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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the International Association of Gerontology. To celebrate this watershed occasion, in December the IAG Executive, Regional Chairs and Presidents of Member Associations will have the opportunity to meet and consider future strategic directions for the Association and contribute to a United Nations' project a Research Agenda on Ageing for the 21st Century (RAA-21). Invitations to the meeting are currently being distributed. The Salsomaggiore Terme is generously offering to provide full accommodation and board for delegates for the 3 days of the IAG meeting and travel grant assistance is being provided by Novartis Foundation for Gerontology for Presidents whose travel cannot be funded by their Associations.

A full day will be devoted to discussion of future strategic directions for the IAG. The next half-day will be a joint consultation, when the IAG representatives and a Panel of experts with an ongoing involvement in developing the Research Agenda will convene. Participants will also include the Officer in Charge, Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko and others from the UN Office on Ageing. The UN Expert Panel will continue their deliberations for a further 2 days in order to draft the final Research Agenda. The United Nations Research Agenda project is supported by the Novartis Foundation for Gerontology and is convened by the IAG in support of the UN Programme on Ageing

The Second Congress Planning Committee Meeting for the 2001 Vancouver Congress convened by Dr. Gloria Gutman, President-Elect of IAG will precede the gathering of Presidents and Regional Chairs.

Hence the 50th Anniversary of the IAG will represent an occasion when it will be possible to build upon the proud history of the Association and vigorously pursue the further development and achievements of national and global gerontological activities into the opening years of the new century.

An agenda will be set for the meeting in Salsomaggiore, Italy that we are confident will engender vigorous and positive consideration and



Gary Andrews
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debate about the IAG's future directions and will set goals and objectives to guide the organisation through the coming years.

Preparation for Salsomaggiore

In the months leading up to the gathering in December it will be important for Member Organisations to consider the goals, objectives and strategies they would like to see adopted by the IAG. The Presidents and Regional Chairs, when they arrive for the meetings in Salsomaggiore in December, should come well primed with input and direction from their own Associations and Regions so that the meetings can draw on the views of the widest possible gerontological constituency across the globe.

The meeting will review the visions and mission of the Association as well as considering draft goals and objectives. Background papers and a draft strategic plan will be distributed before the meeting. The working draft of a revision of the IAG's Manual of Operating Procedures will also be distributed for comment. The end result is expected to be a strategic plan and set of operating principles that will be presented for approval to the IAG Council meeting to be held in Vancouver in July, 2000.

We look forward to an exciting and fruitful meeting in Salsomaggiore in December and will report on the outcomes in the IAG's first newsletter of 2001.

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PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS FOR DISCUSSION IN SALSOMAGGIORE

The founders of the International Association of Gerontology 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 organisation made up of associations concerned with research or training with respect to 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 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 Leige, Belgium in July 1950. The Association's name was changed in the same year to the International Association of Gerontology (IAG).

Background

The Association is now in its 50th year of existence. Four regional committees have been established under IAG auspices in accordance with Article 19 of the IAG By-Laws:

- Asia/Oceania Region (AORC),
- European Region (EURC),
- Latin American Region (COMLAT), and
- North American Region (NARC)

During the past half a century the IAG has functioned consistently in accordance with its original objectives. The primary activity of the IAG has been the planning and undertaking of the quadrennial World Congress of Gerontology. The IAG also enjoys consultative status with the United Nations and is a member of the UN Committee of Non-governmental Organisations (CONGO) and of the NGO Committee on Ageing. In addition, the IAG has been the principle auspice for the conferring of awards that recognise outstanding work and contributions to gerontological research and promotion including:

- Presidential Awards,
- Busse Research Awards, and
- The Novartis Prize for Gerontological Research (discontinued since 1999).

The full governing Council of the IAG meets twice during each World Congress of Gerontology. Between the World Congresses the business of the organisation is conducted on behalf of Council by the Executive Committee and its Regional Committees. The Regional Committees are active between the World Congresses. Amongst other things, each organises a quadrennial Regional



Dr. Lucien Brull and the International Association of Gerontology Medal

Congress of Gerontology, that occurs between successive World Congresses. The Regional Congress of NARC is the Pan American Congress that is held in association with COMLAT, which also convenes a Latin American Regional Congress. Both the European and Asia/Oceania Regions have regularly organised Regional Congress's.

The IAG has now reached a point where consideration should be given to its future role and to the development of a strategic plan for the Association. The 50th year of the Association and the first year of the new century would be a most appropriate time to present a strategic plan to the Association for endorsement.

Vision

The Association has from its origins pursued a vision wherein;

- Gerontology is established as a highly developed multidisciplinary science;
- Gerontological training is available globally and provides high quality personnel working in all fields of ageing;
- An effective international network of gerontological organisations across the world is established, is in active communication and promotes collaborative efforts in research and education; and
- High quality global and regional scientific meetings are regularly held to promote the science and practice of gerontology world wide.

The ultimate vision is of a world in which individual and population ageing is substantially understood in scientific terms and its consequences are fully appreciated at all levels of public and private organisation. In addition the vision is for the pursuit of further scientific knowledge on ageing to be continued with full vigour and foresight and for the fruits of these endeavours to be made known to all.

Values

The IAG through its first 50 years of existence has espoused a number of fundamental values that have been implicit in its activities and are consistent with the 1997 Adelaide Declaration. These include:

- Recognition of the importance of increasing longevity and the ageing of populations a critical challenge to society in both developed and developing countries.
- Acknowledgement of the fundamental contribution that can be made by scientific research in improving understanding and development of appropriate individual and societal responses to ageing.
- Commitment to sound education and training of all of those involved in provision of care and services to older persons as an important means of ensuring quality of care and support to older persons.
- Belief in the need for wider education of the whole of society of the implications of ageing populations and the positive outcomes and benefits of longer life for individuals.
- Support for the concept of the family as a central issue in the quality of life and well being of older persons in both developed and developing societies.
- Commitment to promotion of the highest quality and standards for services provided for older persons.
- Recognition of the inherent diversity in ageing and among older persons, including socio-economic, educational, cultural, gender and non-traditional variations.
- Respect for the rights and dignity of older persons in all circumstances.

Mission

The IAG is an international organisation of national gerontological associations and in broad terms its mission has been enshrined in the official Bylaws of the Association, viz.:



Article 3

The Association has four main purposes:

- a) To promote gerontological research in the biological, medical, behavioral, and social fields by member organizations.
- b) To promote training of highly qualified personnel in the fields of ageing.
- c) To promote the interests of the gerontological organizations in all questions pertaining to foreign or international matters.
- d) To promote and assist in arrangements for holding the International Congress of Gerontology at intervals determined by the Council.

Consideration needs to be given to more clearly defining the mission of the Association. The ultimate mission is to promote the achievement of excellence in scientific gerontological education, research and practice. A suitable Mission Statement might be:

'The Mission of the International Association of Gerontology is to promote the highest levels of achievement of gerontological research and training world wide and to interact with other international, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations in the promotion of gerontological interests globally and on behalf of its member associations. The Association pursues these activities with a view to promoting the highest quality of life and well being of all people as they experience ageing at individual and societal levels'.

Strategic Directions

The IAG objectives include reference to its role in the promotion and development of gerontological research, education and practice globally. There is considerable scope for IAG to become more proactive in these arenas in addition to overseeing the preparations and execution of the World Congress of Gerontology every four years. However, to achieve this a more strategic approach to the conduct of the affairs of the Association is now required. Early in 2000 the United Nations Commission for Social Development adopted a resolution calling for a Second World Assembly on Ageing, 20 years on from the first WAA that took place in Vienna in July 1982. This event that will take place in Spain sometime in 2002 will provide a splendid opportunity for the IAG to contribute to future global direction in ageing and gerontology. I propose that a draft strategic plan for the IAG be prepared for submission to the Council at its meeting 2001 World Congress of Gerontology in Vancouver July, 2001.

Gary Andrews,
President

2001 IAG WORLD CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

Update



The scientific program for the 2001 World Congress promises to be an exciting one. Along with 152 invited

symposia on "hot topics", five outstanding keynote speakers are confirmed. **Mary Tinetti** of the Yale University School of Medicine, USA will speak on Falls in Older Persons: From Predictors to Prevention. **Tom Kirkwood** of the University of Newcastle, UK will present on the latest findings in the biology of aging. A special plenary panel session will feature **Paul Baltes** (Max-Planck Institute for Human Development, Germany), **Robert Butler** (International Longevity Center, USA), and **Alex Kalache** (World Health Organization, Switzerland), who will address the topic Longevity and Healthy Aging: Evidence and Action.

In addition to the main Congress, seven Companion Events are confirmed to date. These include:

- "Casting a Wider Net - Expanding the Adult Injury Management Network" Post IAG Conference, Victoria, BC, July 8 & 9, 2001. For information contact: aimnet@uvic.ca or [Web:www.aimnet.bc.ca](http://www.aimnet.bc.ca)
- International Association of Homes & Services for the Ageing, 4th International Conference "One World, Diverse Approaches to Housing and Care", Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, BC, June 29-July 1, 2001. For information contact: iahsa@aahsa.org or [Web: www.aaha.org](http://www.aaha.org) [iahsa](http://www.iahsa.org)
- "Care/Case Management: Who needs it?" 5th International Care/Case Management Conference, Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel, Vancouver, BC, June 28-July 1. For

information contact American Society on Aging: Fax (415) 974-9600;

Web: www.asaging.org

- 5th International Conference on Communication, Ageing & Health, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver, BC, June 29-July 2, 2001. For information contact: cah@audiospeech.ubc.ca
- "Service or Hospitality Industry? How will the Boomers Change LTC?" Gerontological Nurses Group of British Columbia Annual Conference and General Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. July 6, 2001. For information contact: hwright@vanhosp.bc.ca
- REVES - Reseau Esperance de Vie en Sante (Network on Health Expectancy and Disability Process) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, June 28-30, 2001. For information contact: yves_carriere@sfu.ca

For information on any of the Companion Events, contact the sponsoring organization directly.

Watch for the First Announcement and Call for Papers for the IAG World Congress which will be sent to individuals on the Congress mailing list, and to member organizations of the International Association of Gerontology, for distribution to their members, in June, 2000.

Attesting to the tremendous interest the Vancouver Congress is generating, to date more than 2300 individuals have requested that their names be put on the Congress mailing list. To add your name to the list, visit our website at www.harbour.sfu.ca/iag/e_reg.html, or email iag_congress@sfu.ca. The website is an excellent source of up-to-date information on the Congress. Check it regularly!



GLOBAL EXPERTS TO TACKLE CHALLENGES OF RURAL AGING

International Conference Sponsored by West Virginia University Center on Aging to Develop Recommendations on Rural Aging Policy for United Nations

The global challenge of rural aging is the topic of an international conference "Rural Aging: A Global Challenge," sponsored by West Virginia University Center on Aging in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, the World Health Organization, the International Association of Gerontology and U.S. governmental and non-governmental agencies. Global trends indicate that the majority of the world's elderly persons live in rural and remote areas.

"Rural Aging: A Global Challenge" brings together global experts to discuss and seek solutions to the health, social and economic implications of growing old in rural communities around the world. The international conference is scheduled to take place June 7 - 11 at the Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, West Virginia.

"The world is experiencing unprecedented growth in aged populations worldwide," says Robert M. D'Alessandri, M.D., Conference Chair and Vice President for Health Sciences at West Virginia University. "For many rural communities, the challenge of supporting growing elderly populations is compounded by huge out-migrations of younger people. The rural elderly are left on their own with limited access to health care and other services."

The conference is part of the four-year United Nations Programme on Ageing sponsored

International Rural Aging Project (1997-2001) to address problems affecting elderly persons in rural and remote communities. It will review and integrate the latest research to provide input to the International Plan of Action on Aging. This plan will be presented to the XVIIth International Congress of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada, in 2001. In addition to academics and policy makers, the conference will attract practitioners who are familiar with the issues of rural aging, including health professionals, social workers and community activists from around the world.

"To help rural people secure the right to healthy aging, we need a greater commitment by governmental, non-governmental and professional bodies," explained Hana Hermanova, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, Conference Organizing and Planning Committee. "Over the past two years, the Project has assembled an international team of experts to probe these issues. The information that we have gathered thus far will serve as the backbone of the conference and provide input to the International Plan of Action on Aging."

West Virginia University Center on Aging has been named by the United Nations Programme on Ageing as its advisory organization for the area of rural aging. The Center on Aging of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center manages educational programs, research projects, health care projects, community service and outreach

programs, and evaluation of programs contributing to better lives of older men and women. For more information about the conference "Rural Aging: A Global Challenge," please visit the Web site (www.ruralaging.org).

Hugh Downs to Keynote International Rural Aging Conference

Hugh Downs, one of the most recognizable American television figures, is the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies of the International Rural Aging Conference. Mr. Downs' extensive background covering the quality of life and aging in America makes him one of the issues top experts. During his lengthy television career, Mr. Downs has covered many stories regarding the subject, including a recent segment on the groundbreaking scientific discovery of telomerase, an "immortalizing enzyme" that increased the lifespan of human cells by 40 to 50 percent in lab tests.

"We are thrilled that Hugh Downs will be sharing his personal views and experiences at the opening ceremonies with us," says Robert M. D'Alessandri, M.D., Conference Chair and Vice President for Health Sciences at West Virginia University. "Mr. Downs is the ideal person to keynote this conference with his vast experience as an Emmy award winning television anchor and author of many books dealing with human maturity."



IFMSA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGEING AND HEALTH

Capacity building for ageing societies *Porto, Portugal, 1-6 August 2000*

The International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), in collaboration with the Portuguese Medical Students' International Committee (PorMSIC) will be organising one international training conference on Ageing and Health. The conference will be held in Porto, Portugal, from the 1st to the 6th of August 2000.

The Ageing and Health conference aims at increasing the awareness among medical students and students from the allied sciences to the issues involved in an ageing population. In order that they may face the ageing population with respect and understanding, we will supply them with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and address the needs and rights of older population in developed and developing

countries. We will also encourage them to advocate for the inclusion of training on health issues related to ageing in the medical curriculum and national health policies.

To achieve these aims, the participants will be informed of the principles of geriatrics, of healthy ageing, of human rights, of ethics; they will also receive a basic training on networking, counselling, advocacy and strategic planning. The conference program is being developed closely with the WHO Department of Health Promotion, Non-Communicable Diseases, Prevention and Surveillance, which is fully supporting this initiative.

The conference is designed for 80 participants, divided between 20 participants from Africa, 10

from North America, 10 from South America, 10 Asian-Australian, 30 from Europe (15 North-West-South European, 15 Eastern European /Russian). Participants are medical students and non-medical students in pharmacy, social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and economy. About 20 people, other than participants, will be involved in training as organisers, facilitators, lecturers and panelists. Special training will be organised for the facilitators in a 2-day preparation before the workshop.

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CHANGE TO REVIEW OF WORLD CONGRESS ABSTRACTS

The establishment of an Abstract Review Panel was recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by Council by postal vote in 1999.

For the 2001 IAG World Congress it was agreed that the Local Organising Committee will establish an Abstract Review Panel. The Organising Committee will convey the membership of the Panel to the Executive of the IAG for confirmation and approval.

The Abstract Review Panel will have delegated responsibility to review and accept or reject abstracts for the 2001 Congress. It was further agreed that if the need arose, borderline submissions would be referred back to the Regions for clarification and recommendation. A decision on the number of presentations an individual could make during the Congress will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

The success of this approach will be evaluated by the programme planning Committee to determine if the arrangement should continue for future World Congresses.

IAG DUES

Thankyou to the member organisations who have paid their membership dues. If you have not yet done so, please remit to the Secretariat as soon as possible. It will be required that all participants in the IAG 50th Anniversary meeting are paid members of the IAG.

If paying by ITT please ensure that the transfer document is identified as IAG Dues and clearly states the name of your organisation and country. Most importantly, please forward a copy of the documentation to the IAG Secretariat.

If you require further information on dues, please don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

From other Gerontological Associations



AUSTRALIAN COALITION '99

During the United Nations 1999 International Year of Older Persons, Australian Coalition '99 was the official focal point for non-government activity within Australia.

Now, AC '99 has produced a Commemorative Publication which provides an extensive retrospective of the Year's aims and achievements, as well as ways in which organisations and individuals can maintain the momentum of IYOP.

A copy of this special publication can be yours for only \$10.00AUS per copy, plus postage and handling. The first 100 people who place their

order will receive, at no extra cost, a copy of "Tutmondijo", a music CD commemorating the International Year of Older Persons. "tutmondijo", which means "whole world" in Esperanto, features 17 tracks by artists from diverse and culturally rich backgrounds.

To find out more or to order a copy please contact:
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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOGERIATRIC ASSOCIATION'S (IPA) 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Bridging the Gap Between Brain and Mind

9-14 September 2001 Nice, France

Co-sponsored by French Society of Psychogeriatrics Psychiatry and Medical Psychology Clinic Memory Center, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis

IPA's Tenth International Congress, "Bridging the Gap Between Brain and Mind, will address the important issue of building bridges between neuroscience and the practical psychosocial applications to caring for patients and their families. The interaction, sharing, and interchange among participants at the Tenth Congress will prepare us all to face the challenges of understanding and making the connection between rapidly advancing scientific research and its practical outcome, to benefit those whose lives we are committed to improve.

Nice, the jewel of the French Riviera, epitomizes the best of French hospitality, and is an ideal setting to present the diversity and richness of psychogeriatrics. Join us there to celebrate this opportunity for professional and intellectual development while savoring the many delights of the South of France.

Preliminary Topics

- Psychopathology and neuroscience: gap or bridge?
- Cognitive approach to consciousness

- Consciousness in persons with dementia
- Relationship between emotion and cognition (neuropsychological approach)
- Psychopharmacology of emotion
- Frontal dysfunction in elderly subjects with or without dementia
- Sleep disturbances in older persons
- BPSD (Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia)
- Pharmacological treatment of BPSD
- BPSD, cognition, and activities of daily living
- Cognition and quality of life in the elderly
- Mild cognitive impairment
- Pharmacological treatment of cognitive disturbances
- Special care units: do they work?

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From the Regions & Members

NORTH AMERICAN REGION (NARC)

GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA TO INVITE INPUT INTO IAG STRATEGIC PLANNING

At the annual meeting in Washington in November of 2000, members will be invited to comment on the direction they think the IAG should set for the coming decades. The three GSA members of the North American Regional Committee of the IAG, Toni Antonucci, Roger McCarter and Jim Sykes (NARC Chair); Faye Lomax Cook (GSA President), Frank Williams (Past NARC Chair), and Carol Schutz (GSA Executive Director) will receive comments from members and prepare a report for consideration at the IAG Strategic Planning sessions scheduled for Italy in December, 2000.

NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At the organizational meeting of the North American Regional Committee the members elected Jim Sykes (GSA) Chair, Norah Keating (CGA) Secretary, and Peter Whitehouse (AGS) to a post as Vice Chair. Gary Andrews provided the nine-person committee with an update on IAG programs and his plans for a serious look at IAG's future roles and mission. Gloria Gutman, after reporting that plans for Vancouver 2001 were moving along well, invited NARC members to work with her and the planning committee on promoting the Congress, reviewing abstracts, and generating support for the Congress.

LATIN AMERICAN REGION (COMLAT)

The new Executive Committee of the COMLAT-IAG was formed recently at the Assembly of the Latin American Committee of the IAG. The members of the new Executive are: President - Osvaldo Prieto Ramos, MD (Cuba) General Secretary - Enrique Vega Garcia, MD (Cuba) Biology - Pedro Pablo Marin Larrain, MD (Chile) Psychology - Jose Enrique Maxxei Berti, MD (Venezuela) Geriatrics - Fernando Morales Martinez, MD (Costa Rica) Social Sciences - Fernando Portocarrero Salazar, MD (Peru) Assistance - Fernando Gomez Monte, MD (Colombia)

All IAG Regional Chairs were invited to submit material to this and all IAG Newsletters. We'd love to hear from you.

Mary Luszcz, IAG Secretary General.

FROM OUR NEWEST MEMBER....



MALTESE ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS (M.A.G.G)

The Maltese Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics was established on the 12th February 1998. Since then the membership of the Association has been steadily growing.

The main aim of the Association is to promote the professional and educational advancement of Gerontologists and Geriatricians. The Association places great emphasis on research based mutual education by and of its own members. It also stresses the importance of considering all the aspects of the elderly person - physical, spiritual, social and psychological. The Association is a forum for considering every aspect of Gerontology and Geriatrics both locally and internationally.

Since its inception the Maltese Association has been kept busy organising various activities, these have included:

- A one day national conference on The Financial Aspects of an Ageing Population (10th Oct 1998)
- Co-sponsoring of a three day international conference on Ageing: A Challenge of the New Millennium (3-6th Feb 1999)
- A one day seminar titled Institutionalisation of the Elderly in Malta: Present and Future Issues (5th May 1999)
- A one day national conference on the Social Aspects of Ageing (2nd Oct 1999)
- Co-sponsoring with the Mediterranean and Middle East Gerontological and Geriatric Association (MEGAGA), a three day international conference on Care of the Elderly in the Mediterranean and Middle East Region (June 2000)

The Association also publishes its own quarterly newsletter and organises bi-monthly seminars and lectures for its members on various topics of ageing. These seminars and lectures are also open to the general public and in particular to members of the University of the Third Age.

Visit the Website of the Maltese Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (M.A.G.G) at <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/8585>

Dr. Joseph Troisi
President

ARGENTINE SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

As of the 13th April 2000 the new members of the Executive Committee of the Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics are:

President: - Dr. Isidora Fainstein

Vice President: - Dr. Hugo Alberto Schifis (Past President)

Gerontological Vice President - Lic. Patricia Guido

Secretary General - Dr. Nora B. Fioravanti

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OTHER SITES OF INTEREST...

SAVING OLDER PEOPLE'S LIVES IN EMERGENCIES

HelpAge International has released new guidelines for best practice in humanitarian crises and disasters.

Older people, especially older women, are a significantly vulnerable group when hit by disasters. The guidelines show how aid agencies can meet older people's needs and recognise their potential in emergencies. Simple changes in practice and attitudes can often make the difference between death and survival.

Older people in crises and humanitarian disasters: Guidelines for best practice was launched in London on April 12 2000 and is available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. The full document is posted in English at <http://www.helpage.org>.



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AWARDS



2001 INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOGERIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA) RESEARCH AWARDS IN PSYCHOGERIATRICS

One of the principal goals of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) is fostering the advancement of psychogeriatric research worldwide. In support of this worthwhile goal, IPA encourages, recognizes, and rewards high-quality research through the IPA Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics. These Awards have been presented since 1989 for the best original, unpublished research in psychogeriatrics.

The Awards have clearly encouraged the pursuit of relevant and important research efforts. They have helped focus the medical and scientific community's interest in psychogeriatric issues and enhanced international scientific knowledge about psychogeriatrics. Past winners include many scientists who have demonstrated continued leadership in the field and have gone on to do additional groundbreaking work.

Papers are now being solicited for the 2001 IPA Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics. The Awards are based solely on the merit of the research presented. Participants' prior experience and previous accomplishments do not influence the outcome. Researchers from all cultures and all nations are invited to apply. Papers must be written in English

The Awards

First Place	US\$7,500.
Second Place	US\$5,000.
Third Place	US\$2,500

The 2001 IPA Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics will be presented at IPA's Tenth International Congress, to be held 9-14 September 2001, in Nice, France. In addition to the monetary prize, winners will receive a handsome Award and a travel and expense stipend enabling them to attend the Congress, where they will present their papers.

Winning papers will be published in International Psychogeriatrics, IPA's quarterly peer-reviewed journal.

Deadline for submission of papers: 15 January 2001
Date of Award selections: 1 June 2001

Information about the 2001 IPA Research Awards in Psychogeriatrics also can be found at IPA's web site, <http://ipa-online.org/>.

BUSSE RESEARCH AWARDS

Promoting international research in gerontology, two Busse Research Awards will be given at the XVIIth World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology in Vancouver, Canada, July 2001. Two gerontologists (junior or mid-career) will be selected. One award will recognize a scientist from the social/behavioral sciences; the other from the biomedical sciences. Awards are \$5,000 each, with up to \$3,000 travel/living expenses. Awardees must present a lecture based on their research at the conference.

Deadline for receipt of applications: October 15, 2000.

For information and application forms, visit
WEBSITE: www.geri.duke.edu/busse/busse.html
or contact:

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INTERNATIONAL GERONTOLOGICAL MEETINGS

2000

June 7-11

1st International Conference *Rural Ageing: A Global Challenge*

Charleston Civic Centre, Charleston,
West Virginia, USA
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Email: ruag2000@wv.edu
Website: www.hsc.wvu.edu/rural_ageing

July 9-18

World Alzheimers Congress *With Change in Mind*

Washington DC, USA
Tel: 1 312 335 5813 Fax: 1 312 335 110
Email: alzheimer2000@alz.org
Website: www.alzheimer2000.org

August 1-6

The International Federation of Medical Students Association International Training Conference on Ageing and Health *Capacity Building for Ageing Societies*

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September 2-15

Royal College of physicians of Edinburgh *Health Care for Older People- The UK experience.*

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November 10-12

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2nd European Congress of Biogerontology From Molecules to Human

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