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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

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History
The International Association of Gerontological Societies was founded in Liège, Belgium in July 1950. It later became the International Association of Gerontology (IAG) and, by decision of the Council in 2004, it is now the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG).

Missions
IAGG promotes the highest levels of achievement of gerontological research and training worldwide. IAGG interacts with other international, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in the promotion of gerontological interests globally and on behalf of its member associations. IAGG pursues these activities with a view of promoting the highest quality of life and wellbeing of all people as they experience ageing at an individual and societal level.

Actions
To foster and enhance Gerontology and Geriatrics throughout the world and during the next four years, IAGG communicates and shares information, through different types of initiatives:
- A high level workshop will be organized annually in collaboration with WHO, to provide recommendations to guide all actors concerned by the development of older populations,
- An intensive course on Ageing issues will be held each year in Barcelona,
- An IAGG/WHO Global Research Network on Health and Ageing will get together 500 international centres of expertise,
- Support and promotion of various actions in the fields of Ageing,
- Cooperation with different international organizations dedicated to old people.

Organization
IAGG is an umbrella organization bringing together national gerontological and geriatrics associations from five regions around the world: Africa • Asia/Oceania • Europe • North America • South America

To advance the Organization’s activities, Standing Committees work on issues such as United Nations, Gerontechnology, Student Organizations, Collaborating Centers, Elder Abuse, Nursing Homes, Great Names in Gerontology and Geriatrics.

Members
At present, 71 national societies from 64 different countries are represented. With a combined membership of more than 40,000 practitioners.

Consultative Status
Since 1978, IAGG is a category III non-governmental organization (NGO) with respect to the United Nations (UN) with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In 2009, IAGG was established with the ECOSOC Special Consultative Status allowing our organization to make oral and written statements.

IAGG is a member of the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CDNGO) since 1985.

An international collaboration between IAGG and eight other NGOs has been set-up to promote major worldwide Ageing issues.

The IAGG has close and cordial working relationships with the:
- UN Program on Ageing • World Health Organization’s Ageing & Life Course Program
- UN Development Program • UN Population Fund • other UN agencies

Meetings and Events
IAGG holds a World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics every four years where internationally recognized experts share their knowledge and experience through:
- Plenary presentations • invited symposia • paper sessions • poster sessions

In the intervening years, there are regional congresses and special events.

The last World Congresses of Gerontology and Geriatrics organized:
1997 - 16th in Adelaide, Australia • 2001 - 17th in Vancouver, Canada
2005 - 18th in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil • 2009 - 19th in Paris, France

In 2013, Seoul will host IAGG’s 20th World Congress

For updated information, you can consult (www.iagg2013.org)