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## IAGG HEADQUARTERS

### THE 6TH SESSION OF THE U.N. OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING, NEW YORK, JULY 14- 16, 2015



The sixth session of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing was held at the United Nations in New York from July 14th to 16th, 2015. Along with 40 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), IAGG was present and represented by Secretary-General Sung-Jae Choi and New York Representative to the UN Martha Bial.

Discussion continued about the state of Human Rights for Older Persons around the world. Developed (mostly northern) nations argued that any violations of older persons' human rights are caused by weak implementation of existing rights instruments, most notably the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), which provides a moral, but not legal force. Developing (mostly southern) nations and virtually all the NGOs in attendance stated the widespread prevalence of rights violations indicates the inadequacy of current instruments. They argued forcefully for an international legally binding instrument, i.e. a convention on the rights of older persons.

Secretary-General Choi spoke in favor of a convention and also for more specific inclusion of ageing in the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are in the final stages of adoption by the UN. Dr. Choi called for a new paradigm that he called the "age integrated society," which would be further facilitated by a convention. The age integrated society would include the following:

- Assessment of work ability by capacity, not by age
- Appropriate roles for older persons based on their experience, knowledge and skills
- Continuing education and retraining to update knowledge and skills as needed
- Age-friendly environments and age-friendly industries

Working Group Chair, Mateo Estrémé of Argentina, called for the indicators of progress on the SDGs to be "measurable accessible and easy to interpret". They should also be, he said, disaggregated by age in areas pertinent to the situation of older persons.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Estrémé acknowledged the tension between the nations for and opposed to a convention, and urged member states to work on parallel tracks: continuing to identify the gaps of implementation in current instruments and to start working on the text of a convention. This, he declared, is part of our mandate from the General Assembly and of our obligation to "the one billion older persons of today and the more than 6 billion older persons of tomorrow."

**IAGG's Oral Statement****At the 6th Session of UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing  
July 14-16, 2015**

It is regrettable that our efforts to have Post-2015 SDGs include one or more goals particularly relevant to older persons have been little reflected in the final draft of the Post-2015 SDGs to be finally confirmed at the UN Summit this coming September.

In the final draft of Post-2015 SDGs we have not found any particular goal for 'older persons' except those for 'all ages' or 'all.' As we may know, the older population all over the world will rapidly increase from 12% in this year to 16%, more than twice that proportion in developed countries, in 2030. Considering the increasing proportion of the older population, how can we eradicate the poverty of older persons and/or meet the increasing needs of the older population with the conventional institutions of social welfare?

Whether in developed or developing countries, the conventional institutions of social welfare will not be able to provide a needed social protection floor for older persons in an aging society unless able older persons can contribute to their economies. At present too many older persons are excluded from economic participation because of societal ageism and outdated knowledge and skills in an ever-developing knowledge-based society.

In this regard, IAGG proposes a new policy direction for a sustainable ageing society called the 'Age-Integrated Society,' that could be much further facilitated through a convention on human rights of older persons. The new policy direction or paradigm includes the following: (1) assessment of work ability by capacity not by age, (2) appropriate roles for older persons based on their experience, knowledge and skills, (3) continuing education and retraining to update knowledge and skills as needed, (4) age-friendly environments and age-friendly industries.

We hope the indicators under SDG goal 4-target 3 and goal 8-target 2 will include these aspects of the Age-Integrated Society mentioned above.

A UN Convention will be the key to raising social awareness of the Human Rights of Older Persons and their contributions to their societies, and their right to lifelong learning and continued economic participation. This will make ageing societies more sustainable and achieve some important goals of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Thank you very much

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### ASIA/OCEANIA REGION

**ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, OCTOBER 19-22, 2015**



The venue of the Regional Congress was changed from Bangkok to Chiang Mai. The Congress plans to feature 8 plenary speakers and 13 invited symposia; the deadline for abstracts was extended to April 30, 2015. The Congress also intended to support students and an early career researcher symposium by organizing both research and social activities that can bring together students and early career researchers. The bid for the upcoming 2019 Congress will be held and its host will be decided. For more information, please visit the website: <http://iaggchiangmai2015.com/>

### EUROPEAN REGION

**IAGG-ER CONGRESS**



The Executive Committee of IAGG-ER, which was elected in April 2015 at the European Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Dublin, had its first meeting in September in Oslo. The Executive Committee decided on its main activities to be taken during the next four years. Two members of the IAGG-ER Executive Committee, Mario Barbagallo and Katarzyna Szczerbinska, took part in the Board Meeting of the European Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS) in Oslo.

One of the key activities of IAGG-ER will be to scrutinize the activity and governance of IAGG sub-organizations like GARN. Clemens Tesch-Roemer has been invited to become a member of the GARN advisory board.

# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION



COMLAT PRESIDENTS Participated as honorary MEMBERS of the 3rd International Congress of Residences & Services to the elderly from August 27-29 in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

35 magna conferences were held with 10 oral presentations and 8 workshops, attended by 350 participants and 9 international Speakers.



Congressional officials: President Dr. Alejandro Uribe (right to Dr. Marianela Hekman) with Dr. Michael Acanfora (AGA) and Dr. Jose Ricardo Jauregui (Past President of COMLAT-IAGG)



Dra. Marianela Hekman handing certificate to Dr. Jose Ricardo Jauregui



Dr. Alejandro Uribe (President of the Congress), Dr. Marianela Hekman and Dr. Josep Martí Valies

### CONGRESS SCHEDULE

| Month/Date/Year     | Event   | Venue                    |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| September 3-6, 2015 | COMLAT: International Diabetes Symposium on IAGG and Ageing Populations, Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 3 – 6, 2015   | Buenos, Aires, Argentina |
| November 8-11, 2015 | XVII National Congress of the GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY OF MEXICO A.C. (GEMAC)   | Mexico                   |
| June 8-11, 2016     | The 20th Brazilian Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology in Fortaleza  | Ceará, Brazil            |
| September, 2016     | SAGG - September 2016 Buenos Aires Congress of the Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics: II Meeting of the First Latin American Consensus on Diabetes in the Elderly |                          |
| November, 2016      | SUGG - November 2016 Montevideo Congress Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics Uruguay  |                          |
| November 4-8, 2016  | ALAD XVII Latin American Congress on Diabetes – Colombian Congress on Diabetes, Bogotá Hotel Crowne Plaza – Tequendama  |                          |

# IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DIABETES FOR THE OLDER PERSONS: 1ST MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CONSENSUS ON DIABETES FOR THE OLDER PERSONS



The symposium was held on September 4-5 at the Catholic University in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It was organized by the Working Group of Diabetes in the Elderly of the Latin American Diabetes Association and coordinated by Dr. Ana Lia Cagide (ALAD) and Dr. Jose Ricardo Jauregui (Past- President COMLAT, President of the Argentina Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG))

1st meeting of the First Latin American Consensus on Diabetes for the older persons was held with 330 participants under the guidance of Dr. Leocadio Rodríguez Mañas from Spain and Dr. Alan Sinclair from UK



“Diabetes Consensus Group in the elderly in Latin American”



Dr. Ana Lia, Vice President of ALAD; D. Cristian Ritondo, Vice President of the Legislature of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires; Dr. Felix M. Escaño Polanco, President of ALAD; Dr. Marianela Hekman, COMLAT President; and Dr. José Ricardo Jáuregui, Past COMLAT President and President of the Gerontology and Geriatrics Society Argentina

Tribute: the event was declared as cultural interest by the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, with plenary chair, Dr. Felix Manuel of ALAD and Dr. Marianela Hekman, COMLAT-IAGG.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES OF COMLAT IAGG

Scrutinize the activity and governance of IAGG sub-organizations like GARN. José Fernando Gomes Montes, Past President of COMLAT, was invited to become a member of the GARN advisory board.

## IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS

### IAGG-GARN (GLOBAL AGEING RESEARCH NETWORK)

#### VIDEO FILM ON "FRAILTY PREVENTION"

The short 40-second film was realized to promote autonomy of older people. It was funded by the CNSA (Caisse Nationale de Solidarité pour l'Autonomie), a French state organization. The film was edited under the auspices of the IAGG GARN network and has versions in French, English, Italian, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Persian, Chinese, Korean and Japanese. You can view it on the IAGG GARN website <http://www.garn-network.org>

#### WORKSHOP ON "PREVENTION IN RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES: A NEW MISSION FOR THE FUTURE"

This event is organized and funded by the Office of Sciences and Technology of the French Embassy in the United States. It is scheduled for December 2, 2015, during the Nursing Home Research International Working Group in Toulouse, France. Developing research in long-term care facilities is a very good way to develop best practice. The idea is that nursing homes may serve as platforms for prevention, e.g. in Europe and USA. They can have space and develop expertise for promoting a multi-domain approach, including physical, cognitive exercise and nutrition therapy. The workshop will also concern residential homes.

#### IAGG-GARN WHITE BOOK ON FRAILITY

The IAGG-GARN White Book on Frailty aims to promote preventive interventions against disability and to provide information on how to adequately implement frailty into everyday clinical practice. To this effect, the book highlights current knowledge on the identification of the target population, assessment of frail older adults, and development of tailored intervention programs. We now know that early detection and intervention are critical to addressing frailty. A French version is already available at <http://www.fragilite.org/livre-blanc.php> and will soon be translated into English and Chinese.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN TOULOUSE, FRANCE

The Gérontopôle (Toulouse, France) is an internationally-recognized institution for clinical research on aging. Its research activities are specifically focused on age-related conditions predisposing to disability (in particular, frailty and sarcopenia), Alzheimer's disease and healthcare systems for the elderly. The Gérontopôle is currently recruiting post-docs to be involved in the ongoing research programs. In particular, candidates should be able to enhance the Gérontopôle studies through the publication of scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals. English language fluency and adequate use of a statistical software are required. Various positions, according to the candidate's experience, are available. We are especially interested in applicants having potentials for future independent research positions.

Applications should include:

- A brief cover letter explaining why you would like to join our institute
- Curriculum Vitae including list of publications
- The pdf files of one or two full-text articles

Applicants should send all these documents by e-mail to Ms. Brune Rieunier ([rieunier.b@chu-toulouse.fr](mailto:rieunier.b@chu-toulouse.fr)). Please use as object of your e-mail "Application for a post-doc position at the Gérontopôle". Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for a phone interview and a subsequent in-person interview in Toulouse.

Questions related to the positions should be addressed to Drs. Philippe de Souto Barreto ([philipebarreto81@yahoo.com.br](mailto:philipebarreto81@yahoo.com.br)) or Matteo Cesari ([macesari@gmail.com](mailto:macesari@gmail.com)).

### 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)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS: IAGG ASIA & OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, 19-22 OCTOBER 2015, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

The IAGG-CSO has been actively working to provide interesting and relevant programming for student/early career investigators for the IAGG Asia & Oceania 2015 conference. We hope to provide several informal opportunities to network with fellow student members that will be presented during the conference. Below is a list of some of these opportunities. These, along with other student events, will be listed in the conference program.

#### Monday, October 19th

- The IAGG-CSO Executive Committee is hosting a session titled, "Establishing Collaborative Research Networks for Emerging Scholars: Perspectives from the IAGG Council of Student Organizations." Recognizing a growing interest in global aging research, this session will offer several presentations and an interactive discussion around the topic of building international collaborative research networks in Gerontology. Time: 17:00-18:30
- IAGG Asia/Oceania 2015 "Welcome Reception"- This reception is included in the registration fee, and all are encouraged to attend. Keep a look out for other students/early career scholars also attending this event. Time: 18:00-21:00

#### Tuesday, October 20th

- The IAGG-CSO "Networking with the Stars" event is open to students/trainees/early career scholars and will serve as an opportunity to learn about the IAGG-CSO as well as meet other emerging scholars. Leading scientists in the field of gerontology/geriatrics will join us for this "Networking with the Stars" to welcome and network with student members. Feel free to bring along your lunch and join us for this event! Time: 12:30-14:00
- The "Student's Night Out" will be a time to socialize and network with fellow students/trainees while also enjoying some of the local culture, organized by the IAGG-CSO. Additional details will be provided at the conference. Time: TBD (sometime after the last session of the day)

Keep checking the IAGG Asia & Oceania website (<http://iaggchiangmai2015.com>) and the conference program booklet for more details!

### IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DR. KATHARINE JAMES, PHD

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 Dr. Katharine James, below. We encourage our readers to nominate deserving IAGG students and early career members and/or student gerontological organizations for consideration by emailing the IAGG-CSO Committee ([iaggcso@gmail.com](mailto:iaggcso@gmail.com)). This committee is committed to facilitating communication and networking among student members and organizations. To that end, the CSO is starting a new "Spotlighting" effort to highlight exceptional 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](mailto:iaggcso@gmail.com)).



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### IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH DR. KATHERINE JAMES

**Dr. Katharine James**

**Degrees:** Ph D. BSocSc

**Title:** Postdoctoral Research Fellow

**Department:** Dept. of Medicine/Division of Geriatric Medicine

**Institution:** University of Cape Town

**Institution Location:** Cape Town, South Africa



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

In my Psychology Honours year at the University of Cape Town, our lecturers presented their various fields of interest and possible research projects, one of which included a project on stress and Alzheimer's disease. The potential clinical application of this research immediately sparked my interest. I started working in a local memory clinic which initiated my passion for working with older adults and led to a larger project that burgeoned into my Masters which was upgraded to a PhD. I also have clinical training in neuropsychology and most of my experience in this area has involved neuropsychological assessments of older adults with dementia.

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

Currently my postdoctoral research involves investigating factors associated with cognitive functioning in older adults with and without pathophysiology, and exploring non-pharmacological interventions for enhancing cognition. I have also lectured on a Psychology Masters course at the University of Cape Town called Ageing and the Human Brain.

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

I recently presented some of my research at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology annual congress. Earlier this year I published a paper about the effect of quality and level of education on performance in different cognitive domains in older adults, and I am in the process of writing another paper about the relationship between stress and cognitive functioning in older adults. I am also an assistant study coordinator on a dementia prevalence study currently being conducted in a South African rural population.

**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 an IAGG member a few years ago and presented some of my research at the first IAGG African Regional Congress held in Cape Town in 2012. I strongly recommend other students to become members and attend the IAGG congresses because there is great opportunity for networking, information sharing, and knowledge building by being part of a community of clinicians and researchers invested in the field of ageing.

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

The field of gerontology is growing exponentially but there remains much to be done. Gerontology is a multidisciplinary field. My advice is to find an area that you are passionate about, evaluate your strengths and weaknesses and harness your skills to make a difference and contribute to that area.

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

#### SPECIAL ISSUE ON GLOBAL FAMILIES AND AGING:

A special issue of the Canadian Journal on Aging (Vol. 34, Issue 03) on families and aging has just been released. The special issue provides state of knowledge manuscripts about international topics on families of older adults. Editors of the special issue are Norah Keating and Jenny de Jong Gierveld.

#### List of Titles and Authors

| Titles of Articles   | Authors of Articles   |
|--|---|
| Editorial: Families and Aging: From Private Troubles to a Global Agenda  | Norah Keating and Jenny de Jong Gierveld  |
| Éditorial : Les familles et le vieillissement: De troubles privées à un programme mondial  | Norah Keating and Jenny De Jong Gierveld  |
| Care Ideals in the Netherlands: Shifts between 2002 and 2011   | Thijs van den Broek and Pearl A. Dykstra and Romke J. van der Veen  |
| Families, Intergenerational Bonds, and Aging in Sub-Saharan Africa   | Isabella Aboderin and Jaco Hoffman  |
| Challenges for the Aging Family in the People's Republic of China  | David R. Phillips and Zhixin Feng   |
| Diverse Family Structures and the Care of Older Persons  | Karen A. Roberto and Rosemary Blieszner   |
| Work, Aging, and Risks to Family Life: The Case of Australia   | Simon Biggs and Ashley Carr and Irja Haapala  |
| End-of-Life Co-residence of Older Parents and Their Sons in Rural China  | Zhen Cong and Merrill Silverstein   |
| Generational Solidarity in Europe and Israel   | Ruth Katz and Ariela Lowenstein and Dafna Halperin and Aviad Tur-Sinai  |
| Intra-couple Caregiving of Older Adults Living Apart Together: Commitment and Independence   | Jenny De Jong Gierveld  |
| Mining a Unique Canadian Resource: The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging  | Susan A. Kirkland and Lauren E. Griffith and Verena Menec and Andrew Wister and Hélène Payette and Christina Wolfson and Parminder S. Raina |
| Exploitation d'une ressource canadienne unique : l'Étude longitudinale canadienne sur le vieillissement  | Susan A. Kirkland and Lauren E. Griffith and Verena Menec and Andrew Wister and Hélène Payette and Christina Wolfson and Parminder S. Raina |
| TEFREP: Épreuve de répétition de phrases en franco-québécois. Développement, validation et normalisation   | Josiane Bourgeois-Marcotte and Maximiliano A. Wilson and Martin Forest and Laura Monetta  |
| "People are Getting Lost a Little Bit": Systemic Factors that Contribute to Falls in Community-Dwelling Octogenarians  | Dorothy Gotzmeister and Aleksandra A. Zecevic and Lisa Klinger and Alan Salmoni   |
| L'évaluation de la mémoire rétrograde dans la population Québécoise âgée: Le PUB-40 et le PUB-12   | Roxane Langlois and Sven Joubert and Sophie Benoit and Valérie Dostie and Isabelle Rouleau  |
| Sarah McGann. The Production of Hospice Space: Conceptualising the Space of Caring and Dying. Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2013  | Barbara Pesut   |
| Jan Baars, Joseph Dohmen, Amanda Grenier, and Chris Phillipson (Eds.). Ageing, Meaning and Social Structure: Connecting Critical and Humanistic Gerontology. Bristol, UK: Policy Press, 2014 | Susan Braedley  |
| CJG volume 34 issue 3 Cover and Front matter   |   |
| CJG volume 34 issue 3 Cover and Back matter  |   |

"Families" is one of the main themes of the Global Social Initiative on Ageing. The global families special issue is a companion set of papers to the special issue on ageing and community published in 2014 in the Journal of Community and Social Psychology (Vol xx Issue xx). Editors on that special issues are Claudine Provencher, Norah Keating, Vera Roos and Jeni Warburton. The communities special issue reflects state of knowledge about communities and liveability of older adults—another one of the main GSIA themes.

### ISG (INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR GERONTECHNOLOGY)

#### 10TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF GERONTECHNOLOGY, SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2016, IN NICE, FRANCE

The 10th World Conference of Gerontechnology will be held in Nice, France from September 28 -30, 2016, under the theme "Sustainable Humanity." The call for proposals opens from September 1 onward. It is the world's largest

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gathering of scholars, researchers, experts and practitioners in the field of Gerontechnology.

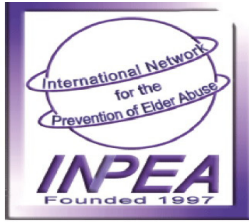
The event will provide a variety of interaction modalities: keynote speeches, symposia, chaired oral sessions, leading-edge technologies, and the GeronTechno Platform. Leading-edge technologies refer to sessions designed for interactive demonstrations of well-tested prototypes of products or services. The GeronTechno Platform features demonstrations of newly-developed products with target end-users through interactive exhibitions. In addition, an international Master Class will be held. The concept of "Master Class" is modeled on the training often used with young professional musicians. The student performs in front of one or more professional musicians in his or her field who then offer an evaluation of the performance as well as advice to the students.

At the ISG Master Class, the posters the students bring with them are the "performances" analogous to the recitals of the young professional musicians. The masters, as former aspiring musicians who performed at auditions for symphony conductors and in front of great professional musicians in their fields, definitely know how valuable these experiences can be and thus will try their best to make the students find these experiences helpful. The ISG Master Class provides a unique opportunity for young researchers at the Master, Doctoral, and Post-doctoral level who are currently conducting or planning to conduct research in related fields to interact with world-class experts in the area of Gerontechnology. An ISG Master Class takes one and a half days and consists of lectures followed by poster discussion (master-student and student-student) and a competition for the best poster. Please visit the conference website for further information: <http://www.isg2016.org/>. Coming to the 10th World Conference of Gerontechnology means: meeting with other experts in gerontechnology; gaining and sharing gerontechnology knowledge; having the possibility to start (re)new alliances for gerontechnology research; getting inspired.

The activities of Gerontechnology began in the Netherlands with the formation of the International Society for Gerontechnology (ISG) in 1993, and were further supported by the establishment of the Journal Gerontechnology in 2001. The ISG mission is to encourage and promote technological innovations in products and services that address older peoples' ambitions and needs on the basis of scientific knowledge about ageing processes including cultural and individual differences.

The ISG has an executive committee and a board including presidents of the regional chapters. Currently, the ISG has 6 regional chapters, namely; the Dutch-Flemish chapter, Francophone chapter, Japanese chapter, Sinophone chapter, North-American chapter and German-Austrian chapter, with an Iberian chapter under construction. In addition to the regional chapters, there is a student chapter, for those PhD students who want to be educated and trained in Gerontechnology. All individuals working in any field of aging and technology can become a member of the ISG and can be linked to the chapter they wish to belong to. Please visit our website for further information: <http://www.gerontechnology.org/>.

## UN ACTIVITIES



### U.N. 6TH OEWG SIDE EVENT ON JULY 15, 2016

#### **“ARE REGIONAL STANDARDS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS ADEQUATE?”: SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZED BY IAGG AND OTHER TWO NOGS**

Three NGOs, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), Care Rights, and the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) convened the symposium in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Ageing, NY and the Group of Friends for Older Persons. The program was as follows:

Welcoming Remarks: Frederico Villegas Beltran, Human Rights Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina

Moderator: DPR Matej Marn, Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations

Europe: Nena Georgantzi, Age Platform, Europe (Discussing Council of Europe Recommendations)

Africa: Johan L. Strijdom, African Union (Draft Protocol on Older Persons Rights)

Asia: Sooyun Han, Care Rights, Korea (Cultural challenges in recognizing and protecting rights in Asia)

Latin America/Caribbean: Dr. Raymond Jessurun, CORV (Moving from Inter-American to International Convention)

With a focus on gaps in older persons rights as recognized under National, Regional and International standards, panelists discussed the adopted and under development regional standards for older people’s rights by the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe and the African Union. Participants are invited to build links with the programme of work of the 6th OEWG session while going more in depth into aspects of the debate that are not adequately covered by the OEWG agenda.

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### GERONTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF ARGENTINA (AGA)

The Argentina Gerontological Association (AGA) is working intensively on:



II National Conference on Gerontology and PHARMACY - "Dementia an approach from the Gerontology" - San Rafael, Mendoza- Republic of Argentina -12 and 13 September, 2015  
Different letters of intent were signed with various institutions listed with the Argentina Gerontological Association - AGA - during the current year of 2015.

1. Argentina and Occupational Therapy Association
2. OSDE Foundation - Social Work Executives
3. Argentina Association of Geriatric Facilities
4. With the Argentina Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics -SAGG - to the World IAGG 2021, Argentina
5. II Online course on Social Gerontology by [www.gerontogeriatría.org](http://www.gerontogeriatría.org). : Official Publication of AGA - All covered spaces

Future meetings with: National Institute of Social Services for Pensioners -PAMI - Maimónides University - Barceló Foundation

### BELARUSIAN REPUBLICAN GERONTOLOGICAL PUBLIC ASSOCIATION

The Belarusian Republican Gerontological Public Association started the project which is dedicated to the education of social workers in the field of primary medical knowledge in geriatric medicine. According to this project, the serial seminars were held in different regions of the Republic of Belarus. Problems such as revealing and management of frailty, cognitive impairment, pressure ulcers, falls and other geriatric syndromes in measures of the competence of social workers were discussed. The project will help to introduce a team approach and close cooperation between medical and social workers in the management of elders with geriatric syndromes who live in community and nursing homes. The scientific curator of project is Vice-President of the Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics ,Professor Kiryl Prashchayeu.



At photo: Seminar for social workers in Navapolatsk, Vitebsk Region

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### BELGIAN SOCIETY FOR GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

Three events will take place in Belgium in 2015 and in 2016:

- October 23 and 24, 2015. 18e Journées d'Automne de la SBGG (Société Belge de Gériatrie et de Gérontologie) – Liege, Palais des Congrès. For further information: [www.geriatrie.be](http://www.geriatrie.be). or call 003243679392.
- February 26 and 27, 2016. 39th Winter Meeting, organized by SBGG, in Oostende. For further information, go to: [www.geriatrie.be](http://www.geriatrie.be)
- Congress of SPLF (Title of Congress: "Situations frontalières et questions limites") September 7-9, 2016, in Brussels. Information on website: [www.congresfrançaispsychiatrie.org](http://www.congresfrançaispsychiatrie.org)

### BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY

#### Save the Date: CBGG 2016 - How are we getting older?



The Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG) invites you to CBGG 2016 - Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology – that will be held in Fortaleza, Ceará, between June 8th – 11th, 2016, at the Ceará Events Center.

How are we getting older? The Individual, the Society and Brazil will be the theme that will guide the activities of CBGG 2016. The thematic approach will enable strands from health and quality of life, to issues related to public policies and weaknesses faced today in the process of "taking care" of aging at different levels of health care.

Follow the site and social networks of CBGG 2016 and soon more information will be announced about registration deadlines and other important dates at [www.cbgg2016.com.br](http://www.cbgg2016.com.br)

Everyone is invited to this meeting that will be an opportunity to bring to light issues that allow a reassessment of the ways that has been adopted in the aging process in Brazil and all over the world, led by Dr. João Bastos Freire Neto, President of CBGG 2016 and also SBGG.

"The future that our pioneers envisioned knocks at our door. Our country needs physicians and trained professionals to serve the elderly in a comprehensive manner. We need to transform the segments regarding the health of the elderly," declared João Bastos. According to him, this is one of the greatest responsibilities as a medical specialty society: to collaborate and encourage the training of professionals who are in the daily management of the elderly in order to refine and improve service to this population.

#### Service

#### CBGG 2016 - Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology

How are we getting older? The Individual, the Society and Brazil

June, 8th–11th, 2016

Brazil – Fortaleza (CE)

Hosted By Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG)

Official website: [www.cbgg2016.com.br](http://www.cbgg2016.com.br)

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### BRITISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

The next annual conference of the British Society of Gerontology (BSG) will be held 6th-8th July 2016 in Stirling, Scotland. Please refer to the BSG website for more information: <http://www.britishgerontology.org>

### CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY



The 36th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Geriatrics Society will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from April 14th to 16th, 2016. We have a wide range of international speakers focusing on different topics such as exercise in older adults, palliative care, and dementia management. Our website is <https://thecanadiangeriatricsociety.wildapricot.org/ASM-2016>

### JAPAN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 37th JSBMG (Japan Society for Biomedical Gerontology) Symposium 2015  
 “Universality and Diversity of Aging Found in Model Animals”

Organizer: Keiichi Higuchi (Shinshu University Graduate School of Medicine)

Date: October 31, 2015 (Saturday) 13:00 - 16:00

Venue: Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology (TMIG), Meeting Room (3rd floor)

The primary goal of bio-gerontological research is “Slowing down aging and preventing age-related diseases by elucidating mechanisms of aging.” We have been using many species of animals to understand aging phenomena. Well-known researchers of the animal model of aging will present the biological characteristics of animal models and try to find universal mechanisms of aging from the diversity among animals.

### KENYA ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

**A new empirical study on:**

**The Relationship between Retirement Preparation in the Psychosocial, Financial and Health Domains and Quality of Life of Retirees in Kenya: A Case of Nyeri County.**

**Pauline Thuku, Lucy Maina and Margaret Gechaga -June 2015**

Like many countries around the world, Kenya’s ageing population is on the increase and now stands at 1.4 million. As the government works towards improving the Quality of Life (QoL) of all people, enhancing that of retirees requires special attention. Research has established a significant positive relationship between retirement preparation and QoL. Hence, to promote QoL in retirement, relevant policies and institutional frameworks are preferred. The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) has intensified its efforts to increase awareness on retirement preparation and increase retirement planning coverage. Yet, studies consistently report that retirees in Kenya continue to experience

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maladjustment challenges.

This study aimed at assessing the factors in retirement preparation that significantly influenced QoL of retirees in Nyeri County, Kenya. Unlike many studies, a multi-dimensional approach was utilized to assess retirement preparation in the psychosocial, financial and health domains and its influence on the overall QoL of retirees. Continuity theory and the life course perspective guided the study. Ten percent of the target population of retirees was sampled for the study. Purposive, cluster, simple random and stratified random sampling methods were used to select 447 respondents. Quantitative data was collected using interview schedules and analyzed using SPSS (Version 20). Four FGDs were conducted to provide qualitative data from participants and the thematic approach was utilized in its analysis.

The study found that most respondents were inadequately prepared for retirement in the three examined domains: psychosocial, financial and health. Consequently, less than half experienced a high QoL in retirement. Importantly, QoL was found to be positively related to retirement preparation in the three domains. A logit regression model utilizing retirement preparation indicators showed that spending free time on family activities, adequate time with friends, diversifying income generating activities and seeking health-promoting information predicted a high QoL among retirees. Factor analysis proved that age, gender, marital status and income significantly influenced QoL whereby older, married, female respondents with higher incomes had the highest chances of a quality retirement. In addition, continuity in pre-retirement activities and social relationships positively contributed to higher QoL. The study recommends a multi-faceted retirement preparation framework for all employees in Kenyan private and public sectors. Special focus is emphasized for unmarried male prospective retirees with low income since they were found to have higher chances of experiencing a lower quality of life in retirement than other categories of retirees.

### SWISS SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

The Swiss Society of Gerontology will hold the next congress on the topic of "[age@technologie.ch](http://www.sgg-sgg.ch/cms/pages/en/home.php)" <http://www.sgg-sgg.ch/cms/pages/en/home.php> in January next year. It will be held in German and French with guests from Canada (Andrew Sixsmith, President of the International Society of Gerontechnology), and Japan (Yasuyuki Gondo, professor at Osaka University).

### TUNISIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY

The Tunisian Association of Gerontology (ATUGER) is organizing in the coming period:

- The XIVth Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics, on October 31st, at the Syphax Hotel, Sfax, Tunisia
- A seminar about the rights of elderly in Tunisia, on October 1st

The website of ATUGER is: [www.atuger.org.tn](http://www.atuger.org.tn)

### TURKISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY

#### Course on "Researches in Geriatrics and Gerontology"



The Executive Board of the Turkish Geriatrics Society and Editorial Board of the Turkish Journal of Geriatrics organize courses on "Researches in Geriatrics and Gerontology" regularly. Trainers who are experienced in research methodology, evidence based medicine, scientific writing, epidemiology, ethical issues and statistics are: Prof. Dilek ASLAN, Assoc. Prof. Tolga Resat AYDOS, Assist. Prof. Munir Demir BAJIN, Prof. Banu ÇAKIR, Prof. Yesim GOKCE KUTSAL and Instructor Meltem SENGELEN.

The coming course will be from 27-28th Nov, 2015, in Ankara.

Deadline for registration; 27th Oct, 2015 [www.turkgeriatri.org](http://www.turkgeriatri.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

| Month/Date/Year      | Event   | Venue   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| October 19-22, 2015  | IAGG's 10th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress<br>OB: Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine<br>Website: <a href="http://iagg2015.org/">http://iagg2015.org/</a>  | Chiang Mai, Thailand                              |
| October 23-25, 2015  | 44th Annual Scientific of Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG 2015)<br>OB: Canadian Association on Gerontology<br>Website: <a href="http://cag2015.ca">http://cag2015.ca</a>   | Alberta, Canada                                   |
| November 14-16, 2015 | XVII National Congress<br>OB: Mexico Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics<br>Website: <a href="http://www.sociedadgemac.org.mx/">http://www.sociedadgemac.org.mx/</a>  | Mexico City, Mexico                               |
| November 17-18, 2015 | Care EXPO-IAGG Symposium<br><br>Website: <a href="http://www.careexpochina.com/?cat=373">http://www.careexpochina.com/?cat=373</a>  | Shanghai, China                                   |
| November 18-22, 2015 | 68th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America<br>OB: Gerontological Society of America<br>Website: <a href="http://www.geron.org/meeting-events/gsa-annual-scientific-meeting">http://www.geron.org/meeting-events/gsa-annual-scientific-meeting</a> | Orlando, USA                                      |
| December 2-3, 2015   | 2nd International Research Conference on Nursing Homes<br>OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN)<br>Website: <a href="http://www.nursing-home-research.com">http://www.nursing-home-research.com</a>   | Toulouse University Hospital Headquarters, France |
| June 19-22, 2016     | 23rd Nordic Congress of Gerontology<br>OB: Finnish Gerontological Society<br>Website: <a href="http://23nkg.fi/index.html">http://23nkg.fi/index.html</a>   | Tampere, Finland                                  |
| June 21-23, 2016     | International Federation on Ageing 13th Global conference, Disasters in an Ageing World: REsilience and Recovery<br>Website: <a href="http://ifa2016.org.au/">http://ifa2016.org.au/</a>  | Brisbane, Australia                               |
| June 30-July 2, 2016 | Congress of Cardiovascular PRevention in Pre-Elderly and Elderly Individuals (CPPEI)<br>Website: <a href="http://cardioelderly.org">http://cardioelderly.org</a>  | Bratislava, Slovakia                              |
| July 23-27, 2017     | 21st IAGG World Congress<br>OB: Gerontological Society of America (GSA)<br>Website: <a href="http://www.iagg2017.org">http://www.iagg2017.org</a>   | San Francisco, USA                                |
| 2021                 | 22nd IAGG World COngress<br>OB: Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG)  | Buenos Aires, Argentina                           |

## IAGG REGIONAL CONGRESSES

### 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.

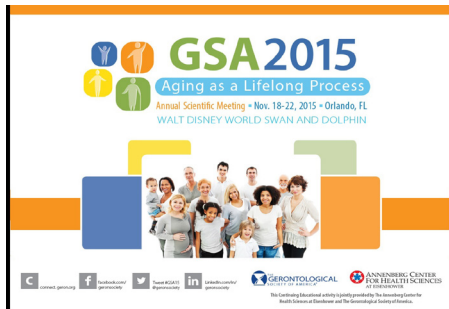
**Theme:** Healthy Ageing Beyond Frontiers

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GSA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING



#### 68TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, WALT DISNEY WORLD SWAN & DOLPHIN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 18-22, 2015

GSA's 68th Annual Scientific Meeting will bring together more than 4,000 of the brightest minds in the field of aging. This meeting is the premier gathering of gerontologists from both the United States and around the world. Over 450 scientific sessions including symposia, paper, and poster presentations will be presented. The 2015 theme is "Aging as a Lifelong

Process," which highlights the fact that what gerontologists study is actually the cumulative outcome of lifelong events that culminate during old age. These effects, which can begin at the earliest stage of fetal development, encompass biology, social interactions, historical events, psychological experiences, and public policy. Importantly, the life-course effects on aging are best viewed through the interdisciplinary lens that is the signature feature of GSA.

The 2015 conference theme challenges researchers to highlight possible consequences of early life effects on aging, be it through biomedical events, nutrition, socioeconomic status, educational opportunities, stressful life experiences, or social relationships. The conference theme also challenges educators, both in the formal academic setting, and in communicating with the general public, to transmit the importance of lifelong experiences and lifestyle choices on the process of aging. Through the diverse research disciplines of our members and the expansion of our view of aging as a lifelong process, we have the potential to truly enhance the prospect of healthy aging.

The Annual Scientific Meeting's location, Orlando, is at the heart of America's Sunshine State and home to Walt Disney World, which represents a pioneering endeavour based on a combination of innovation and imagination — the perfect backdrop for our robust scientific program.

Now Available! Download the branded PPT template for GSA 2015.

### IAGG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

**NEXT YEAR'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 21ST, 2016, IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY**



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### 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](mailto:info@iagg2017.org)

Website: <http://www.iagg2017.org>

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



The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentinean Society of Gerontology, both Member Societies of IAGG, united together to present their candidacy in view of hosting the 22nd IAGG Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled for 2021.

### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY MEMBER SOCIETIES

#### FROM POSSIBILITY TO PRACTICE IN AGEING, ALBERTA, CANADA, OCT. 23-25, 2015

##### Canadian Association on Gerontology

The Canadian Association on Gerontology welcomes you to exciting Calgary, Alberta for Canada's premier multidisciplinary conference for those interested in individual and population ageing.

CAG2015 is hosted by the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary (<http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/>).

Website: <http://CAG2015.ca>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 23RD NORDIC CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY, TAMPERE, FINLAND, JUNE 19-22, 2016

Finnish Gerontological Society

# 23NKG2016

23<sup>RD</sup> NORDIC CONGRESS OF  
GERONTOLOGY  
TAMPERE • FINLAND

On behalf of the Nordic Gerontological Federation, we invite you to share with your colleagues the most recent findings, ideas and innovations about ageing. Our ageing society urgently needs scientific knowledge to enable longer lives to reach their full potential. Better ageing means a better society for all. The theme of the congress is therefore 'Good ageing – better society'. The Nordic congresses traditionally emphasize multidisciplinary perspectives on ageing and the life course. 23 NKG is a meeting place for all researchers and professionals, whether they are in social sciences, health research, medicine, nursing, biology, humanities, services research or any other field of scientific enquiry. Our special aim is to create sessions at which experts from different disciplines can meet and learn from each other. The 23 NKG is also a place for meeting old and new friends, for enjoying the conference's social programme, Finnish nature and Tampere's many cultural attractions.

We look forward to meeting you in Tampere in June 2016!

Visit our website: [www.23nkg.fi](http://www.23nkg.fi)

Deadline for abstracts is February 27, 2016, End of early bird registration March 15, 2016

Scientific programme: [scientific.secretary@23nkg.fi](mailto:scientific.secretary@23nkg.fi)

General information: [23nkg2016@tavicon.fi](mailto:23nkg2016@tavicon.fi)

## OTHERS

### INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY DAY

There has been emerging a tradition by longevity researchers and activists around the world to organize events dedicated to promotion of longevity research on or around October 1 – the UN International Day of Older Persons. This day is sometimes referred to in some parts of the longevity activist community as “International Longevity Day.” As this is the official UN Day of Older Persons, this provides longevity research activists a perfect opportunity

to emphasize the importance of aging and longevity research for the development of effective health care for the elderly, in the wide public as well as among decision makers.

Events and promotions around that day, increasing education on biological and biomedical research of aging and longevity, are now planned in over 30 countries on 5 continents. The support ranges from small, emerging local grassroots groups of longevity research activists to scientific societies. <http://www.longevityforall.org/international-longevity-day-october-1-2015/>

### INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGEING-INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL POLICY



The International Institute on Ageing, United Nations – Malta, in collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), will be organizing an International Training Program in ‘Policy Formulation, Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing’, which is scheduled to take place in Malta, November 28 - December 5, 2015.

This multi-disciplinary Training Program in Social Policy, designed by an International Expert Group, is aimed at discussing the implications of population ageing, underscoring the importance of including ageing issues in a country’s development planning and discussing options for policy formulation and program/services implementation. It also aims at providing a broad and up-to-date understanding of the complex and far-reaching consequences of mass longevity. Participants are helped to evolve and implement appropriate policies that will ensure the quality of life and well-being of older persons in their own society.

The program consists of lectures, seminars, site-visits and workshops. Topics dealt with include: 1) understanding the commitments of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing as well as the Regional Implementation Strategies, 2) ensuring that policies in response to population ageing have a holistic approach and are implemented in a coordinated manner over a wide range of policy areas; 3) exploring ways of facilitating the participation of all stakeholders, namely: governments, civil society, family, community and older persons themselves; 4) collecting and disseminating the best knowledge and evidence-based practices available regarding adequate policy responses to population ageing; and 5) monitoring progress towards the achievement of the Priority Directions and Recommendation of the Madrid International Plan of Action.

Applications are invited from policy-makers and decision-makers in the field of Ageing in developing countries. They should be directly engaged in policy-and-decision-making for older persons in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors in their own country.

The cost of participating in the Program is US\$ 2,680. This includes full board accommodation, tuition, and accident insurance for the period covering the participant’s stay in Malta during the program.

Please be advised that:

Air travel to and from Malta is NOT included;

Accident insurance does not cover any days spent in Malta beyond the days of the program, and does NOT include any medical, travel or baggage coverage.

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With this I would like to inform you that should you be interested in applying for the above training program, you are kindly asked to fill in the on-line application form, by following this link: <http://www.inia.org.mt/training.html>  
Moreover, one is also requested to forward the following:

1. Proof of proficiency in English
2. A letter of recommendation from the director of your organization
3. A personal letter (giving reasons for attending the course)
4. Copies of relevant certificates

## IAGG ADMINISTRATION

### 👉 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)

### 👉 INFORMATION FOR WIRE TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP DUES TO IAGG BANK ACCOUNT:

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