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THE 11TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON LONG TERM CARE IN CHINESE COMMUNITIES, NINGBO, CHINA, OCTOBER 29- NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Initiated by the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology and institutions of elderly services and researches of Taiwan and Shanghai, the 1st World Congress on Long Term Care in Chinese Communities was held in Hong Kong in 2002, aiming at promoting the development of long term care services in Chinese communities and strengthening academic exchanges and collaboration in the field. Throughout the years, the Congresses have been held in different places including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Shanghai, Macau, Beijing, and Hangzhou.

The 11th World Congress on Long Term Care in Chinese Communities was organized by the Association of Long Term Care in Chinese Communities and held in Ningbo, China, from October 29 - November 1, 2014. The theme of the 11th Congress was “Health Services for the Elderly—Modernization, Professionalization, and Multiculturalization.” About 500 delegates including experts, scholars, medical and nursing practitioners, and elderly care personnel from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, United States and South Korea participated in the Congress.

At the conference, President Heung Bong CHA delivered a keynote speech entitled, “Global Population Ageing and East Asian Model of Long-Term Care for Older Persons,” indicating the unique challenges of long-term care in East Asia and raising the importance of inventing a regional model through close collaboration among countries in East Asia. IAGG will exert its best effort to promote interregional dialogues and facilitate close regional cooperation in order to assist in innovating the policies and services of long term care in Asia and other regions of the world.
HEALTHY AGEING IN THE CHANGING WORLD CONFERENCE, BENGALURU, INDIA, NOVEMBER 17-19, 2014

To facilitate gerontological research and training in Southeast Asia, President Heung Bong CHA and Secretary-General Sung Jae CHOI, along with Mr. Jai Seong SONG, Executive Director of the Korea-Indian Association, attended the conference on Healthy Ageing in the Changing World, held on November 17-19, 2014, at the J.N. Tata Auditorium of the Indian Institute of Sciences in Bengaluru, India. The conference was organized by the Indo British Geriatrics Council and BioGenesis, and attended by 600 distinguished experts on gerontology and geriatrics in the country along with many local government officers, many of whom were keen to address a wide variety of topics related to clinical care and chronic diseases related to population ageing.

President Heung Bong CHA delivered a keynote speech, “Global Population Ageing and Missions of IAGG,” underlining how to take population ageing not as a challenge but as a celebration, and presented how the concept of healthy ageing and active ageing can help realize this vision. The networking dinner with leading gerontologists, geriatricians, and local policymakers was held on November 18, 2014. In addition to the conference, the delegations also paid a visit to local social welfare organizations to gain more insight into regional issues surrounding poverty and social development.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FOR THE YEAR 2014
The Year 2014 was filled with many memorable events and IAGG would like to thank each and every one of you who has shown your heartfelt support for promoting the mission of IAGG. IAGG will continue to endeavor to support research and training of gerontology and geriatrics around the world. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2015!
IAGG Highlights 2014

Meetings

3 Master Class
EXCOM
Seoul
Intl. Workshop
10 World

Social Presence

73
LIKE US
84
FOLLOW US

International Collaboration

3 UN Meetings
10% GAROP Survey Response
Africa 2
Europe 2
America 3
Asia 1

Ahead in 2015

EXCOM
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...And Much More!
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ASIA/OCEANIA REGION
REGIONAL CONGRESS 2015

Planning is well underway for the next Asia / Oceania Regional Congress, to be held in beautiful Chiang Mai, Thailand, from October 19-22, 2015. The conference theme is Healthy Ageing Beyond Frontiers. The call for submitted abstracts and submitted symposia has been extended to February 20, 2015. For more information, please visit the website: http://iaggchiangmai2015.com/

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION
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<td>Chilean National Congress, July 30-August 1, in Santiago</td>
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<td>VII International Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology: Health and Welfare Rights of the Elderly, September 3-5, in Quito, Ecuador</td>
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<td>XVI International Course On Gerontology and Geriatrics, September 7-9, in Lima, Peru</td>
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<td>Latin American Congress on Diabetes and Ageing, September 1st, Organized by ALAD (Latin American Diabetes Association) and COMLAT</td>
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MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF 2014

• **WEAAD Celebration in Buenos Aires:** COMLAT, ILC Argentina and University of La Matanza, organized the commemorative event on June 13, 2014, which was attended by a great number of participants.

• **President of Argentinian Gerontological Society received Golden Age Award:** On June 18, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Latino Center on Ageing awarded Dr. Felix Eduardo Nallim, AGA’s President (Argentinian Gerontological Society) the Golden Age Award for his contributions to the Latino / Hispanic communities throughout the world, at the Intercontinental Hotel, The Barclay, New York, for his extensive and successful leadership in the Latin American geriatric / gerontological field.

• **IAGG Workshop on Continuum of Care for Older Persons:** The International Workshop on Continuum of Care for Older Persons was held on June 25-26, 2014. Dr. Jose Jauregui chaired the Session II. *Issues in Care Settings from the Professional Perspective on Continuum of Care for Older Persons* as Chair of the IAGG Latin America Regional Council.

• **Seminar on Abuse and Neglect:** The seminar on Abuse and Neglect was held on October 7, 2014, in Río de Janeiro, Brazil. The event was organized by ILC Brazil, an organization led by Prof. Alexander Kalache and collaborators. Prof. José Jauregui, COMLAT President, was invited to the seminar to share his experience and knowledge on elder abuse.

• **International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua):** During the 31st conference of International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) held in Río de Janeiro, Brazil, the Seminar on Ageing was organized in collaboration with Prof. Alexander Kalache on October 8, 2014.

• **Nephro Geriatrics Conference:** The 9th conference on Nephro Geriatrics was held in México City in November with the presence of the COMLAT President, and organized by the National Institute of Medicine and Nutrition Science Salvador Zubirán. The event went successfully allowing geriatricians and nephrologist to share their knowledge on geriatric nephrology and its implications.
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

• **Review of By-laws and a Regional MOP:** We are working now on a review of our by-laws, and writing a Regional MOP to be more operative and fit better with the IAGG by-laws and its recent changes. A draft copy will be presented to all the Latin American Societies and members in Brazil next April for discussion and approval of the document.

• **Dr. Marianela Flores de Heckman will be the next COMLAT President:** The change of COMLAT authorities will be held at the next VII COMLAT Congress in Belém, Brazil on April 9, 2015. During the Congress, a vote on a new formation of the COMLAT Board of Directors will also be held.

• **Promotion of Human Rights for Older Persons:** We are working now to encourage all the societies in our region to appoint a Human Rights Representative. Some have already dedicated personnel and begun to work on this issue.

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 designation was obtained by plenary vote at the IAGG council members meeting. The two societies will host the event in Buenos Aires in 2021.

EUROPEAN REGION

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<td>NEXT GENERATION LEADERS IN BIOLOGY OF AGEING: EU-sponsored 2-week Intensive Program for Master and PhD students, 2 - 14 June, Rimini, Italy</td>
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<td>43rd Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology, 1-3 September, United Kingdom, University of Southampton</td>
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<td>3rd FFN Global Congress 2014, 4 – 6 September, Madrid, Spain</td>
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<td>GSIA Master Class on Population Ageing &amp; Work-Care Challenges in a Global Context, 22 - 26 April, Dublin, Ireland - For more information contact Course Director Prof. Sue Yeandle, University of Leeds (<a href="mailto:s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk">s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk</a>)</td>
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NEWS FROM UNITED NATIONS GENEVA

International Day of Older Persons at the United Nations Geneva, co-organized by IAGG-ER, October 1, 2014

• About 120 persons attended from UN agencies, governments and non-governmental organizations
• The NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva and the Geneva International Network on Ageing (GINA) are organizing
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in cooperation with the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics of the European Region (IAGG-ER), HelpAge International, the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

IAGG-ER ACTIVITIES

IAGG-ER President Prof. Vladimir Khavinson convened several IAGG-ER Council meetings, visited different Council members and gave many talks on different issues of ageing as follows:

1. IAGG-ER Council Meetings
   6-8 February 2014, Dublin, Ireland &
   15 October 2014, Seville, Spain

2. Pro-Ageing Europe Congress
   20-23 March 2014, Brussels, Belgium
   Lecture «Epigenetic and Molecular Mechanisms of Vitality Increase»

3. 5th INIA International Training Program on Ageing
   14-19 April 2014, St. Petersburg, Russia
   Lecture «Prospects of Increasing Human Vital Resource»

4. International Forum «Senior Generation»
   23-26 April 2014, St. Petersburg, Russia
   Lecture «Factors which Contribute to the Human Vital Resource Increase»

5. The 5th Annual World DNA & Genome Day 2014
   25-28 April 2014, Dalian, China
   Oral presentations:
   «Peptides, Genes and Ageing»
   «Interaction of Peptides and Oligonucleotides»

6. Swiss European Congress of Longevity, Aesthetic & Regenerative Medicine
   29-31 May 2014, Geneva, Switzerland
   Oral presentation «Ways to Enhance Human Life Resources»

   17 June 2014, Saint Petersburg, Russia

An International Panel on October 1, 2014 10:00-14:00 Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
Leave No One Behind: Promoting a Society for All
Realizing the Human Rights and Well-being of Older Persons

- Opening by Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva
- Moderator: Alanna Armitage, Director UNFPA, Geneva
- Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, Human Rights Council’s Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons: Why we should focus on the rights of older persons
- Susana Ordano, National Coordinator, Ministry of Social Development, Argentina: How Member States can support the mandate of the Independent Expert
- Silvia Stefanoni, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Policy and Strategy, HelpAge International: Launch of the Global AgeWatch Index 2014
- Isabel Ortiz, Director of the Social Protection Department, ILO: Launch of the report Social Protection for Older Persons: Key policy trends and statistics
- Closing by Astrid Stuckelberger, President of GINA, Secretary-General of IAGG-ER
8. Visit to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and Karolinska University
14-17 September 2014, Stockholm, Sweden
Lecture «Peptides, Genome, Ageing»

9. 9th European Congress of Biogerontology
16-18 October 2014, Seville, Spain
Oral presentation «Peptides, genome, ageing»

OTHER ACTIVITIES
INIA’s Training Program in Gerontology in Saint Petersburg, Russia

It is for the 5th time that the International Institute on Ageing UN-Malta Training Program in Gerontology was held in Saint Petersburg on April 14-19, 2014. It was organized within the framework of the INIA’s Satellite Centre composed in co-partnership with the St. Petersburg City Geriatric Centre, St. Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology, Gerontological Society of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

This year the program included lectures by international tutors from Malta (J. Troisi), France (O. Michel), Austria (A.Sidorenko), Russia (V.Anisimov, V. Khavinson, V. Odin, G. Safarova, V. Serpov, E. Zotkin, L. Golovanova), discussions, and a site visit to the St. Petersburg City Medical and Social Geriatric Centre. As always, it has been a multidisciplinary educational program comprising a wide range of topics including policies on ageing, fundamental aspects of gerontology, geriatrics, demography of ageing, issues and problems of older persons in developing countries, medical and social services for older persons, their social roles and status, etc.

The program brought together 29 participants from 5 countries (Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Moldova) and 9 regions of Russia, all eager to learn international experience and exchange information, to grasp new ideas and good practices for further implementation in their native countries. The international character of the program was designed to generate discussions that were not excessively self-referential and to enable participants to learn from a wide range of experiences across cultures, and historical legacies.

During the one-day site-visit to the St. Petersburg City Medical and Social Geriatric Centre, participants had the possibility to explore one of the oldest and largest multicare facilities for older persons in St. Petersburg, providing a variety of medical (both out-patient and hospital) services for older patients. In the Centre, participants were also able to learn from the experience of the Geriatric Service of St. Petersburg.

Upon completion of the training program, participants were awarded certificates of attendance by the International Institute on Ageing United Nations-Malta. During the closing session, students spoke up about the program emphasizing priorities and topics of interest expected to be covered in the next programs. Most students highly evaluated the interactivity of the program and pointed out its unique atmosphere of exchanging knowledge, experience and ideas for creating a society for all ages.

Collaboration with the Association of Gerontologists of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Within the framework of Collaboration with the Association of Gerontologists of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the program of “academic mobility” (short educational magister programs) two specialists from Kazakhstan completed the course in Gerontology and Geriatrics at the St. Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation & Gerontology in November
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2014. Over the course of 10 days of studying, they became acquainted with the modern principles of type II Diabetes Mellitus treatment in older patients. Participants were given certificates confirming the successful completion of the advanced professional training.

From December 2013 to November 2014, Ms. Kulmash Elshibaeva, a member of the Association of Gerontologists of the Republic of Kazakhstan and a tutor at the Kazakh State Pedagogical University, also studied at the Institute. She received training in “Biopsychological model of development, prevention and correction of professional problems in teachers of various age groups.” She plans to complete her PhD thesis on the topic and defend it at the Institute Academic Council.

Visit to New IAGG-ER Council Member, the San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (ASGGI) by IAGG-ER executive members

On May 9-10, 2014, President of the San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Prof. Giancarlo Ghironzi as well as Secretary Dr. Carlo Renzini and Vice-President Dr. Luigi Gazzi met with two IAGG-ER executive committee members, Prof. Domenico Cucinotta and Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger.

They conducted a very successful course of the San Marino Master in Geriatric Medicine for the 2nd year, developed in collaboration with the San Marino University and Ferrara University in Italy.

The purpose of ASGG is to promote health and safeguard the rights and dignity of older persons through many different activities: training and scientific activities such as the Master in Geriatric Medicine, seminars and courses in specific areas, health campaigns, and international cooperation in the health sector and public health systems.

NORTH AMERICAN REGION

REPORT ON GLOBAL SOCIAL INITIATIVE ON AGEING

• Prof. Norah Keating provided an update on GSIA. Their focus continues to be on families, age friendly communities, housing/livability, and care. GSIA will sponsor a Master Class at the IAGG Regional Meeting in Dublin Ireland, April 23-26, 2015. Date: December 15, 2014

Members: Prof. Toni C. Antonucci (chair), University of Michigan; Prof. François Beland, University of Montreal; Prof. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, Université de Moncton; Prof. Carole Estabrooks, University of Alberta; Ms. Katherine Hall, student member; Prof. Gordon Lithgow, Buck Institute, USA; Prof. Kenneth Madden, University of British Columbia; Prof. Terri Wetle, Brown University

PAN AMERICAN MEETING

• Two symposia on Families, Social Relations and Health were delivered on March 27, 2014, at the Vth Panamerican Congress (COMLAT-NARC), in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Titles and authors of the presentations were as follows: How Remittances from Adult Children and Use of Outpatient Health Care Services by Older Adults in Rural
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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: Heloisa Goncalves Ferreira, Federal University of Sao Carlos/ University of Alberta, Prof. Norah Keating, The Global Social Initiative on Ageing, IAGG. In addition, Prof. Toni Antonucci gave a presentation on publishing in English language 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; and 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 15, 2012 at the GSA meetings in San Diego, CA. In attendance: Prof. Toni Antonucci, Mr. James Appleby, Prof. Norah Keating, Prof. Fox Wetle, Prof. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard (CAG), Ms. Kristina Miller (Student Connection of CAG), Ms. Katherine Hall (GSA ESPO), Ms. Candace Brown (GSA ESPO), Mr. Noah Webster

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT
• NARC is particularly interested in promoting and supporting our students, especially in anticipation of the IAGG meeting in San Francisco. 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. All members agreed that they would like to develop and enhance their support of students and wish this to be a major focus of their efforts in the future.

CREATING RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AMONG JUNIOR SCHOLARS
• NARC continues to be interested in supporting opportunities for all scholars but especially junior scholars to create research partnerships. GSA ESPO has an ESPO International Task Force that is comprised of scholars interested in studying international ageing issues, which could serve as group to begin discussion with this focus and with whom we might partner to advance this endeavor. It is anticipated that targeted efforts will be developed in this area for the IAGG 2017 meeting.

HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE
• NARC is pleased to offer continued support for the IAGG UN initiative concerning human rights. Given the geographic proximity of NARC to the United Nations in New York, NARC can also be present and available as necessary. In addition, the NARC chair is a member of the UN Committee on Ageing, has served as an expert consultant on ageing and is a member of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues, a UN recognized NGO.

IAGG 2017 SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING
• Mr. James Appleby, Executive Director of the Gerontology Society of America, provided an update on planning for the IAGG 2017 meeting in San Francisco. Mr. Appleby is encouraged by activities thus far. GSA is reaching out to related organizations, industry and foundations to involve them in the meetings as participants, co-hosts and supporters.
Scientific Program Co-Chairs Prof. Jeffrey Halter, MD, University of Michigan and Prof. Terrie Wette, Brown University have expanded the committee and invited leaders in the field to join the committee. Ideas for invited speakers and symposia are being solicited.

AFRICAN REGION

PROF. ISABELLA ABODERIN, IAGG REGIONAL CHAIR OF AFRICA, IN THE LANCET

Prof. Isabella Aboderin’s paper on “Older People’s Health in sub-Saharan Africa” was published in The Lancet, the world’s renowned medical journal. The article highlights the role of older African people in the socioeconomic sector and discusses areas for improvement in advancing healthcare for older persons in the region. The Lancet Series on Ageing highlights major issues on health and ageing and warns that unless health systems find effective strategies to address the problems faced by ageing populations around the world, the growing burden of chronic diseases will negatively affect the quality of life of older people. The issue elaborates on why ageing well must be a global priority.

For more information, please visit The Lancet website: [http://www.thelancet.com/series/ageing](http://www.thelancet.com/series/ageing)
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IAGG-GARN (GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK)

MAJOR CONFERENCES

Alzheimer’s Disease

The 7th Clinical Trials for Alzheimer’s Disease took place on November 20-22, 2014 in Philadelphia, USA. Efforts to develop effective treatments for Alzheimer’s disease (AD) have largely shifted to the earliest stages of the disease before symptoms are even apparent. Yet the needs of patients with dementia have not been forgotten, according to investigators at the last CTAD. A number of studies showed that damage to the brain begins as much as 10 or 20 years before Alzheimer’s patients begin to show signs of memory loss and other impairments; and that by the time symptoms appear, extensive degeneration of the brain has occurred, scientists begin to design treatment strategies that tackle the disease in people who are still cognitively normal but at high risk of developing the disease. Again the IAGG-GARN Network was happy to collaborate during this annual meeting to disseminate updated information and recent scientific findings on Alzheimer’s disease. The next CTAD2015 conference is scheduled for 5-7 November, 2015 in Barcelona, Spain. Proceedings are available at the Journal on Prevention of Alzheimer’s Disease (JPAD) dedicated website at http://www.jpreventionalzheimer.com

WHO-IAGG Knowledge Network on Frailty and Sarcopenia

IAGG-GARN was commissioned by WHO’s Department of Ageing and Life Course to set up a group of 15 international experts to finalize a background paper on Frailty intended for the 2015 WHO Global Report on Ageing and Health. Held on October 8-9, 2014 at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, the meeting’s aim was to raise awareness on the need to identify, assess and implement frailty around the world. In addition, the group worked on the development of a simplified geriatric assessment tool to be used in primary health care by non-specialized health professionals in low & middle income countries. The background paper will be available shortly on the IAGG-GARN website at http://www.garn-network.org

PLANNED CONFERENCES

Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and Cognitive Frailty

An IAGG-GARN Consensus Conference on screening for cognitive frailty will be organized on March 7-8, 2015 in St Louis, USA. Chaired by Prof. John Morley (St Louis, USA), Prof. John Morris and Prof. Bruno Vellas (Toulouse, France), it aims to create a consensus on the importance of screening for and treating these two conditions by general practitioners. The two final consensus papers will be published in JAMDA. More information will be available soon.

Frailty and Sarcopenia

The 4th edition of the International Conference on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR2015) is scheduled for April 23-25, 2015 in Boston, USA. The conference is dedicated to raising awareness for the need to implement frailty and sarcopenia into clinical practice. The last scientific findings will be presented during this unique event. To date, the
ICFSR2015 Scientific Committee has selected 280 abstracts: 16 symposiums, 64 oral communications, and 200 posters on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research and Clinical Practice. 

A call for Late Breaking News is expected from February 2-16, 2015. You can consult the preliminary program on the dedicated website at http://www.frailty-sarcopenia.com/program.php

Nursing Home
Despite the increase of both the ageing population and the number of institutionalized older people, clinical research in nursing homes is still scarce. Research is, however, essential to improve the quality of care in the nursing homes. The improvement of the quality of care in the nursing home will rely on future evidence from research performed in these settings, their feasibility in real life conditions and the successful dissemination of these new clinical findings.

The International Research Conference on Nursing Homes offers an opportunity to learn and share ideas, and promote current knowledge among researchers in the field of nursing home care. After Saint Louis in the USA last October, this 2nd edition will take place on December 2-3, 2015 in the historical settings of the Toulouse University Hospital Headquarters, France. This new event will be dedicated to Alzheimer’s disease and relevant drug and non-drug therapies. It will also deal with behavioral disorders, care organization, homecare, nursing homes, and new technologies.

Abstract submission deadline: June 30, 2015
Website: http://www.nursing-home-research.com

ASSOCIATED CONFERENCES
• WCO-IOF-ESCEO’s World Congress on Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis, and Musculoskeletal Diseases
Jointly organised under the auspices of the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis (ESCEO) and the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), this 15th edition will be the largest clinical and research event in the bone, muscle and joint field, attracting some 5,000 clinicians and influential key opinion leaders from around the world.

Early registration: December 5, 2014 - March 5, 2015
Abstract submission: January 15, 2015
More information at http://www.wco-iof-esceo.org

• Building an Evidence Base for Active Ageing Policies: Active Ageing Index (AAI) and Its Potential
This international seminar, organized by the UNECE Population Unit and the European Commission’s DG EMPL, will be held on 16–17 April, 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. The event will provide a multidisciplinary forum for those interested in the use of AAI and other research to enhance the knowledge about ageing and older people and lead to the development of better policies.
For more details: http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/AAI/International+Seminar

BOOKS
A WHITE BOOK ON FRAILTY
The publication and launch of the White Book on Frailty was realized under the auspices of the IAGG-GARN Network in collaboration with the Toulouse Gérontopôle. The aim of this “White Book” is to raise awareness about the necessity to further implement frailty into clinical practice. The book will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Frailty & Ageing (JFA) http://www.ifrailyaging.com. It will also be distributed during the next International Conference on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR2015) that will take place on April 23-25, 2015 in Boston, USA.
Website: http://www.frailty-sarcopenia.com
WEBSITE
Frailty and Sarcopenia
This tool is an international educational resource that aims to help geriatricians, primary care physicians and other health care professionals involved in the care of older persons implement frailty into clinical practice. Frailty is a clinical state that develops as a consequence of age-related decline in many physiological systems and increases an individual's vulnerability for developing further dependency and/or mortality when exposed to a stressor. Along with the portal, the Frailty Newsletter will bring information on ways to identify pre-frail and frail individuals, to prevent disability, to implement frailty into clinical practice. It is also expected to highlight the latest developments, updated research findings, clinical trials, new treatment approaches and, of course, current recommendations for the care of older persons. http://www.frailty.net

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)

UPCOMING EVENTS: IAGG-EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONGRESS, 23-26 APRIL 2015, DUBLIN
The IAGG Executive Committee has collaborated with the IAGG Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA) to host a session at IAGG-ER 2015 titled, “Establishing Collaborative Research Networks for Emerging Scholars: Perspectives from the IAGG Councils of Student Organizations and IAGG-GSIA.” Recognizing a growing interest in global ageing research, this session will offer several presentations and an interactive discussion around the topic of building international collaborative research networks in gerontology.
Also of interest, the GSIA will run its first Master Class on: “Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work,” alongside the IAGG-ER 2015. The Master Class is designed for up to 15 early career scholars (registered for a PhD, anywhere in the world, or who have recently completed a PhD). Attendees will benefit from: group sessions, led by experts; opportunities for discussion and debate; small group work to develop their own idea for publication; and mentoring with an experienced academic in a field close to their own. The Master Class will occupy the whole of Wednesday April 22 and a half day on Sunday morning April 26, 2015. A fee of €150 will be charged for participation, covering all aspects of the Master Class, lunch and dinner on April 22 and lunch on April 26. A small Master Class bursary fund has been established, with support from the GSIA, IAGG and University of Leeds. Applicants unable to secure funding from their own institution may apply for assistance from this fund, which (in exceptional cases) may be used to support travel and subsistence costs in attending the Master Class. Full details can be obtained on the IAGG website (http://www.iagg.info/) or by contacting the course director, Prof Sue Yeandle at s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk. Applications will close on 13th February 2015.

Finally, The IAGG-CSO Executive Committee is actively working on additional student programming for IAGG-ER 2015: keep checking the IAGG-ER website for updates (http://www.iaggdublin2015.org/).

IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MR. JOHN MACH
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 Mr. John Mach, from the Asia/Oceania region, below. We encourage our readers to nominate deserving IAGG student and early career members and/or student gerontological organizations for consideration by emailing the IAGG Executive Committee (iaggcsos@gmail.com).
IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH MR. JOHN MACH

Degrees: BS, Medical Science
Title: PhD Student
Department: Laboratory of Ageing and Pharmacology and the Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Age Care
Institution: Kolling Institute of Medical Research, Royal North Shore Hospital, University of Sydney
Institution Location: Sydney, NSW, Australia

1. How did you get interested in the field of ageing?
   Following the excellent guidance and introduction to understanding ageing and pharmacology research by my current PhD supervisor, Associate Professor Sarah Hilmer, who is a practicing geriatrician and a strong advocate for translatable ageing research, my passion and interest in this field has continued to grow. My current research aims to understand age-related changes in liver biology, which may alter drug pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and toxicity, with the sole goal of improving the health of older people and assisting in our understanding of healthy ageing.

2. What are your key responsibilities at your job and/or school?
   As a PhD student my responsibilities include engaging in gerontology and medical research which is aimed at increasing scientific knowledge and improving the health of older people. Furthermore, my roles include fulfilling my PhD, promoting work conducted by my laboratory and attending meetings for future collaborations.

3. Tell us a little about your most recent activities/accomplishments.
   Attending the IAGG World Congress was my first exposure to an international conference. This was one of my milestone goals which I was very happy to fulfill at the IAGG meeting and also fortunate enough to present 2 oral presentations and receive critical feedback. This achievement provided me an unforgettable experience which has encouraged me to attend many other international meetings and assisted with the publication of my first of many PhD papers.

4. How long/why did you become a member of IAGG and why is it important for other students to join/attend IAGG?
   As a biological science researcher in ageing and toxicology, I believe it is essential for our research to be translated into the scientific community as well as in clinical practice. Becoming an IAGG member just over a year ago has enabled me to fulfill this goal, by presenting my findings to a scientific and clinical audience and networking with leading investigators. Additionally, feedback received from international experts at the IAGG meeting has strongly contributed towards publication of my work and development of critical thinking, and for that reason I strongly encourage students to join and attend future IAGG meetings.

5. Do you have any tips for emerging gerontology and geriatrics scholars?
   Be proactive in publishing, collaborating, networking and get involved in relevant associations. Promote your work and try to translate research into the community and clinical practice.

IAGG-CSO MEMBER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY (BSG), EMERGING RESEARCHERS IN AGEING (ERA)

The BSG’s Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Committee was launched in 2009 to facilitate opportunities for mentorship, support, and guidance to student members. The ERA Committee has been seeking to establish a support network consisting of people at various stages of their academic career who would be interested in supporting early career researchers.
In recent years, the main event held by ERA has been its annual conference. This event gives students and people new to the field of ageing the opportunity to present their research to a friendly audience, where constructive and supportive feedback can be given. In addition to the opportunity to try out new skills, the conference is also planned to help learning and at each event the BSG-ERA Committee seeks to invite established academics and researchers to present their work or host a seminar.

BSG-ERA recognizes the value of building and maintaining strong networks and relationships with other ERA organizations around the world. There are many benefits to such collaborations including a learning exchange of one another’s achievements and challenges in equipping and serving the membership and investing into the future of ageing research. BSG-ERA currently has strong links with ESPO (Student organisation of the Gerontological Society of America) and ERA-Australia. Within the last year, BSG-ERA has been involved in discussions with the student organisation of the Canadian Association of Gerontology and with representatives of researchers in ageing in Israel. For more information on the BSG’s Emerging Researchers in Ageing Committee, visit their website (http://www.britishgerontology.org/era.html), or email the ERA Co-Chairs (ERA@britishgerontology.org).

IAGG-GSIA (GLOBAL SOCIAL INITIATIVE ON AGEING)
NATIONAL GERONTOLOGY MEETINGS
In recent weeks, the GSIA has been featured at 4 national gerontology meetings. In September, Prof. Norah Keating was a keynote speaker at the New Zealand Association of Gerontology conference (Dunedin) on loneliness and social isolation of older adults, addressing the GSIA theme of families. A symposium on family caregivers of people with multiple chronic conditions was presented at the Canadian Association on Gerontology (Niagara Falls). The Gerontological Society of America (Washington) featured a Presidential symposium on liveability, entitled: Global Perspectives on Social and Health Policy for an Ageing Population. In November, Prof. Norah Keating was the Gary Andrews Visiting Fellow in Australia where she gave presentations at the Australian Association of Gerontology state and territory divisions. She gave a plenary address at the AAG conference (Adelaide) on costs of care to family caregivers and a preconference workshop entitled, Demystifying families of older adults. Family caregivers to older adults: Documenting the costs of caring.

THE GSIA MASTER CLASS ON CARE FOR OLDER PERSONS AT THE IAGG EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONGRESS 2015
The GSIA will run its first Master Class on: “Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work,” alongside the IAGG European Area conference in Dublin. The Master Class will be ‘wrapped around’ the conference, with Prof. Sue Yeandle (Leeds, UK) as course director and support from a team of distinguished international scholars. The Master Class is designed for up to 15 early career scholars (registered for a PhD, anywhere in the world, or who have recently completed a PhD). Attendees will benefit from: group sessions, led by experts; opportunities for discussion and debate; small group work to develop their own idea for publication; and mentoring with an experienced academic in a field close to their own. The Master Class will occupy the whole
of Wednesday April 22 and a half day on Sunday morning April 26 2015. It is expected participants will also register for the IAGG conference April 23-25, 2015. A fee of €150 will be charged for participation, covering all aspects of the Master Class, lunch and dinner on April 22 and lunch on April 26. A small Master Class bursary fund has been established, with support from the GSIA, IAGG and University of Leeds. Applicants unable to secure funding from their own institution may apply for assistance from this fund, which (in exceptional cases) may be used to support travel and subsistence costs in attending the Master Class. Applications will close on February 13, 2015. Full details of how to apply can be obtained from the course director at s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk. A full report on GSIA activities will be available early in 2015.

Provisional Program

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Each participant will also have an additional mentor session of 45 minutes, arranged individually with their personal mentor, to take place during the IAGG conference, on Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 April. The focus of the Master Class will be on supporting participants to conceptualise topics, build personal research agendas, learn more about how to get their work published and develop their scholarly networks. Lecturers will all be asked to focus their 30 minute talks on: (i) Key issues and debates; (ii) Theoretical and / or methodological challenges; (ii) Scope for developing new research.

For further information contact Course Director Professor Sue Yeandle at: s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk
UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN GENEVA

In June 2014, the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva appointed Mr. Dainius Pūras as the new Special Rapporteur on the right for all to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health with ageing.

Mr Pūras is a Professor and the Head of the Centre for child psychiatry social pediatrics at Vilnius University, and teaches on the Faculty of Medicine, Institute of International Relations and Political Science and also the Faculty of Philosophy of Vilnius University, Lithuania.

24TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS 2014: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND, 1 OCTOBER, 2014

To commemorate the 24th International Day of Older Persons, the United Nations encouraged governments and people throughout the world to ensure that older persons are able to fully participate in society and that their rights and dignity are protected.

Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon emphasized the importance of older persons’ participation in society by stating that “older persons are making wide-ranging contributions to economic and social development” in his message for International Day of Older Persons. To see his statement, please click the link below:

http://www.un.org/sg/statements/?nid=8075

In observance of the 2014 International Day of Older Persons, many commemorational events took place, both in New York and Geneva. Detailed information of each event is available as follows:

- Special event co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, El Salvador, Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand, and the NGO Committee on Ageing, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) - http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/other-meetingsevents/watch/leaving-no-one-behind-promoting-a-society-for-all-24th-international-day-of-older-persons-2014/3830785978001#full-text
- The 2014 HelpAge AgeWatch index - http://www.helpage.org/global-agewatch/

IAGG RESPONSE POSITION TO THE GAROP CONSULTATION ON THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS, OCTOBER 10, 2014

The IAGG is one of nine founding members of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP). Established in 2011, GAROP is a network of now over 100 civil society organizations from around the world who have come together to strengthen and promote the rights of older persons.
A key outcome of the 5th session of the United Nations Open Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) in July-August 2014 was a proposal that debate at its next session should move beyond whether a new convention on the rights of older persons is needed and focus more on the main elements of such a convention. The GAROP Steering Group therefore decided in July 2014 that the mandate of GAROP will move to help coordinate civil society input into the discussion around a new convention. The GAROP Steering Group in September 2014 invited IAGG as a GAROP member to conduct this Consultation.

In response to the invitation to participate in the GAROP Consultation on the rights of older persons, IAGG engaged in an iterative process with over 100 representatives from its 73 member societies worldwide, Governing Council, Executive Committee, and Representatives to the United Nations in New York, Geneva, and Vienna. On behalf of IAGG, Prof. Hans Stöhrer gathered as well as analyzed the responses to draft the summary statement of IAGG Response Position to the GAROP Consultation on the Rights of Older Persons. Approximately 10% of IAGG members from 4 continents ranging from Africa, Asia, Europe to North America participated in the survey. The IAGG survey found that, while some differences existed between developing and developed countries in the experience of older persons, older persons widely experienced discrimination, mistreatment, and inequality regardless of their society. The summary statement was submitted to the GAROP on Oct 10, 2014.

THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE UNECE WORKING GROUP ON AGEING, GENEVA, NOVEMBER 20-21, 2014
The Working Group on Ageing of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is dedicated to European affairs and composed of Representatives from Member States and international NGOs. The UNECE’s Working Group on Ageing held its Seventh Meeting from November 20-21, 2014 in Geneva, Palais des Nations. The meeting discussed (1) the launch of the World Bank Report “Ageing in Europe,” (2) the briefings on the outcomes of age-related UN events, (3) the implementation of the Work Program of the Working Group on Ageing in 2014 and (4) the main elements of the Work Program for 2015. About 40 representatives participated in the event including Prof. Alain FRANCO, IAGG Representative to the United Nations European Missions, who was keenly involved in discussing the prospect of establishing the international convention on human rights of older persons. The launch of exhibition entitled, Take Care of Time, was held alongside the meeting on November 21, 2014. The exhibition was organized in the context of the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing Project in Georgia. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.unece.org/seventh_meeting_of_the_working_group_on_ageing.html#/>
NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

GERONTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF ARGENTINA
SENATE OF THE PROVINCE OF MENDOZA, DECEMBER 4, 2014

President of Gerontological Society of Argentina, Dr. Felix Eduardo Nallim, received an award from the Honorable Senate of the Province of Mendoza for his work in the field of gerontology and geriatrics. The meeting was attended by a large number of attendees composed of provincial authorities and university officials.

BELARUSIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

The Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (President: Prof. Andrei Ilnitski) aims to strengthen international cooperation on gerontology and geriatrics with different countries, especially those located in Post-Soviet regions. To promote this goal, Vice President of the Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Prof. Kiryl Prashchayeu visited Almaty city in Kazakhstan. Prof. Prashchayeu delivered lectures to regional experts in gerontology and geriatrics, visited specialized clinics for older persons, and took part in discussion with local scientists and medical professionals on how to better translate the concept of frailty and geriatric care into everyday practice, including screening of frailty in primary health care. During the visit, it was agreed to continue and deepen collaboration in geriatrics between Belarus and Kazakhstan.

BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION ON AGEING

The 16th Congress of the European Neuro-Endocrine Association was held in September in Sofia and attended by members of the Bulgarian Association on Ageing. On October 29, 2014, the National Conference: Ageing Social and Health Problems was held successfully. The president of the Bulgarian Association on Ageing chaired the conference. The organization had its latest meeting on December 13, 2014, which marked the organization’s fourth meeting for the year.
The Turkish Geriatrics Society organizes special events in commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons on 1st of October every year, in collaboration with different municipalities. The theme of the meeting for this year was: “DEMENTIA, DEPRESSION and DELIRIUM.” Seniors who participated in the event showed great interest and curiosity for these topics. A symposium and concert were performed at a 100 year club in the Cankaya district of Ankara.
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**IAGG REGIONAL CONGRESSES**

IAGG VII Latin American & Caribbean CONGRESS, Belém do Pará, Brazil, APRIL 9-11, 2015
UPCOMING EVENTS

The 7th Latin American & Caribbean Congress (COMLAT) will be hosted by the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology on April 9-11, 2015, in Belém do Pará, Brazil, with the theme, “Scientific Innovation, Sustainability and Ageing”. The event will guide the planning of the scientific agenda, presentation of papers, and all the activities developed during the meeting. Contributions of renowned professionals, educators and researchers from over 19 countries will make this occasion a unique milestone for the COMLAT region.

Important dates
Deadline for paper submission: January 31, 2015
Contact
Website: http://comlat2015.com.br/

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

The Irish Gerontological Society, with networks of researchers and educators active across Ireland, is proud to host the IAGG-ER 2015 Congress from April 23-26, 2015 at Dublin’s new Convention Center.

The Congress theme “Unlocking the Demographic Dividend” aims to tap into the growing awareness that gerontological research can help us to 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.

According to Prof. Des O’Neill, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, plans are now well underway to ensure that this prestigious event will be inspirational and informative for all delegates. Meanwhile, the effort to promote the 8th International Congress of the IAGG-ER worldwide has been ongoing, with a warm reception at many European national society meetings and the Gerontological Society of America. The IAGG-ER Congress has been attracting strong national and international attention and has accepted 104 symposia and over 1,300 abstract submissions from all over the world. The program is under final stages of development and will be announced soon. The Congress program is being tailored to interest all researchers, policy makers and practitioners engaged with any aspect of ageing. The early-bird registration has been extended to 16 January, 2015.

Contact
Inquiries: iagger2015@conferencepartners.ie
Website: http://www.iaggdublin2015.org
The Hashtag for Congress is #IAGGER8
- You can join in the conversation by following @IAGGER2015
- You can follow the Irish Gerontological Society @irishgerontsoc

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 invited speakers, with 540 sessions of Oral presentations and 128 sessions of Symposiums.

Abstract Topics as of September 2014:
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

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

Important dates
Deadline of Abstract Submission (EXTENDED): Feb 20, 2015

Contacts
General inquiry: info@iagg2015.org
Website: http://iagg2015.org/

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**
- Spring 2016: Call for abstracts available
- Winter 2016: Notification of abstract decision
- Registration and accommodations open
- Call of late breaking abstracts

Contact: info@iagg2017.org
Website: http://www.iage2017.org

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**22nd WORLD CONGRESS 2021, ARGENTINA, 2021**

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.

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**CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY MEMBER SOCIETIES**

**THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY, MONTREAL, CANADA, APRIL 16-18, 2015**

**Canadian Association on Gerontology**

On behalf of the Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS) 2015 Scientific Planning Committee, we are pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the CGS.

This year, the ASM will be held in downtown Montreal from April 16 to 18 at the Hilton Bonaventure. The theme of the 2015 ASM is *Optimizing Care*.

**Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 30, 2015

**Website:** http://canadiangeriatrics.ca

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

**Canadian Association on Gerontology**

Call for Abstracts in January 2015!

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US CENSUS BUREAU RELEASED ACS REPORT ON OLDER AMERICANS WITH A DISABILITY

Older Americans with a Disability: 2008-2012, December 2, 2014

The US Census Bureau released a report entitled, Older Americans with a Disability: 2008-2012, on December 2, 2014. The report found that nearly 40 percent of people aged 65 and older had at least one disability based on data from the American Community Survey. In addition, 13 percent of older household population with a disability lived in poverty, and more than one-third of those 85 and older with a disability lived alone.

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WHO KOBE CENTER, EOI FOR COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES

Expressions of Interest (EOI), January 9, 2015

The WHO Kobe Centre has just released a call for expressions of interest (EOI) for institutions or individual researchers to submit proposals for case studies on community-based initiative(s) to assist older people remain autonomous and avoid dependency in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). These case studies will inform policy and planning to ensure greater sustainability and integration of services. The EOI can be found on the WHO website at http://www.who.int/kobe_centre/ageing/Call_EOI_CBMC.pdf. The deadline for receipt is the close of business of 9 January 2015 (Kobe, Japan time) and can be submitted to Loic Garcon at garconl@who.int (length of 1500 words). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WHO Kobe Centre.
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