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## IAGG HEADQUARTERS

### MASTER CLASS ON AGEING, SEOUL, KOREA, JUNE 23-25, 2014

The 5th Master Class on Ageing (MCA) was held from June 23 to June 25, 2014 at the Institute of International Education, Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. The class was organized by IAGG, the Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS), and Korean Geriatrics Society.

The MCA is a prestigious class initiated from the collaboration between IAGG and the Department of Ageing and Life Course, World Health Organization (ALC, WHO). The program aims to provide a valuable opportunity for young geriatricians to nurture their potential and enhance their knowledge about ageing. The program is composed of lectures, poster presentations, oral paper presentations and group discussions.



This year's Master Class opened up with welcome speeches by IAGG President Heung Bong CHA, Prof. Taehyun KIM, Chairwoman of the 5th IAGG Master Class, and Prof. Jean-Pierre MICHEL, Immediate Past President of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society. The introduction of participants followed afterwards by Prof. Changwon WON. A total of 40 participants came to Seoul from 8 countries from the Asia Pacific region (Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Korea). The first day was composed of overview lectures on geriatric syndromes and the importance of frailty. On the second day, poster presentations and group discussions were held and the best presenters were selected as follows: Sukanya Jongsiriyanyoung (Thailand), Serina Yokoyama (Japan), Khor Hui Min (Malaysia), and Hee-Won Jung (Korea). After the lectures, participants had a chance to visit Gyeongbokgung Palace and the traditional Korean village of Bukchon.



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The IAGG thanks all the participants who travelled to Seoul, and especially Prof. Changwon WON for his dedication and efforts in coordinating the event so successfully.



## **SPEAKERS AND TOPICS INCLUDED:**

### **Day 1 (June 23)**

**Prof Jong-Lull Yoon** (Korea), Hallym University - "Overview of Geriatric syndromes"

**Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel** (Switzerland), Immediate Past President, European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS) - "Importance of frailty in clinical practice"

**Prof. Yoshiko Someya** (Japan), Tokyo Woman's Christian University - "Importance of frailty in sociology"

**Prof. Cheol-Koo Lee** (Korea), Korea University - "Ageing & Genes"

### **Day 2 (June 24)**

**Prof. SangYun Kim** (Korea), Bundang Seoul National University Hospital - "Diagnosis and treatment of Dementia"

**Prof. Dong-Woo Lee** (Korea), Inje University - "Management of BPSD by Dementia"

**Prof. Liang-Kung Chen** (Taiwan), Taipei Veterans General Hospital - "Sarcopenia"

**Prof. Kwang-Il Kim** (Korea), Bundang Seoul National University Hospital - "Syncope"

**Prof. Alain Franco** (France), Nice-Sophia Antipolis University Hospital - "Practical technology to overcome Geriatric Syndromes"

### **Day 3 (June 25)**

**Prof. Han Stöhrer** (USA), Cornell University - Polypharmacy ("To Do No Harm")

**Prof. Hidenori Arai** (Japan), Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine - "Management of geriatric syndrome is a key for fall prevention in older adults"

**Prof. Jean Woo** (Hong Kong), Chinese University of Hong Kong - "Management of delirium in acute medical wards"

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEOUL, KOREA, JUNE 25, 2014



1. Prof Toni ANTONUCCI (USA) – IAGG North America Chair
2. Prof Heung Bong CHA (Korea) – IAGG President
3. Prof Bruno VELLAS (France) – IAGG Immediate Past President
4. Prof Alain FRANCO (France) – IAGG Immediate Past Secretary General
5. Prof Keith HILL (Australia) – IAGG Asia/Oceania Region Chair
6. Prof Vladimir KHAVINSON (Russia) – IAGG Europe Region Chair
7. Prof SungJae CHOI (Korea) – IAGG Secretary General & Vice President
8. Prof Dong Ho LEE (Korea) – IAGG Treasurer



The 2nd IAGG Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Koreana Hotel on June 25, 2014, in Seoul, Korea.

The final agenda was composed of the following items: (1) Regional Reports, (2) Research Networks: IAGG-GARN, IAGG-GSIA, Plan to Build Database for International Research on Ageing (DIRA), (3) Training Programs: WAA, Master Class, Syllabus Development for WAA/Master Class, (4) IAGG Budget Plan, (5) Progress Report of 2017 IAGG World Congress, (6) Verification of the French revision of an IAGG By-law which the Belgium Government accidentally dropped in the processing of the registration (Article 5 and Article 5.b), (7) Others.

During the meeting, the possibility of holding the next IAGG Executive Committee Meeting in Dublin, Ireland in 2015, was discussed. The venue, invitation and the agenda of the next meeting will be informed in due time.



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## INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP, SEOUL, KOREA, JUNE 26, 2014



One of the core visions of IAGG is to promote gerontological research and training in biological, medical, behavioral and social aspects of ageing in order to improve the well-being of ageing individuals. As a part of this effort, the IAGG headquarters held the “International Workshop on Continuum of Care for Older Persons” at the Korean Press Center on June 26 in Seoul, Korea. The event was co-organized by IAGG and the Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS) with about 200 participants attending the workshop. The main goal of the workshop was to discuss how to promote effective and efficient models of care for older persons and seek desirable solutions for the development of a model of continuum of care for older persons from a global perspective.

For presentations and discussions, 18 experts from Australia, Argentina, Germany, Japan, UK, USA, and Korea presented their respective country's cases in long-term care settings and discussed viable solutions to contribute to the development of a model of continuum of care for older persons that is evidence-based and biopsychosocial to be practiced based on the reality of care services.

During the opening ceremony, President Heung Bong CHA emphasized the importance of provision of care, which must take into account the issues of who, where and how. Since the cost and the quality of care depends to a great extent on different care settings and institutional bodies which cover a wide spectrum of the continuum of care, it has become vital for policymakers as well as private corporations to increase their attention to this issue and strengthen their efforts to develop a desirable model faithful to the principle of continuum of care.

The workshop signifies yet another effort by IAGG to lead gerontological research and training as a core international network of professionals in the field of ageing. The IAGG will continually devote itself to promoting the wellbeing of older persons worldwide and appreciates the participation of those who attended the event as well as the presentations of our many distinguished experts.

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## Program

### **Session I: Models of Continuum of Care for Older Persons in terms of Effectiveness and Efficiency.**

(Chair: Professor Toni ANTONUCCI, IAGG North American Regional Chair)

(1) The Case of United States of America: Dr. Matthew MCNABNEY (USA)

(2) The Case of Japan: Professor Yukimichi IMAI (Japan)

(3) The Case of Korea: Professor Chan-Woo KIM (Korea)

Discussions: Professor Han STÖHRER (USA)

Professor Sunwoo DUK (Korea)

### **Session II: Issues in Care Settings from the Professional Perspective on Continuum of Care for Older Persons**

(Chair: Professor Jose JAURGUI, IAGG South America and Caribbean Regional Chair)

(1) Issues in Acute and Sub-acute Care Settings: Professor Jong Lull YOON (Korea)

(2) Issues in Community Care Settings: Professor Mie MORIKAWA (Japan)

(3) Issues in Institutional Care Settings: Dr. Martin GREEN (UK)

Discussions: Professor Keith HILL (Australia)

Professor Changwon WON (Korea)

### **Session III: Issues in Long-Term Care from the Perspective on Continuum of Care for Older Persons**

(Chair: Dr. Yasuyoshi OUCHI)

(1) Care of Dementia Patients: Jay LUXENBERG

(2) Care Workforce: Professor Schuette WOLFGANG (Germany)

(3) Financing of Long-Term Care: Professor Soon-Man KWON (Korea)

Discussions: Professor Kiwoong KIM (Korea)

Professor Dongwoo LEE (Korea)

## IAGG 2013 WORLD CONGRESS VIDEO

The video report of the IAGG World Congress 2013 is now available on the IAGG website ([http://iagg.info/sub06\\_01\\_2013%20Seoul%20Congress.php](http://iagg.info/sub06_01_2013%20Seoul%20Congress.php)). Anyone interested in promoting the IAGG World Congress 2013 or the IAGG World Congress 2017 is welcome to use the link.

# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## 1. ASIA/OCEANIA REGION

There are a number of activities occurring in the Asia / Oceania Region of IAGG currently. These include:



IAGG President Professor Hueng Bong Cha  
opening the recent Sarcopenia Conference

### 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. Keynote speakers are currently being finalized. Calls for submitted symposia will occur in the near future. The call for submitted abstracts will close on 20 December 2014.

### ASIAN CONSENSUS OF THE SARCOPENIA DIAGNOSIS REPORT

A working group, led by Professor Liang-Kung Chen from Taiwan, was established in March 2013 to review research from the Asian region on sarcopenia to determine diagnosis recommendations for people in Asia. Researchers from six countries across Asia who have conducted relevant research were part of the working group. The working group has developed a consensus paper published in the Journal of the American Medical Directors (JAMDA, Feb 2014), and individual papers on the relevant data informing the consensus paper were published in a special issue of Geriatrics and Gerontology International (February 2014). A recent conference in Taipei reported on the various papers contributing to the consensus paper, and highlighted the need for future collaborative work in standardizing measurements, and facilitating interventional research in sarcopenia within the region. On behalf of the Region, Prof. Keith Hill, Chair of Asia/Oceania Regional Committee, congratulates the team involved in this major collaborative undertaking, and commends the consensus report and individual papers contributing to the report.

### ASIAN CONSENSUS OF THE SARCOPENIA DIAGNOSIS REPORT

The Western Pacific Regional Office of the World Health Organization has just released a report titled: The Health of Older People in Selected Countries of the Western Pacific Region. Authors of the report included Julie Byles, Cassie Curryer, Natalie Edwards, Natasha Weaver, Cate D'Este, John Hall, Paul Kowal. The report highlights the extent and pace of population ageing across a diversity of settings in the Region, and emphasizes some key health challenges and opportunities that accompany these changes. Policy implications are also discussed. The report is also accompanied by 20 country facts sheets which provide snapshots of demographic and epidemiological transitions as well as policy implications.

(Report number: ISBN 978 92 9061 657 3)

[http://www.wpro.who.int/topics/ageing/health\\_of\\_older\\_people\\_in\\_selected\\_WPR\\_countries.pdf?ua=1](http://www.wpro.who.int/topics/ageing/health_of_older_people_in_selected_WPR_countries.pdf?ua=1))



One of the authors of the report (Cassie Curryer) with the facts sheets

# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## MASTER CLASS

Another highly successful IAGG Master Class on Ageing was undertaken from June 23 to 25, 2014 at the Institute of International Education, Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. Congratulations to Professor Chang Won WON who coordinated the event and the teaching academy. More detailed information on the Master Class is reported in the previous section, IAGG HEADQUARTERS.

## GARY ANDREWS ACADEMY

Planning is underway for the first Gary Andrews Academy training program to be conducted in late 2014 or early 2015.

## 2. SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION

### CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Year	Month/Date	Event
2014	March	Vth Panamerican Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics, March 26-29, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
	April	XIXth Brazilian National Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology, April 29 -May 3, in Belem, Brazil
	May	VIth Uruguayan Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, May 25-27, in Montevideo, Uruguay
	June	AMGG. June 5-7, in Cuernavaca, México
	July	Chilean National Congress, July 30-August 1, in Santiago
	September	Argentinean National Congress(SAGG), September 22-24, in Buenos Aires.
	October	AMGG National Congress, October 25-27, in Los Cabos, México
	November	Paraguayan National Congress in Asunción, without date till today
2015	April	COMLAT Regional International Congress, April 25-27, in Belém do Pará, Brazil (Change of authorities, Brazilian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics takes the Chair)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Comisión Económica para América Latina:CEPAL) successfully held the **Second International Forum on the Human Rights of Older Persons** in Mexico City, 3-6 June 2014. The meeting was broadcast via webcast and presentations of each speaker are available on the website: <http://ow.ly/yLXqr>
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) / INPEA: The event to commemorate the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day took place on the 13th of June at the National University in Buenos Aires. The program was coordinated by the COMLAT President Dr. José R Jauregui.
- The "Active Ageing Forum" was consolidated as an initiative of the former COMLAT Executive Committee (2008-2011). The events have been performed by National Member Councils or Presidents. Topics such as Frailty, Poverty, Jobs, Abuse & Neglect, Dependency, Physical Activity and Sexual Education in the region are developed in these Forums.
- Intergenerational Walks: In many countries, open activities are performed to stimulate physical activities of older persons, with local government support and COMLAT directives. They were proposed to be done in every member country on the same day, the International Day of Older Persons.
- A **new presidential election** was held in Seoul, 2013: There were 4 candidates, 2 from México (both Societies), Brazil and Peru. The Brazil Geriatrics and Gerontology Society won the election and Dr Marianela Flores de Heckman will be the next COMLAT President since April 2015.
- **New National Society's Membership Application for IAGG:** The Bolivian Society was accepted as an IAGG member and the Dominican Republic is preparing its application for membership.
- The regional committee is working with other interest groups (NGOs, PAHO, WHO, ILC LA, Help Age and all in the Global Alliance) to expose gerontological issues, propose policy recommendations, and promote research on Elder Abuse and Neglect, Health promotion, etc. aiming to facilitate participation in decision making processes.
- The regional committee has 4 societies with a designated expert in Human Rights, to work together following IAGG policies.



# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## PROMOTION AND PLANNING OF THE WORLD CONGRESS

- Promotion of the 22nd World Congress: The COMLAT has the commitment of promoting the next world congress in the NARC region. Leaflets, brochures and website advertisements have been shared and mailed to all member societies, and information is updated as it comes from the USA.
- Planning of the 22nd World Congress: Two societies in Argentina are working together to build strong relationships with all national societies in the region in planning of the 22nd World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- The Organizing Committee of the World Congress was formed with a General Coordinator, Dr. José R Jauregui, and 5 members of each society (SAGG and AGA), to begin work. The Organizing Committee is now searching for an appropriate company to work with till 2021 for the master plan of the World Congress.

## 3. EUROPEAN REGION CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Year	Month/Date	Event
2014	September	43rd Annual Conference of the British Society of Gerontology, 1-3 September, University of Southampton, UK
	October	9th European Congress of Biogerontology, 16-18 October, Seville, Spain
		62nd Annual and Scientific Meeting "Science for Healthy and Active Ageing," Irish Gerontology Society, 9-11 October, Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway, Ireland
	November	34èmes Journées Annuelles de la Société Française de Gériatrie et Gérologie, 25 - 27 November, La Cité des Sciences / La Villette Paris, France

## MEMBERSHIP

The European region has the largest membership of all the regions of the world with 42 national societies and over 22,000 members. Current member societies include the Association of Gerontologists of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan), Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (Belarus), San Marino Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (San Marino), Academic Geriatrics Society (Turkey), with a pending membership application from the Association of Kyrgyz Republic Gerontologists (Kyrgyzstan).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board Meeting of the European region was held on October 5, 2013, in Venice, Italy. The agenda included 1) briefing on the 20th IAGG Congress in Seoul, 2) IAGG-ER Congress in Dublin, and 3) Encyclopedia: Gerontology in Europe. The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Convention Center in Dublin, Ireland in February 2014. The tentative agenda is composed of two points: the IAGG-ER website and IAGG-ER Congress in Dublin, Ireland.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Biological Section

- The EU-sponsored 2-week intensive program for Master's and PhD students, **Next Generation Leaders in Biology and Ageing**, was held on 2-14 June, 2014 in Rimini, Italy.
- Publication of the special issue of Biogerontology from papers presented at the 8th European Congress of Biogerontology held in Israel, 2013 (Biogerontology, volume 14, issue number 6, December 2013). It contains 22 excellent review and research papers.
- Publication of an obituary of Robin Holliday (died on 9 April 2014) - a great intellectual, molecular biologist and biogerontologist, in the latest issue of Biogerontology, written by another world famous biogerontologist, Len Hayflick (in volume 15, issue 3, 2014).

### Social & Behavioral Section

- The Workshop entitled **Valuing Ageing: Results from European Longitudinal Studies on Ageing** was successfully held at VU University, Amsterdam, on February 16-19. A total of 70 participants, both young and senior scientists, attended the event.

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## Clinical Section

- Clinical section members participated in the Task force of SIOG (Societe International of Geriatric Oncology) on development of recommendations for Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (accepted for publication) in geriatric oncology.
- The Clinical Section is actively involved in collaboration with UEMS- Geriatric Medicine Section, European professional education body dealing with harmonization of undergraduate, post-graduate and continuing medical education.
- The consensus paper on undergraduate curriculum for medical students, based on consensus of 29 experts representing the majority of European countries was published in the *Age and Ageing* 2014 journal and will be formally endorsed by the IAGG-ER clinical section.
- The symposium on longevity, **La Longevita: Una Sfida Per Il Nostro Secolo** was held on May 9, 2014 at the COSMOFARMA Exhibition in Bologna, Italy. Prof. E. Roda and Prof. D. Cucinotta co-chaired the conference, and about 150-200 people attended the event.
- The **International Conference on Frailty & Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR)** was successfully held on March 12-14 in Barcelona, Spain. The conference was organized by the Global Ageing Research Network (GARN), a project launched by IAGG in collaboration with WHO. As of June 18, 2014, 456 applications have been accepted for membership to GARN, of which 57% is from Europe, 18% from Asia/Oceania, 16% from North America, 6% from South America, 2% from Africa and 1% from other regions.

## Other Activities

- The International School in Gerontology and Geriatrics was held on 14-19 April, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- The Senior Generation Forum was held on 23-26 April, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Russia. The featured speakers included Dr. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich (Switzerland), Chief of the Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko (Austria), Senior Advisor of the European Center for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Prof. Timo Strandberg (Finland), President of the Gerontological Society of Finland, and Prof. Vera Chaikovskaya (Ukraine), Chief Geriatrician of the Ukrainian Ministry of Health.
- To commemorate the 20th Year Anniversary of the Russian Gerontological Society, the scientific conference Fundamental Issues of Gerontology and Geriatrics was held on 5-6 June, in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- International Day of Older Persons (2013): To celebrate the International Day of Older Persons on October 1, the IAGG-European region organized the event in collaboration with the Ageing and Life Course Programme (ALC) at WHO in Geneva. The theme was Healthy Longevity, a Priority Global Issue: Determinants, Challenges and Solutions. The co-chairs of the event were Dr. John Beard, Director of ALC and Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger, Secretary General of the IAGG-European region. About 100 persons attended the event and the program was as follows:
  - » "The Silver Mirror" by Ali Habashi
  - » Dr Somnath Chatterji "WHO Global survey on adult health and ageing"
  - » Dr René Rizzoli, Dr Emmanuel Biver "Ageing in Good Health"
  - » Jean-Michel Caudron (FIAPA), projects in France and Africa
  - » Mme Isabelle Rochat, the State Councillor of the Canton and Republic of Geneva
- Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons: For the first time, the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva recognized the challenges related to the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons. It decided to appoint, for a period of 3 years, an independent expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons. The Council requested the Independent Expert to report annually to the Council and to present his/her first report at its 27th session. Consequently, the IAGG-ER would recommend all IAGG national societies to seek the focal point for contributing to this report working with their governments as to ensure that the report is enriched by evidence-based information concerning the situation of older persons in their country and even suggest to their government that IAGG plays a central role in the quality control of the data, the interpretation and subsequent policy recommendations.

# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## 4. NORTH AMERICAN REGION

### MEMBERSHIP

- The North American region is composed of 4 societies covering US, Canada and Mexico. The Gerontological Society of America is mainly responsible for the next World Congress scheduled to be held on July 23-27, 2017, in San Francisco, CA.

### COOPERATIVE EVENTS IN PAN-AMERICA

- The 5th Pan-American Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, March 26-29, 2014, Cartagena, Colombia: A symposium titled Families, Social Relations and Health was held. Topics and speakers of the symposium were as follows:
  - » How Intergenerational Relationships Contribute to Health Care Utilization among older Adults in Rural China (Merril Silverstein, Syracuse University)
  - » Intergenerational Living Arrangements and Well-Being in Comparative Perspective (I. Govia, K. Ajrouch, T.C. Antonucci, J.S. Jackson)
  - » Is Perceived Social Support Associated with Health and Socioeconomic Well-Being? A Study with Brazilian Community-Dwelling Elderly (Anita Liberalesso Neri)
  - » Positive and Negative Intergenerational Relations (L. Ryan, I. Govia, J.S. Jackson, T. C. Antonucci)
- The 43rd Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting, 16-18 October, 2014, in Niagara Falls, Canada (Upcoming): An invited Symposium featuring the IAGG North American Regional Committee (NARC) with the title Looking Within, Reaching Beyond will be held. The symposium will be chaired by Dr. Francois Beland. Topics and speakers of the symposium are as follows:
  - » Education and Health: The Interactive Relationship between Personal and External Resources (Noah Webster and Toni Antonucci)
  - » Physical Activity, Sedentary Behavior, and Cardiometabolic Risk (Ken Madden)
- Improving Oral Health in Residential Long Term Care Settings: An Example of Trainee Opportunities within the Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC) Program. (Matthias Hoben and Carole Estabrooks)

### HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES

The North American region concurs with the importance of establishing the Human Rights Initiatives at the UN and would like to lend its support to IAGG's efforts to promote the international convention on the Human Rights of Older Persons.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SUPPORT

As students represent the future of gerontology and geriatrics, support for students is considered as a priority concern for the North American region. The following issues illustrate the main support:

- Increasing Student Travel Funds: The North American region would like to see a broader representation of students from all five regions. To do so, stronger support for not only funding but also visa arrangements are necessary in order to encourage participation of students from developing countries.
- Connecting Students with Senior Researchers: At the research level, this can be facilitated through various open meetings in which any student who comes to the meeting can participate.
- Conducting Workshops: Although there are many workshops to promote research and training, the North American region would like to share and receive opinions on the evaluation of whether the event was successful in achieving its aim.
- Fostering Research Partnerships: The North America region reiterates its commitment and support for dissemination of research on gerontology and geriatrics and will continue to collaborate with relevant organizations and/or associates.

### IAGG 2017 PLANNING

- Secretariat: Dr. John W. Rowe (IAGG President Elect / Columbia University), Prof. Toni Antonucci (IAGG Secretary General Elect / University of Michigan), Prof. Jacqueline Angel (IAGG Treasurer Elect / University of Texas at Austin)
- Program Co-chairs: Prof. Jeffrey Halter (University of Michigan), Prof. Terrie Wetle (Brown University)
- Theme: Global Ageing and Health: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice
- Program schedule will incorporate pre-conference workshops and peripheral/satellite symposia
- GSA expects strong attendance for the World Congress



# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## 5. AFRICAN REGION

### REGIONAL-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- **Consultation on By-laws and for the IAGG Africa Region**

Feedback and comments were sought from IAGG member societies in Africa on (i) a set of draft by-laws for the Africa region (modeled on those for the Asia/Oceania region) (enclosed) and (ii) modalities for election of the next regional chair, - with a view to fully establishing and regulating the region's operations.

- **Consultation on approaches and requirements for developing the IAGG Africa Region**

Gerontology and geriatrics in the Africa region – whilst having made considerable strides in recent years – remain in their infancy. At the same time, efforts to grow both fields have to be made in particularly resource-constrained contexts. Feedback and comments were, therefore, sought from IAGG member societies in Africa on (i) the kinds of initiatives that should be forged as a priority to help support the growth of gerontology and geriatrics in Africa and (ii) the kinds of support or networks most needed to this end.

- **Expert Workshop on Families and Ageing**

In response to a profound gap in current empirical and theoretical understanding of the realities of ageing families in sub-Saharan Africa - and the policy relevance of these realities - the IAGG Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA) and Africa Region convened an expert workshop on 29-31 July 2013 to forge a research agenda on families of older adults in Africa. The core purpose of the meeting was to develop a framework of key research themes and questions to guide the generation of knowledge on families of older persons that critically engages with dominant discourses and concepts in Africa.

The workshop brought together key African and international scholars from the fields of family sociology, psychology, gerontology and demography in three days of joint, structured reflection and discussions. The meeting was hosted and supported financially by North West University (NWU) and the NWU Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research (AUTHeR), Potchefstroom, South Africa.

The resulting research agenda is intended as an open resource for all those interested in examining issues of families and ageing in Africa toward informing policy and practice, and advancing global debates in gerontology.

### NATIONAL-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

#### Kenya

- The Kenya Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (KAGG) has engaged in consultations with HelpAge International East, West and Central Africa Regional Development Centre and the African Population and Health Research Center toward the development of plans for the forging of an Africa Regional short training course on gerontology targeted at policy makers and planners in the region, to be held in Nairobi. KAGG is planning a publicity push on the Association's mission and objectives with the aim of attracting new members from academia, civil society and policy spheres.

#### South Africa

- The South African Geriatrics Society (SAGS) recently launched an initiative to improve the quality and standard of care provided to older adults. Specifically, SAGS has introduced a Diploma in Geriatric Medicine (DGM), which will be offered by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa and is accredited by the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA). The comprehensive training program of the DGM for medical practitioners registered with the HPCSA or in the case of a foreigner, whose registration is recognized by the HPCSA, will improve knowledge and clinical competency and ultimately quality of life as people age. The curriculum incorporates both knowledge and clinical skills and to be eligible for the DGM, practitioners must have acquired the necessary experience as evidenced by the completion of a portfolio, achieved clinical competency and or completed a course on the Basic Geriatric Medicine Curriculum (see [www.collegemedsa.ac.za](http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za) for regulations). The first course on the Basic Geriatric Medicine Curriculum held in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal was highly rated by the 60 delegates, many of whom will go on to do the DGM. The course will be held annually and the next course will be held in the Eastern Cape.

#### Nigeria

- The Africa Region collaborated with the newly established Nigeria Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (NSGG) to convene a first national Stakeholder consultation and Policy Dialogue in Abuja, Nigeria on 8 April 2014. The core aims of the meeting were to (i) identify stakeholder perspectives on initiatives and ways of working to be pursued by the NSGG to enable it to act as a national platform for exchange, knowledge creation and training on ageing in Nigeria and (ii) to identify potential avenues for effective NSGG national-level policy engagement. Once fully registered with the Corporate Affairs Council of Nigeria, NSGG will seek formal membership with the IAGG.

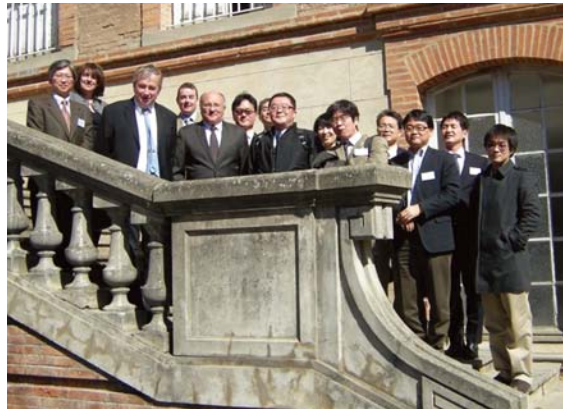
# IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS

## IAGG-GARN (GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK)

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

#### Exchanges between IAGG-GARN Members

As head of the Toulouse Gérontopôle, Prof Bruno VELLAS was happy to welcome a delegation from the Japanese National Center of Gerontology and Geriatrics, member of the IAGG GARN Network since April 2012. The twelve representatives came from Tokyo, Kyoto and Nagoya Universities and exchanged points of views and information on the development and implementation of Frailty within in the Toulouse University Hospital organization. Activities, teams and works of the Toulouse Gérontopôle were presented to the delegates, as well as the outcomes of the Frailty Day Hospital and Outpatient Clinic. Oral communications on the SPRINT-T and eSELF-HEALTH projects and a paper on cognitive frailty also provided discussion. The day ended with a visit to the Frailty Day Hospital and the Clinical Research Center in the heart of the city of Toulouse.



#### Scientific Papers

Below is a list of scientific papers published since June 2013, on behalf of IAGG and in collaboration with different teams around the world. The GARN would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who work to advance themany research topics connected to ageing issues.

1. "Cognitive frailty: Rational and definition from an (IANA/IAGG) International Consensus Group"? Kelaiditi & al, JNHA;2013 Sep, Vol. 17 Issue 9, p726
2. "Cognitive frailty: Frontiers and challenges", Woods, JNHA;2013 Sep, Vol. 17 Issue 9, p741
3. "Cognitive frailty", Buchman, JNHA;2013 Sep, Vol. 17 Issue 9, p738
4. "International Association for Gerontology and Geriatrics Preliminary meeting on "Is there a place for IAGG in the Middle East?" Sibal, Middle East Journal of Age & Ageing;2014 Mar, Vol. 11 Issue 2, p17
5. "Nursing Home Research: The First IAGG Research Conference". Rolland, J Am Med Dir Assoc; 2014 May;15(5):313-25
6. The IAGG Nursing Home Initiative", Rolland, J Am Med Dir Assoc. 2014 May;15(5):307-8

## PLANNED CONFERENCES

### Nutrition



Nutrition plays an important role in sarcopenia, obesity, sarcopenic-obesity, and maintaining physical and cognitive function during ageing. On July 10 - 11, 2014, the **9th IANA (International Academy on Nutrition and Ageing) Conference** will be hosted in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. The meeting will cover topics ranging from basic science cellular responses, to body systems, and population-based nutritional research. Other important topics will include: Obesity and ageing, Nutrition and MNA, Nutrition age related disease. Also, a large part of the symposium will focus this year on Nutrition and Alzheimer's. All topics have an overarching theme of preventing frailty and loss of function with advancing age. This research and practice symposium will be organized with the IAGG (the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics), the IANA, and the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine. Researchers from around the world will present new findings on these important topics.

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# IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS

## Alzheimer's Disease



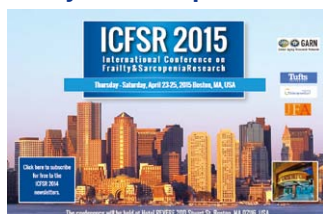
After the success of the previous conference in November 2013 in San Diego with over 550 participants, the next version should be scientifically and clinically challenging! The **7th Clinical Trials for Alzheimer's disease (CTAD2014)** conference is scheduled on November 20-22, 2014 in Philadelphia, USA.

Alzheimer's disease is one of the most important health challenges facing ageing populations worldwide. The development of the next generation of Alzheimer's disease drugs is becoming essential to face up to this challenge. We learned in San Diego of new pathways identified with biomarkers, facilitating novel trial designs for studies of tau-based therapies and other disease-modifying drugs including immunotherapy.

This year again CTAD 2014 has designed its call for abstract and program for oral communications and poster presentations around the following themes: Methodology, Results, Imaging, Biomarkers, Cognitive Endpoints, Cognitive assessment, Behavioral disorders, Health economics, Epidemiological, Animal model, New therapies. Call for abstract is now open!!!

Website: <http://www.ctad-alzheimer.com>

## Frailty and sarcopenia



After Toulouse, Orlando and Barcelona, the 4th International Conference on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR2015) will be held in Boston, USA on April 23-25, 2015. The event will focus on:

### Sarcopenia:

- Biology
- Animal models
- Preclinical studies
- Clinical trials
- Functional assessment
- Biomarkers and imaging
- New drug developments
- Physical exercise
- Nutrition intervention
- Epidemiology
- Other

### Frailty:

- Biology of frailty and ageing
- Physical frailty & age-related body composition modifications
- Cognitive frailty
- Frailty in clinical practice and public health
- Clinical trials and therapeutics

Deadline: November 18, 2014 for symposium, oral communication or poster presentations or abstract submission.

Visit the congress website for updated information: <http://www.frailty-sarcopenia.com>

## Nursing Home



After Saint Louis, USA last October, the 2nd edition of the International Research Conference on Nursing Homes 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 behavior disorder, care organization, homecare, nursing homes, and new technologies.

Website: <http://www.nursing-home-research.com>



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### JOURNALS

#### Launch of the Journal on Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease (JPAD)



Its objective is to federate global research from academy and industry in the field of Alzheimer's disease prevention and thus contribute to future positive trials. The JPAD aims to stimulate research and publication on methodological and operational aspects of preventive trials for Alzheimer's disease and cognitive decline. The JPAD will publish reviews, original research articles and short reports to improve our knowledge in the field of

Alzheimer's prevention including: neurosciences, biomarkers, imaging, epidemiology, public health, physical cognitive exercise, nutrition, risk and protective factors, drug development, trials design, and health economic outcomes.

To submit a paper, discover the editorial board, read instructions for authors etc., you can visit the dedicated

website at <http://www.jppreventionalzheimer.com>

#### Nursing Home



The JOURNAL of NURSING HOME RESEARCH (JNHR) is a new peer-reviewed international journal that considers for publication original articles in the field of Nursing Home. The JNHR aims to convey current knowledge of best practices in nursing home and to further connect research and clinical practice in nursing home. The journal provides its readers with the multidisciplinary information needed to enhance their skill in care to nursing home

residents. The Journal features high quality research articles on clinical, epidemiological or social subjects from scientists or practitioners working in nursing home and related fields.

The JNHR publishes original papers, review articles, case reports, controversies, letters to the Editor, and book reviews. Manuscripts are evaluated by the editorial staff and, if suitable, by expert reviewers assigned by the editors. Manuscripts should be submitted via our Online Submission System.

Website: <http://www.jnursinghomeresearch.com>

### WEBSITE

#### Frailty and Sarcopenia

The "FRAILT.NET" website was launched during the ICFSR2014 conference. It 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, this 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 treat subjects about 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)

### IAGG-CSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The IAGG-CSO Executive Committee has kicked off its efforts to reach out to IAGG-CSO member organizations and coordinate efforts to offer student-focused programming for upcoming IAGG regional congress meetings (IAGG European-April 2015; IAGG Asia-Oceania-October 2015). If anyone is a leader of a student gerontological organization in either of these regions, IAGG-CSO invites him/her to contact us ([iaggcso@gmail.com](mailto:iaggcso@gmail.com)) for more information on joining these efforts.

As mentioned in last quarter's column, the IAGG Executive Committee is committed to facilitating communication and networking among our student members and organizations. To that end, we are kick starting a new "Spotlighting" effort to highlight exceptional

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student members and the work of student gerontological organizations across the IAGG regions. Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving IAGG student members and/or student gerontological organizations for consideration by emailing the IAGG-CSO Executive Committee (iaggcso@gmail.com).

## IAGG-CSO STUDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH WINNIE SUN



**Degrees:** BscN, MN  
**Title:** PhD candidate  
**Department:** Nursing  
**Institution:** University of Toronto  
**Institution Location:** Toronto, Canada

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

After completing my undergraduate degree in Nursing, I started my first position in the Adult Medicine Unit at the Mount Sinai Hospital where I truly enjoyed the rewarding and positive experience of working with the older adults. My interest in the field of ageing continued to grow, so I pursued other opportunities by being a Home Care Coordinator, as well as teaching courses and conducting research that were relevant to the ageing populations.

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

I work at the Trent University in Peterborough as a nursing instructor. My teaching interests focused on community health nursing and ageing populations. I also work as a research assistant at the University of Toronto where I'm involved in research projects on home care patient safety, best practice guidelines use for home care nurses, and development of remote patient monitoring technologies for older adults.

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

I'm in the process of finishing the write-up of my doctoral dissertation. I'm preparing for my upcoming final oral defense this September, 2014. After completing my doctoral work, I'm planning to pursue post-doctorate research at the Health System Performance Research Network at the University of Toronto. My post-doctorate research will focus on examining the relationship between therapeutic self-care ability and patient complexity in the occurrence of adverse events for home care clients in Canada.

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

I became a student member of the IAGG since January, 2013. I learned about IAGG through the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG). I became a member of IAGG because I would like to network with members of IAGG to develop an international partnership with researchers who are in the field of ageing research. I think it is important for students to join IAGG where they could learn about the international perspectives on the trends and issues on ageing research. Students would also benefit from attending IAGG where they could build connections with other students and researchers globally for exchange of ideas, mutual learning and support.

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

I think it is important for gerontology and geriatrics scholars to find an appropriate mentor who could provide them with support and guidance early in their career development. It is also important for emerging scholars to embark on research initiatives that foster both international partnership and inter-professional collaboration in the field of ageing.

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### IAGG-CSO MEMBER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY (AAG), STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER GROUP



Over 20% of AAG's total membership comprises clinical, research and professional student and early career group members (totally ~140 members). The AAG Student and Early Career Group was developed to promote communication amongst student and early career AAG members, establish a network with other similar groups overseas, and provide support and opportunities for leadership roles within AAG to student and early career practitioners and researchers.

Student and Early Career Group members from around the country get together each year at the AAG National Conference, held in November. The annual meeting features programming developed specifically for student and early-career professionals including networking and mentoring events. By joining the AAG Student and Early Career Group, members have the opportunity to participate in education, professional development and social events at the local and national level, apply for members-only awards and bursaries offered by the AAG, and network with other early career professionals in the field of ageing through events and dedicated online communities. Those seeking to develop leadership skills also have the opportunity to take on executive and/or representative roles at the local or national level.

For more information on the AAG Student and Early Career Group, visit their website (<http://www.aag.asn.au>) or e-mail the leadership:

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Claudia Meyer (Immediate Past President; [c.meyer@nari.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:c.meyer@nari.unimelb.edu.au)).

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

The latest report of IAGG-GSIA is available on the IAGG website ([www.iagg.info](http://www.iagg.info)) under **Education & Research > Research Networks > GLOBAL SOCIAL INITIATIVE ON AGEING (GSIA)**. The following information has been updated as of June, 2014.

Liveability has been designated as a core GSIA theme because of the need to identify global trends in the social, economic, cultural and environmental contexts of older persons. The key activities on liveability that has been added are as follows:

- The Second International Conference on Age Friendly Cities and Communities, co-sponsored by the World Health Organization and the Government of Quebec, featured researchers and professionals from several regions, including Alexander Kalache (Brazil) and Alan Walker (UK).
- In the COMLAT region, Alexander Kalache (Brazil) was key advisor in the development of the Sao Paulo Age Friendly State Program.
- Atualização do Marco Político do Envelhecimento Ativo, sua implementação e avaliação no contexto do Rio de Janeiro (Revision of the Active Ageing Policy Framework, and its implementation and evaluation in Rio de Janeiro). Funded by the Fundação Carlos Chagas Filho de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (FAPERJ) (2013-2015). Kalache, A., and Plouffe, L. The goal of this programme of work is to update and revise the WHO Active Ageing Policy Framework and the WHO Age-Friendly Cities methodology and to apply these frameworks to the conception of an Age-Friendly State program in Rio de Janeiro, and to the development of "active ageing" policy indicators for the State. Contact: A. Kalache (Brazil) - [akalache@nyam.org](mailto:akalache@nyam.org)



## UN ACTIVITIES

### UNITED NATIONS OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING, UN HEADQUARTERS, JULY 30 – AUG. 1

Secretary-General Sung-Jae CHOI and the IAGG representatives to the United Nations (Dr. Juanita CARRILLO, Dr. Martha BIAL, Dr. Hans STOHRE, and Dr. Alain FRANCO) will attend the 5th Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York.

### UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL APPOINTS INDEPENDENT EXPERT FOR OLDER PERSONS



On May 8, 2014, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights appointed 19 human rights experts to serve as United Nations Special Procedure mandate holders tasked with reporting on a wide range of human rights themes and country situations.

Among those appointed, Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (Chile) was mandated to serve for three years as Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons. An independent expert refers to an individual who is independent of government, serves in his or her individual capacity and is an expert in human rights in a thematic or geographic area. She/he is appointed by and reports to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. The position was established by the Human Rights Council in its September 2013 Resolution A/HRC/RES/24/20.

Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte is the first woman to serve as an Independent Expert based on the international UN mechanism dedicated to promoting as well as protecting human rights of older people. Her distinguished career includes serving as the National Director of the Chilean National Service of Ageing and 22 years of work experience at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile where she founded the program on older people. She is also a member of the Chilean Geriatric and Gerontology Society and the Latin American Geriatric and Gerontologist Committee (COMLAT).

#### **The Independent Expert is responsible for carrying out the following tasks:**

- Assessing how existing international human rights instruments have been implemented in relation to older people's rights, identifying both good practice and implementation gaps.
- Assessing the human rights implications of how the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) has been implemented.

#### **Independent Experts will also:**

- Report to the Human Rights Council on an annual basis, with its first report in September 2014.
- Go on fact-finding visits and make recommendations on how States can better promote and protect older people's rights.
- Produce thematic reports on specific human rights issues to further understanding of the human rights challenges older people face and serve as a guide on human rights norms and standards.
- Communicate with Member States on either individual cases or structural issues of concern in relation to the enjoyment of the rights of older people.
- Raise awareness of the challenges older people face in realization of their rights.
- Attend the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing annual sessions in New York.

The IAGG sends our warmest congratulations to Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte for her appointment and looks forward to collaborating with her in not only promoting and protecting the human rights of older people, but also disseminating and elevating public awareness on the issue around the world.

Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC25.aspx>

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### TAIWAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS



The Taiwan Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics hosted the Asia Pacific Geriatric Conference 2014 (APGC, <http://www.apgc2014taipei.org/>) with the theme "Geriatrics Training for the Ageing Society," from June 6th to 8th in Taipei. More than 680 participants from the Asia Pacific region attended the conference. There were 44 speeches, 18 oral presentations and 101 poster presentations in the conference.

### TURKISH GERIATRIC SOCIETY

#### Course on Scientific Researches in Geriatrics, 1st March, 2014

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## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### Geriatric Nursing Updating Course & Basic Geriatrics Updating Course, 4th – 5th April, 2014

The Geriatric Nursing Updating Course for nurses was held on 4th of April, 2014 and the Basic Geriatrics Updating Course for medical doctors was held on 5th of April, 2014 in Ankara at the Kavaklıdere Gordion Hotel.



### TUNISIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY

#### 6th Training Programme on Gerontology, 20th – 29th January, 2014



The Tunisian Association of Gerontology (ATUGER) has been organizing training programs on Gerontology/Geriatrics every two years, in collaboration with the National Fund of Social Security - Tunisia (CNSS) and the International Institute on Ageing - Malta (INIA-UN). The sixth training program took place at the Royal Salem Hotel in Sousse – Tunisia, during the period from the 20th to 29th January 2014. It was a huge success with the highest number of participants: 35 medical doctors attended the event whereas less than thirty doctors participated last year. The meeting was conducted in French, as all others held in Tunisia, with about thirty lectures. At its end, the evaluation of the program by the participants showed a high level of satisfaction.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Month/Date/Year	Event	Venue
July 10-11, 2014	International Academy on Nutrition and Aging (IANA 2014) OB: International Academy on Nutrition and Aging Website: <a href="http://www.som.unm.edu/2014/IANA.html">www.som.unm.edu/2014/IANA.html</a>	Albuquerque, USA
July 30-01, 2014	United Nations Fifth Session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Ageing for the Purpose of Strengthening the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons OB: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)	New York, USA
August 20-22, 2014	Personalized Geriatric Medicine OB: Swedish Society of Medicine Website: <a href="http://www.sls.se/Utbildning/Berzeliussymposier/geriatricmedicine/">http://www.sls.se/Utbildning/Berzeliussymposier/geriatricmedicine/</a>	Stockholm, Sweden
September 12-14, 2014	The Age of Ageing OB: New Zealand Association of Gerontology Website: <a href="http://www.gerontology.org.nz">www.gerontology.org.nz</a>	Dunedin, New Zealand
September 17-19, 2014	10th International Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society OB: European Union Geriatric Medicine Society Website: <a href="http://www.eugms2014.org">www.eugms2014.org</a>	Rotterdam, the Netherlands
September 22-24, 2014	2nd European Congress of Stimulative Cognition OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: <a href="http://www.censtimco-toulouse.com/index.php">http://www.censtimco-toulouse.com/index.php</a>	Toulouse, France
September 24-27, 2014	DGGG2014 - Congress of the German Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (DGGG) OB: German Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics Website: <a href="http://www.dggg-online.de/englisch.php">www.dggg-online.de/englisch.php</a>	Halle, Germany
October 16-18, 2014	43rd Annual Scientific meeting of the Canadian Association of Gerontology OB: Canadian Association of Gerontology Website: <a href="http://cag2014.ca">http://cag2014.ca</a>	Niagara Falls, Canada
	13th Pan-Hellenic Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics OB: Hellenic Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Website: <a href="http://www.gerontology.gr">http://www.gerontology.gr</a>	Athens, Greece
November 5-9, 2014	67th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America OB: Gerontological Society of America Website: <a href="http://www.geron.org/annual-meeting">www.geron.org/annual-meeting</a>	Washington, USA
November 25-27, 2014	34th Annual scientific meeting of the French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SFGG) OB: French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology Website: <a href="http://www.jasfgg2014.com">www.jasfgg2014.com</a>	Paris, France
November 20-22, 2014	7th Clinical Trials for Alzheimer's Disease (CTAD2014) OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: <a href="http://www.ctad-alzheimer.com">http://www.ctad-alzheimer.com</a>	Philadelphia, USA
November 26-29, 2014	50th National congress of the Società Italiana di Gerontologia e Geriatria (SIGG) OB: Italian Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics Website: <a href="http://www.sigg.it/congresso.asp">www.sigg.it/congresso.asp</a>	Bologna, Italy
March 11-13, 2015	The International Conference on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR2015) OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: <a href="http://www.garn-network.org">www.garn-network.org</a> , <a href="http://www.icfsr.com">www.icfsr.com</a>	Boston, USA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9-11, 2015	IAGG's 7th Latin American & Caribbean Congress (COMLAT) OB: Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG) Website: <a href="http://www.sbgg.org.br/">http://www.sbgg.org.br/</a>	Belémof Pará, Brazil
April 23-26, 2015	IAGG's 8th Europe Region Congress OB: Irish Gerontological Society Website: <a href="http://www.iaggdublin2015.org">http://www.iaggdublin2015.org</a>	Dublin, Ireland
October 19-22, 2015	IAGG's 10th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress OB: Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine Website: <a href="http://iagg2015.org">http://iagg2015.org</a>	Chiang Mai, Thailand
December 2-3, 2015	2nd International Research Conference on Nursing Homes OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: <a href="http://www.nursing-home-research.com">http://www.nursing-home-research.com</a>	Toulouse University Hospital Headquarters, France
July 23-27, 2017	21st IAGG World Congress OB: Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Website: <a href="http://www.iagg2017.org">http://www.iagg2017.org</a>	San Francisco, USA
2021	22nd IAGG World Congress OB: Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG)	Buenos Aires, Argentina

### IAGG REGIONAL CONGRESSES

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



The Irish Gerontological Society and the networks of researchers and educators active across Ireland, are 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.

This will be illustrated by a strong narrative of Late Life Creativity through the arts and associated activities of the Congress, as well as within the themes of the Congress symposia and keynote lectures. To this effect, the Congress program tailored to interest all researchers, policy makers and practitioners engaged with any aspect of ageing will be available in the near future.

#### Contact

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Website: <http://www.iaggdublin2015.org>

#### 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 Oct 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Tentative Topics as of June 2013:

**Plenary Topics:** Healthy Ageing/ Healthy Brain: Prediction and Prevention of Neurodegenerative Disorders, Integrating Complementary and Modern Medicine in Promoting Longevity, Melatonin in the Ageing Process, Sirtuin as a Longevity Gene, Enabling Active Ageing, Ageing and Contribution, Civic Engagement and Psychological Well-Being, Cultural Changes and Older People

**Epidemiology, Clinical Practice and Health,** Hypertension, Alzheimer's disease & other dementias, Fall & osteoporosis, Sarcopenia, Frailty, Parkinson's disease & movement disorders, Cerebrovascular disorders, Late life depression, Delirium in hospitalized patients, Diabetes mellitus, Oncology for the aged, Vaccination, Exercise spectrum for the aged, Health screening, Malnutrition, Drug in older patients, Others

**Behavioral and Social Sciences,** Rights of older people – values and dilemmas, Cross-national comparisons in health & well-being to enhance understanding of ageing, Community education for healthy ageing, The effects of gender on ageing, Aged-friendly environments, Others

**Biological Sciences,** DNA damage in ageing, Mitochondria and ageing, Cognitive function in ageing brain, Exercise intervention & ageing process, Clock gene and ageing, Molecular mechanisms of ageing process, New chemical or compounds for ageing delay, Neurochemistry / Neuroendocrinology of ageing, Oxidative stress, Ageing and metabolisms, Others

**Social Research, Planning and Practice,** Productive ageing: Public policy and practice, Roles of government and community in promoting well-being of older people, Rethinking the concept of old age and retirement, Value of the aged and their contributions, Population ageing and societal and family support, Long term care: system design, policy development and application, Supporting system for community-based long term care for dependent older people, Stereotyping and ageism, Others

### Key Dates

Deadline for Submitted Symposium: 20-Oct-14

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 20-Dec-14

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Website: <http://www.iagg2015bangkok.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 opens

Call of late breaking abstracts

### Contact

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 22ND WORLD CONGRESS 2021, ARGENTINA, 2021



IAGG 2021  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentinean Society of Gerontology (AGA), both Society members of IAGG, united to present their candidacy in view of hosting IAGG's 22nd World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled in 2021.

### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY MEMBER SOCIETIES

#### THE AGE OF AGEING, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, SEPT. 12-14, 2014

##### New Zealand Association of Gerontology



The New Zealand Association of Gerontology will organize a conference on "The Age of Ageing" at the St David Lecture Complex of the University of Otago. The 'Age of Ageing' Conference of the New Zealand Association of Gerontology follows the NZAG tradition of offering stimulating and thought-provoking research and perspectives on growing older. Keynote speakers from Canada,

Australia and New Zealand will offer insights into current ageing issues. Concurrent sessions will focus on living well with multiple chronic conditions; social aspects of ageing; health promoting communities; cognitive and behavioral aspects of ageing; health promoting communities; and policy and well-being. We will also examine age friendly environments; health promotion and literacy, improving the health care experience, and spirituality and ageing.

##### Topics include:

- Living Well with Multiple Chronic Conditions
- Cognitive and Social Aspects of Ageing
- Health Promoting Communities
- Policy and Wellbeing of Older People

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#### THE 43RD ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING, NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA, OCT. 16-18, 2014

##### Canadian Association on Gerontology



The 43rd Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting organized by the Canadian Association on Gerontology is Canada's premier multidisciplinary conference for those interested in individual and population ageing. CAG2014 features stimulating pre-conference workshops, world-renowned keynote speakers, cutting-edge symposia, thought-provoking paper and poster presentations, and networking opportunities. We are excited and honored to welcome our esteemed keynote speakers at CAG2014:

- Julia Twigg, PhD, University of Kent, "Clothing, Embodiment and the Cultural Turn"
- Irene Turpie, MD, McMaster University, "Global Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities from a Health Care Perspective"
- Christopher Phillipson, PhD, University of Manchester, "Transforming Work and Retirement: Problems and Prospects for Extending Working Life"
- Malcolm Cutchin, PhD, Wayne State University, "Beyond Environmental Gerontology: The Many Geographies of Ageing"

It's easy to get to Niagara Falls by air, train, bus or car! Take advantage of a discounted shuttle service from Toronto Pearson (YYZ) and Buffalo, New York (BUF) airports or save on private car service. Visit our website for more transportation information as well as discounts on rooms at the conference hotel, Sheraton on the Falls!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please visit <http://CAG2014.ca>.

CAG2014 is hosted by the Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Ageing at McMaster University.

### Website

Official website: <http://CAG2014.ca>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/CdnAssocGero>

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Mailing List: <http://eepurl.com/GRUVz>

### THE 13TH PAN-HELLENIC CONFERENCE OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS, ATHENS, GREECE, OCT. 16-18, 2014

#### Hellenic Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics



The Hellenic Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (HAGG) is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the 13th Pan-Hellenic Conference of Gerontology and Geriatrics. The conference is scheduled for the 16th – 18th of October, 2014, at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens, Greece, with the theme “Challenges in the care of older people in an era of crisis.”

During the conference, the meeting of the EU project WeDO2 will also take place (learn more at [www.gerontology.gr](http://www.gerontology.gr)). A variety of presentations and round tables will also take place covering many contemporary issues in Gerontology and Geriatrics as well as themes relating to the current social and economic crisis.

**Website:** [www.gerontology.gr](http://www.gerontology.gr)

**EU Project WeDO2:** <http://www.age-platform.eu/age-work/age-policy-work/dignified-ageing/latest-news/2054-wedo2-project-tested-and-discussed-trainings-on-quality-care>

### THE 67TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON DC, USA, NOV. 5-9, 2014

#### Gerontological Society of America



The 67th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) brings together more than 4,000 of the brightest minds in the field of ageing. This meeting is the premier gathering of gerontologists from both the United States and around the world. They participate in over 400 scientific sessions including symposia, paper, and poster presentations. The 2014 theme is “Making Connections: From Cells to Societies.” Gerontologists make and study connections in many ageing-related areas. They assess unstable molecular bonds in cells and study enduring human ones in families. They test for relationships among variables and examine them among many community settings. Their research generates alliances that improve community services and policies for older adults and their families.

The program is organized around the four sections of The Gerontological Society of America: Biological Sciences; Behavioral and Social Sciences; Health Sciences; and Social Research, Policy, and Practice

The IAGG North American Regional Committee (NARC) meeting is scheduled to be held on November 7 and will be hosted by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA).

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## OTHERS

### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY ON NUTRITION AND AGEING (IANA 2014), NEW MEXICO, USA, JULY 10-11, 2014



#### NUTRITION AND AGEING: FROM CELLS TO BODY SYSTEMS AND POPULATIONS

Nutrition plays an important role in sarcopenia, obesity, sarcopenic-obesity, and maintaining physical and cognitive function during ageing. On July 10 - 11, 2014 the IANA (International Academy on Nutrition and Ageing) will be hosted at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. The meeting will cover topics ranging from basic science cellular responses, to body systems, and population-based nutritional research. All topics have an overarching theme of preventing frailty and loss of function with advancing age. This research and practice symposium will be organized with the IAGG (the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics), the IANA, and the University of New Mexico, School

of Medicine. Researchers from around the world will present new findings on these important topics

#### Key Note Speakers and topics;

Wm. Cameron Chumlea, PhD, FACN: Which Anthropometric Measurements best Describe Frailty

Luigi Fontana, MD, PhD: Metabolic and Molecular Effects of Calorie Restriction

Arthur Kramer, PhD: Exercising your Mind and Brain

Wendy Kohrt, PhD: Sex Hormones, Bioenergetics and Body Composition

Christiaan Leeuwenburgh, PhD: Multi-modal Therapies to Attenuate Ageing: Targets and Complexities

John Morley, MD: Nutritional Disorders and Nursing Home Residents

Elena Volpi, MC, PhD: Protein Requirements for Optimal Health in older Adults

**Deadline for abstract submission:** April 1 to 21, 2014

Preliminary Program is available in the website.

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**Website:** <http://som.unm.edu/cme/2014/IANA.html>

### SWEDISH SOCIETY OF MEDICINE: PERSONALIZED GERIATRIC MEDICINE, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, AUGUST 20-22, 2014



The Swedish Society of Medicine is organizing a 3-day international conference "Personalized Geriatric Medicine" in Stockholm, Sweden from August 20-22, 2014 in collaboration with the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS), the Swedish Society for Geriatric Medicine, Karolinska Institute and the Swedish Research Council. World leading researchers from Japan, USA, UK, Ireland, Spain, Norway, Finland and Sweden are invited as speakers and will present overview lectures and participate in in-depth group discussions with the participants. The conference aims to attract scientists, clinicians from different medical specialties, health care staff groups, stakeholders and decision makers and others with interest in various aspects of improving health care, assessment and management of multimorbid elderly people.

#### Invited Speakers:

Professor Masahiro Akishita (University of Tokyo, Japan)

Professor Hidenori Arai (Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto, Japan)

Professor Alfonso Cruz-Jentoft (University Hospital Ramón y Cajal, Madrid, Spain)

Professor Laura Fratiglioni (Care Sciences and Society Karolinska Institutet Stockholm, Sweden)

Professor Linn Getz (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway)

Professor William Hazzard (Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC, USA)

Professor Finbarr Martin (Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK)

Professor Desmond O' Neill (Centre for Medical Gerontology, Trinity Center, Dublin, Ireland)

Professor Kaisu Pitkälä (University of Helsinki, Finland)

Professor David Reuben (UCLA Medicine, Los Angeles, USA)

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Professor Christine S Ritchie (University of California San Francisco, USA)  
Professor Olav Sletvold (St. Olavs hospital, Trondheim, Norway)  
Professor Ken Toba (National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Nagoya, Japan)

### Key Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: June 10, 2014

Deadline for registration: July 10, 2014

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## THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION GERIATRIC MEDICINE SOCIETY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, SEPT. 17-19, 2014



The 10th International Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, September 17-19, 2014. The main theme of the congress is "Geriatric Medicine Crossing Borders."

The congress is being organized in cooperation with the annual Dutch "Geriatriedagen", which is a platform for all workers in the field of geriatric medicine. Consequently, the submitted symposia as well as poster sessions and workshops provide ample opportunities to increase your knowledge and skills in geriatric medicine, in good collaboration with other branches of gerontology as well as nursing science. The program offers a great choice of topics for geriatricians and gerontologists, as well as specialized nurses and other paramedics.

### Key Dates

Deadline for symposium submission: January 31, 2014

Distribution of 2nd announcement: April 1, 2014

Deadline for abstract submission: May 17, 2014

Deadline early registration fee: June 9, 2014

Deadline regular registration fee: August 18, 2014

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**Website:** [www.eugms2014.org](http://www.eugms2014.org)

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### THE 2ND EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF STIMULATIVE COGNITION, TOULOUSE, FRANCE, SEPT. 22-23, 2014



The European Congress of Cognitive Stimulation will take place on September 22-23, 2014 in Toulouse, France. This year's edition is dedicated to "Assistive technologies in cognition and cognitive stimulation: Focus on the Silver Economy".

The event will foster trans-disciplinary work by researchers, SMEs, industry, practitioners and users of technologies for cognitive stimulation. It is providing an up to date state of the art on the cognitive stimulation technologies from users' needs assessment, through user driven design, to deployment approaches, including ethical and economical aspects.

The topic of the congress is focusing on cognitive handicap whatever the cause and without any age related prejudice:

- Digital accessibility: design, usability, ergonomics,
- Use studies,
- Robots and cognitive stimulation,
- ICTs: tele-rehabilitation, socializing, serious games, art-therapy,
- Needs studies, economic models and service provision,
- Personal and society impacts of technologies,
- Deployment and evaluation methods,
- Practice feed-back,
- Ethical and legal issues

The society has to face the awesome challenge of preventing dependence and maintaining autonomy of this population. Ethical, social and philosophical questions emerge from the various technologies and ways of providing them for care.

The 2nd European Congress of Cognitive Stimulation will examine the «Silver Economy» from the point of view of the cognitive stimulation methods and the related technologies.

- Frailty syndrome prevention,
- Alzheimer's disease and related syndromes,
- Cognitive impairment and its impact on accessibility to cognitive stimulation tools,
- Daily life impact of new technologies,
- R&D methods,
- The right for the cognitively impaired to access technology and technological research

**Website:** <http://www.censtimco-toulouse.com/index.php>



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### ➤ IAGG ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Invoices for 2014 Annual Dues have been sent to member associations and societies.  
Please send your dues to the Korea Exchange Bank as indicated below. Any questions about dues or payments should be sent by e-mail: [iaggseoul@hotmail.com](mailto:iaggseoul@hotmail.com)

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