGOs. The signers request that the Rights of Older Persons be supported and the role of old men and women be recognized in accelerating progress towards the MDGs. You can read the details of the letter on our [website](#).

Raise awareness

The pool of NGOs has recently published a pamphlet "Strengthening Older People's Rights: Towards a UN Convention". The PDF document can be found on our [website](#) in two different versions: English and French. This publication was produced to reinforce understanding and awareness of the need for a special rapporteur and convention on the rights of older people. It aims to provide the arguments and tools for engaging people - from older women and men themselves, to civil society organizations to government officials - across the globe in debate about older people's rights and the role of a convention and Special Rapporteur. It also suggests ways in which individuals and civil society organizations can promote these new human rights instruments in their countries.

We actively encourage you to share this publication as widely as possible and to translate it into the languages that you work in. A design template can be made available to help you do this. For further information, please contact Ken Bluestone at ken.bluestone@ace.org.uk

Gender inequality towards older women

The Pool of NGOs made a joint submission on gender inequality related to older women for the Annual Ministerial Review session of the 2010 UN-ECOSOC High Level Segment held last July 2010.

The group worked together to submit a written statement on the implementation of key international commitments and goals on gender inequality in relation to older women. It reports that ageing and discrimination against older women are rarely considered and argues that it is imperative to respond to the gender implications of population ageing if gender inequality is to be adequately addressed. Finally, it makes recommendations for action to take this forward. If you want further details, you can go to our [website](#) to read the document.



Last minute information from Africa

Following the 2nd Session of the African Union (AU) Conference of Ministers of Social Development which was held in Khartoum, Sudan from 21st to 25th November, 2010, the following landmark resolutions on ageing were passed:

CALL UPON Member States to provide access for older persons in Africa to social protection programmes, such as access to revenue for those without pension and access to health care,

DECIDE on the establishment of the Advisory Council on Ageing,

REQUEST the African Commission on the Human and People's Rights to include the Advisory Council on Ageing on the ongoing work on a draft additional Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) focusing on Ageing to render the Council a firm legal basis,

DECIDE that, pending the conclusion of the Protocol on Ageing and the establishment of the Advisory Council, the mandate of the current Steering committee on ageing be extended.

REQUEST the African Union (AU) Commission to continue assisting the Steering Committee on Ageing with resource mobilization for its functioning.

In collaboration with the NGO Committee on Ageing at UN-NYC, the IAGG is happy to observe that this is an important step towards achieving full human rights for older persons around the globe.



Celebration of IAGG's 60th anniversary in Belgium

60 years dedicated to Gerontology and Geriatrics around the world: to celebrate this important milestone, the Belgian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics organized an academic session on September 10th, 2010 at the international conference center of Bruxelles. Mr Yves LETERME, Belgian Prime Minister, and Mr. C. Decoster, Director General Ministry of Health, were present at the ceremony. The event was broadcasted live for viewing through the Net and can be seen during the next month on the IAGG website. The program included speeches from:

- Jean-Pierre BAEYENS (IAGG Europe Chair) "Introduction"
- Jean PETERMANS (Université de Liège) on "The early beginning of IAG in Liège"
- Nele VAN DEN NOORGATE (President BSGG) on "The Belgian care program for geriatric patients"
- Bruno VELLAS (IAGG World President) on "IAGG today"
- Athanase BENETOS (IAGG Treasurer) on "Nobel Prize of Medicine 2009: Telomeres and ageing"
- Jozef PACOLET (HIVA KULeuven) on "Affordability of the care of the older persons"
- C. DECOSTER (Director General Ministry of Health)
- Yves LETERME (Prime Minister of Belgium)

A bit of history

The founders of the IAG were a small but highly dedicated group who saw the need for promoting the science of gerontology world wide. They recognised the importance of forming an international organization made up of associations concerned with research and/or training in ageing to further these aims. Initially major emphasis was placed on fundamental biological, physiological and biomedical aspects of ageing, but from the beginning the need to consider research in behavioural, psychological and social arenas, as well as from the perspective of the humanities, was acknowledged.

The Association, first known as the International Association of Gerontological Societies (IAGS), came into being at the First International Congress of Gerontology held in Liège, Belgium in July 1950 where it gathered 113 gerontologists from 14 countries. The Association's name was changed in the same year to the International Association of Gerontology (IAG). In 2005, the Council members approved the adding to "Geriatrics" to the name, and it became the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics - IAGG. The last 60 years has seen the IAGG develop from a relatively small organization to a major international community represented today by 71 national societies from 64 different countries, with a combined membership of more than 40.000 practitioners.

From time to time, such as when the 1982 United Nations World Assembly on Ageing was held, the IAG has had the opportunity to contribute to global considerations and debates on issues associated with individual and population ageing. In 2009, the IAGG was established with a United Nations' ECOSOC Special Consultative Status and today our organization is allowed to make oral and written statements. After Europe, North America, South America, Asia/Oceania, the Association added its fifth regional structure that same year with the creation of an African Chair.

In addition to the four main purposes of the organization (research, training, international cooperation and the Congress), the IAGG mission was articulated during a Council meeting in Salsomaggiore (Italy) for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Association, as follows: "promote the highest levels of achievement of gerontological research and training worldwide and to interact with other international, inter-governmental, and nongovernmental organizations in the promotion of gerontological interests globally and on behalf of its member associations. The Association pursues these activities with a view of promoting the highest quality of life and well being of all people as they experience ageing at individual and societal levels."

There have been great changes since the IAG was established. Ageing has become a far more prominent issue at all levels of organization across the world. Scientific advances have contributed very significantly to greater understanding of ageing and its consequences. Massive demographic shifts continue to change the population structures of all countries. Further, the socio-economic and developmental implications of population ageing, especially in the developing world, have been increasingly recognized by the world's decision makers.

You can consult our website at <http://www.iagg.info> and see the list of 18 Presidents who dedicated their time and efforts to IAGG in the past. They supported the organization of regional conferences on each continent and conducted the World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics every 4 years. The last edition was held in Paris in 2009 and got together more than 5800 attendants coming from 91 different countries. Since then, Professor Bruno VELLAS (France) was nominated IAGG World President for a 4-year period. Professor Heung Bong CHA, has already been designated by Council members as 20th President of IAGG for the 2013-2017 mandate. He and his teams will be in charge of the organization of the next World Congress to be hosted in Seoul from July 23rd to 27th, 2013 on the theme "Digital Ageing: new horizon for health care and active aging".



INPEA NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

The November 2010 Newsletter of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) has been published. It contains information about:

- * student members - INPEA would like to recruit a strong body of students from around the world
- * date and location of future our Annual General Meetings
- * establishment of a new Middle East and North Africa region of INPEA
- * plans for INPEA World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2011, 2012 & 2013.

The organization has also recently edited an INPEA membership brochure, which details:

- * missions and objectives
- * past accomplishments
- * current initiatives
- * governance and representation
- * membership criterias and procedure

You can read and upload both documents on [INPEA website](#) or [IAGG website](#).

For further information, please contact: INPEA SECRETARIAT
by e-mail: inpea@sfu.ca or see their website: <http://www.inpea.net>



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR GERONTECHNOLOGY

The ISG founded and currently publishes the first international scientific journal devoted to the fundamental aspects of technology to serve the ageing society. Called "Gerontechnology", it has a clear-cut commitment to tuning the balance between Ageing, Technology and the Emerging Knowledge-Based Society.

The aim of this peer-reviewed journal is to provide a forum for reporting original research, review papers, and personal perspectives on the broad area of fitting technological environments to support changing life goals and lifestyle preferences into advanced age. It reflects the broad categories of interest in this field: health, housing, mobility, communication, leisure, and work.

Research outcomes reported in the Journal form the basis - for designers, architects, standards developers, builders, engineers, marketers, manufacturers, medical doctors, pharmacists, decision makers, and related professionals in the health, social, business and technology professions - to provide the proper environment for the greatest number of people in society.

The last "Gerontechnology" Volume 9, Issue 3: 421-427 was printed recently and you can see the different ways to have access to the full text, by consulting their [website](#).

Contact: info@gerontechnology.info **Website:** <http://www.gerontechnology.info/Journal/>



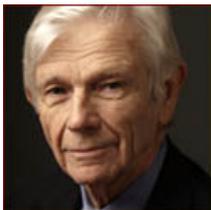
ABOUT IAGG: A QUESTION, AN ANSWER

How can I become a member of the IAGG?

According to IAGG By-Laws (Title III, Article 5), "individual members of national organizations which are in good standing in the Association are considered to be members of the Association". So, if you want to become a member of the IAGG, please enquire to your local organization. You can consult our [website](#) to obtain the list of the IAGG members present in each country.

OBITUARY

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Dr. Robert BUTLER died on July 6th 2010, at the age of 83
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Dr. Robert BUTLER, was a Pulitzer Prize-winning expert on aging. Gerontologist and psychiatrist, he was the founding director of the American National Institute on Aging, one of the National Institutes of Health.

Born on January 21st, 1927, he wrote several books on aging, including the 1976 Pulitzer-winning "Why Survive: Being Old in America." Robert BUTLER coined the term "ageism," or age discrimination, in 1968, and led a task force that analyzed the impact of age prejudice in a 2006 report, "Ageism in America."

Robert BUTLER was founding chairman of the nation's first department of geriatrics, at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He was also founding president of the International Longevity Center-USA in New York City, a research, policy and education center dedicated to the field of longevity and aging.

Robert BUTLER is credited with providing leadership and guidance to the City's Age Friendly Initiative, a comprehensive municipal plan recognized this week by the World Health Organization, which is working to create age friendly cities around the world.

Robert BUTLER was instrumental in research that established that senility was not inevitable with aging, but rather a consequence of disease, according to the longevity center website. A study he led helped set the agenda for such concepts as "productive aging" and "successful aging."

The IAGG wishes to express its regrets for the loss of such an important actor in the field of Gerontology and Geriatrics and thanks him for his life involvement in many age-related issues.



OTHER IAGG NEWS WORLDWIDE

(By country, in alphabetical order)



ARGENTINA - April 6th to 9th, 2011: The VIth Latin American and Carribean congress (COMLAT) will take place at the Panamericano Buenos Aires Hotel and Resort. This event is organized by the Sociedad Argentina de Gerontologia y Geriatria for its 60th anniversary. More information will be available soon.

Contact: info@sagg.org.ar

Website: <http://www.sagg.org.ar/>



AUSTRALIA: October 23rd to 27th, 2011:

The Australian Association of Gerontology will host IAGG's 9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Focus will be made on "Ageing well together: regional perspectives". More than 1200 delegates are expected to attend: researchers, practitioners, academics and policy makers, working within the field of ageing.

Call for abstracts (oral papers and posters): Open: October 2010 - Closing: February 2010
Registrations open: May 2010

Contact: info@ageing2011.com **Website:** <http://www.ageing2011.com>



BRAZIL - A new president for SBGG: beginning of August 2010, Dr. Silvia Regina Mendes Pereira was elected President of the Sociedade Brasileira de Geriatria e Gerontologia (SBGG) for a two-year mandate. We extend all our congratulations and wish her and her team much success for this new assignment. Reminder: based in Rio de Janeiro, SBGG was created in 1961 and today counts more than 1300 members.

Contact: sbggnacional@terra.com.br **Website:** <https://www.sbgg.org.br/>



CANADA - April 14th to 16th, 2011: The 31st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Geriatrics Society will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel of Vancouver. Highlights will include:

- active international participation from Pacific Rim countries
- educational and networking opportunities through keynote presentations, plenary lectures, symposia, interactive workshops, and panel discussions.

Contact: cpd.info@ubc.ca **Website:** <http://events.ubccpd.ca/website/index/109575>



CANADA - October 20th to 23th, 2011: The 4th Panamerican Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics will take place at the Ottawa Westin Hotel, Ottawa. More information will be available soon.

Website: <http://www.cagacg.ca>



EUROPE - April 14th to 17th, 2011: The 7th IAGG European Regional congress will be held in Bologna, Italy. This year's theme will be "Healthy and active ageing for all Europeans". The congress will provide a unique opportunity for scientific interdisciplinary dialogue among experts in biological, biomedical, chemical, clinical, engineering, nursing, psychology, social sciences, public health and policy. You are invited to submit at the very soonest proposals of structured (i.e. in complete format) Symposia dealing with all the broad aspects of Gerontology and Geriatrics. Further information about the European IAGG Congress, including the modality to send proposals for Symposia and Abstracts for free communications, can be easily found at the dedicated website.

Deadline for papers (poster and oral communication):15th October 2010

Contact: iagg@promoleader.com **Website:** <http://www.iaggbologna2011.com>



KOREA - Election of a new President for the Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies. Prof. In Kyoung LIM has been recently elected President of the Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS). We take this opportunity to heartfully welcome Prof LIM to the IAGG Council and wish her all the best for the future. The new president's term began May 21st, 2010 and will end May 20th, 2012. The IAGG Council members stay unchanged according to FKGS Board of Directors. Reminder: the FKGS includes more than 5000 members who are all leading researchers, policy analysts, welfare professionals, and scholars.



KOREA - June 23rd to 27th, 2013: IAGG's next 20th World Congress will be hosted by Korea. The IAGG Council has validated its choice for the organization of this event that will take place at the Seoul Convention and Exhibition Centre. Facing the challenges of global aging and the increasing need for digitalization, the organizing committee led by Professor Heung Bong CHA, has chosen "Digital Aging: New Horizon for Health Care and Active Aging" as the main theme for the Congress. We wish them all our best for a successful organization.

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Website: <http://www.iagg2013.org>



NETHERLANDS - ISG2012: During the last congress held in Vancouver, the International Society for Gerontechnology has decided to organize its 8th World Conference in Eindhoven. This event brings together people who design, develop, prescribe, research, set policy for and use technology to enhance the health, functional capacity and quality of life of older adults. These include engineers, architects, ICT experts, computer scientists, gerontologists, health care providers, social service professionals, leisure and recreation specialists, planners, housing developers and managers, as well as people responsible for purchasing decisions in aging-related industries such as assisted living, care facilities and hospitals. More information will be available soon.

Contact: info@gerontechnology.info

Website: <http://www.gerontechnology.info>



UNITED KINGDOM - A new President for BSG: all our congratulations to Prof. Miriam BERNARD, who has recently been elected President of the British Society of Gerontology. We welcome her to the IAGG Council and wish her all the best for this new two-year mandate. Established in 1971, BSG now counts 350 members.

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Website: <http://www.britishgerontology.org>



UNITED STATES - July 2017: As member of IAGG's North America Region, the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) presented a bid to host IAGG's 21st World Congress in San Francisco, USA. The Council voted unanimously in favour of this candidacy in view of GSA's long experience in organizing major events and of the city's important conference facilities. The theme of this future milestone will be "Global Aging and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice". Best wishes to the organizing committee...

Website: <http://www.geron.org>



NEWS OF OTHER WORLDWIDE EVENTS

Outcomes of the EUGMS2010 congress in Dublin, Ireland



The Irish Gerontological Society hosted the 6th meeting of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS) from 29 September 24th to October 1st, 2010 in the new Convention Centre of Dublin. It was the largest scientific congress on ageing ever held in Ireland, and the largest meeting dedicated to geriatric medicine ever held in Europe. Attendance went up to 1,300 delegates, including almost 1,000 participants from outside Ireland who represented all 5 continents.

The former President of Ireland and UN Human Rights Commissioner, Mary Robinson and the Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney had accepted the invitation. The event was also highlighted by the 300 older people invited to attend the opening day.

There were 600 presentations at the meeting, including those from major international projects such as:

- SHARE, a large European study of Ageing presented by lead geriatrician, Dr. Karen ANDERSEN-RANBERG, Odense, Denmark,
- MDS Inter-RAI, a widely used needs assessment instrument for older people, presented by lead geriatrician Prof. Palmi JONSSON, Reykjavik, Iceland,
- International Society of Gerontechnology (ISG), presented by its President Prof. Alain FRANCO, Nice, France, who is also IAGG Secretary General.

The conference was rounded off by lectures from Dr John BEARD, Director of the Life Course and Ageing Programme at the WHO on “Global Ageing and Geriatric Medicine” and Dr Françoise FORETTE on “Alzheimer’s Disease - A Preventable Disorder?”

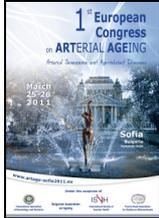
The EUGMS congress will now be an annual event at the end of September each year, and that the 2011 meeting will be held in Malagà, Spain, on the theme of “New Therapies for an Ageing Europe”. More details on the next meeting to be held from September 28th to 30th. www.eugms-segg2011.org

Prof Desmond O’Neill MD, FRCPI, AGSF.

President, European Union Geriatric Medicine Society, www.eugms.org



OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS (by chronological order)



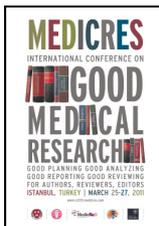
March 25-26, 2011 - Sofia, Bulgaria: The 1st European Congress on Arterial Ageing will take place at the Kempinski Hotel in Sofia, Bulgaria on March 25 and 26, 2011. This event will treat "Arterial Senescence and Age-related Diseases". Their website will be opened on September 6, 2010 and in the meantime you can consult their preliminary program here attached.

Deadline for abstract submission: November 21, 2010

Deadline for reduced registration fee: January 17, 2011

Contact: artage2011@aimfrance.fr

Website: <http://www.artage-sofia2011.eu/>



March 25-27, 2011 - Istanbul, Turkey: The first MEDICRES International Conference will take place at the Diva Istanbul Asia Hotel. Titled "Good medical research", it targets Medical Researchers. Authors, editors, reviewers from Turkey and abroad are expected to attend to discuss ethical, historical, biostatistical, methodological, economical and legal approaches to medical research with regard to the international standards in "Good planning - good analyzing - good reporting - good reviewing" main titles.

Contact: info@bsb.com.tr

Website: <http://www.ic2011.medicres.com/>



April 14, 2011 - Bologna, Italy: The 6th meeting of the International Academy on Nutrition and Aging will be held at the Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi, Nuovo Polo Congressuale, in Bologna, Italy. More information will come soon.

Deadline for abstracts: January 15th, 2011

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Website: <http://www.healthandage.com/html/min/iananda/>



May 4-6, 2011 - Auckland, New Zealand: the ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting 2011 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and will concern issues on dealing with "Pathways to learning". Keynotes speakers will include:

- Prof. Stephanie Studenski (Pittsburgh, USA) who will speak about one of our core topics: staying upright and keeping moving
- Prof. Tim Wilkinson (Christchurch, New Zealand) who will present: principals of adult learning, how to apply them and how we can teach 'on the run'
- Prof. Stephen Illiffe (London, UK) who will talk on dementia, particularly from a community and primary care perspective.

Call for Abstracts: Closes on 28th January 2011

Registration: Opens on 12th November 2010

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Website: <http://www.workz4uconferences.co.nz/Conference-Calendar/ANZSGM-Annual-Scientific-Meeting-2011/Welcome.aspx>



June 5-8, 2011 - Toronto, Canada: FICCDAT 2011, the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology will bring together six important and different conferences all focused on enhancing the lives of seniors, persons with disabilities and their family caregiver. During the four days, rehabilitation, social and health service providers, government policy makers, researchers, family caregivers, students, seniors and persons with disabilities from around the world will gather to explore issues facing aging populations, the implication for healthcare systems and service providers, the roles and responsibilities of each actor and how new research findings and technologies are leading to new and practical solutions.

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May 28 - June 1, 2012 - Prague, Czech Republic: The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) will organize its 11th Global Conference on Ageing from May 28th to June 1st 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic. The conference will be held under the auspices of the Dagmar and Václav Havel Foundation VIZE 97 and will treat 5 main themes:

- Older Persons and Development
- Advancing Health and Well-being into Old Age
- Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments
- Connected Technologies
- Documentaries on Ageing

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OUR WEBSITE

www.iagg.info is dedicated to our organization's activities, actions, news etc.



We would like this tool to become the showcase of our involvement in Gerontology and Geriatrics throughout the world. For this reason, we should communicate, participate, share, support actions and experiences. So, as actors of IAGG, please feel free to send informations that you think would interest our international community. It will be a pleasure to insert it on our website.

It should also reflect the current set-up of our organization. So IAGG members should update membership data as regularly as possible. To be fully proactive, you can send texts in a ".doc" format, attached documents in a ".pdf" version and photos/logos in a ".jpeg" extension.



REMINDER FOR ALL IAGG NATIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

In order to keep contact with your organization and to communicate efficiently with you, please do not forget to update the information related to your membership (name of council member(s), name of contact, e-mail & postal addresses, phone number & fax)

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