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### THE 5TH SESSION OF THE UN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING, NEW YORK, JULY 30- AUGUST 1, 2014



First row: Prof. CHOI  
 Second row, from left: Prof. STÖHRER, Dr. Carrillo,  
 Prof. BIAL  
 Third row, from left: Prof. ABODERIN, Prof. FRANCO

The fifth working session of OEWGA was held at UN headquarters in New York from July 30 to August 1, 2014. IAGG Secretary General and IAGG Coordinator for UN Affairs Prof. Sung Jae CHOI represented the IAGG organization at the conference, with the assistance of Past IAGG Secretary General Prof. Alain FRANCO alongside IAGG UN Representatives Dr. Juanita CARRILLO, Prof. Martha BIAL and Prof. Hans STÖHRER. Three days of continuous debates concerning the human rights of older persons brought together representatives from sixty three Member States of the United Nations (33% of all 193 UN States) and at least 17 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including IAGG and other members of the Global Alliance for the Rights for Older People (GAROP). Side events included a presentation of the July 2014 Chicago Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons.

Expert panel discussions at this session focused on: Human Rights and Care of Older Persons; Violence and Abuse Against Older Persons; Planning for End of Life Care: Legal and Financial Issues; Recent Developments including the establishment of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons; Outcome of the Human Rights Council Social Forum in April 2014; and Older persons and the Post-2015 Agenda. These discussions evidenced that older persons in developed countries face the same challenges as those in developing countries: global reports of neglect and inadequate care of older persons in care institutions, resulting from a lack of training of the health care workforce, lack of a rights-based approach to care, and on decisions made on the basis of age and frailty assumptions; informal home care of older persons can preserve dignity but result in unmet needs for the older person and stress for both care provider and recipient; long term care as a human rights issue; the need to enact international legal provisions informed by traditional values that promote and strengthen the role of family and community in the integrated home care of older persons; elder abuse as a worldwide problem, including physical abuse, disinheritance of widows, and eviction of older adults from their homes; need for a universal definition of abuse; need for better monitoring of abuse and of compliance with laws; need for better data collection on abuse, including disaggregation of data by age and including in data persons with dementia; a general reluctance globally with cultural taboos to face end of life planning; need for improved awareness, access to, and training of health care professionals for palliative care at the end of life; and need for protection of autonomy in end of life decision making. The Independent Expert will seek to identify best practices for care of older persons across continents globally; work with older persons at the grass roots level to enhance their visibility; and find consensus among UN States on a convention for rights of older persons. The debate found that, although the current July 2014 outcome document for the Post-2015 Agenda has obliquely referenced older persons in the language “for all” in five of the seventeen proposed sustainable development goals, older persons have so far been excluded, ignored, and invisible in the Post-2015 Agenda; but older persons must be included in the development agenda for society to benefit from their knowledge, skills, productivity, energy, and good will.

IAGG delivered an oral statement to the session, read by IAGG Representative to the UN Prof. Hans STÖHRER, which congratulated the appointment of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons,

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Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte; emphasized IAGG's consistent support over the course of OEWGA of the work of GAROP for a convention on the human rights of older persons; stated IAGG's belief that the work on improved implementation of existing human rights instruments and toward a new convention can proceed concurrently; and offered specific help from IAGG to the work of the Independent Expert in the areas of research, education, and care of older persons, and in developing an evidence based International Data Base on the status of human rights of older persons across countries.

Established in December 2010 by United Nations (UN) General Assembly resolution 65/182, the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA) was created "for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons by considering the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and identifying possible gaps and how best to address them, including by considering, as appropriate, the feasibility of further instruments and measures." In the first four working sessions of the OEWGA, held April 2011, August 2011, August 2012, and August 2013, UN Member States agreed that the rights of older people had not yet been adequately addressed, and considered proposals on how to fill these gaps. Adopted in December 2012, UN General Assembly resolution 67/139 tasked the OEWGA to consider what should go into a new international legal instrument on human rights of older persons. In July 2013, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights concluded in its summary report A/HRC/24/25 from a public consultation that a number of human rights issues, particularly relevant to older persons, had not been given sufficient attention in existing human rights instruments or in the practice of human rights bodies and mechanisms. Throughout the course of the OEWGA sessions, greater participation by African and Asian UN States has helped to bridge the polarized debate between Latin American and European UN States on the need for a new legal instrument for the human rights of older persons.

The fifth session of OEWGA concluded with an emerging consensus that planning on the elements for a convention on the human rights of older persons can and should proceed concurrently with improved implementation of current international human rights instruments, including the 2002 Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). Although some UN States, including those from the European Union and North America, reiterated their position that improving the rights of older persons must focus on better implementation of existing international human rights instruments; others, especially those from Latin America, argued strongly that a new convention was needed because the existing human rights legal framework is not specific for older persons, non-binding, unenforceable, and a mere statement of principles; and that the UN needs to move forward together to develop universal rules in the form of human rights to improve the lives of older persons.

**Fifth Working Session of the United Nations  
Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing  
New York, July 30 – August 1, 2014**

**IAGG ORAL STATEMENT TO OEWGA DELIVERED ON 1 AUGUST 2014  
BY IAGG REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN HANS STÖHRER**

Mr. Chairman,

As a representative of IAGG, the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, I would like to say that IAGG congratulates the appointment of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte and the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA). IAGG has consistently supported the work of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP) toward a new convention on the human rights of older persons. IAGG has spoken in support of this over the past 5 sessions of OEWGA.

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Along with the statements today from the distinguished representatives of El Salvador and of Chile, IAGG believes that the work on improved implementation of existing human rights instruments and toward a new specific convention on human rights of older persons can proceed concurrently.

Finally, IAGG may be able to offer specific help to the work of the Independent Expert in the areas of research, education, and care of older persons. Specifically, we feel that more substantive and evidence based dialogue is needed. IAGG may be able to help in developing an International Data Base on the status of human rights of older persons across countries.

Thank you for your attention.

## VISIT FROM THE GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA TO SEOUL IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS 2017

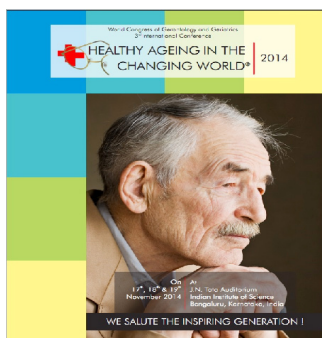
On September 10, 2014, President Heung Bong CHA and Secretary-General Sung-Jae CHOI met Mr. James APPLEBY, Executive Director, and Ms. Jilan CHEN, Controller and Director of Asian Relations and Development, both from the Gerontological Society of America.



Noting on the success of the 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Seoul, 2013, the IAGG executives and the two delegates discussed how to plan and promote the 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress in San Francisco, 2017 and learn from the lessons of the previous World Congress. They mainly sought advice on how to solicit sufficient funding from interested industries and government bodies and how to foster participation from various countries in different continents.

President Heung Bong CHA and Secretary-General Sung-Jae CHOI shared their experiences and wished them much success with the preparation process.

## HEALTHY AGEING IN THE CHANGING WORLD CONFERENCE, BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 17-19, 2014



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The conference on Healthy Ageing in the Changing World is scheduled to be held from November 17–19, 2014, at the J.N Tata Auditorium of the Indian Institute of Sciences in Bengaluru, India. The conference aims to provide a forum for a multidisciplinary team of investigators in geriatrics to identify areas of highest research priority, and develop research approaches to improve clinical care for older adults in India. The conference will bring together geriatric specialists and people related to the medical field to discuss how to treat various aspects of old-age related diseases.

In order to promote gerontological research and training in Southeast Asia and establish an academic network with Indian gerontologists and geriatricians, President Heung Bong CHA and Secretary-General Sung Jae CHOI will attend the conference with Mr. Jai Seong SONG, Executive Director of the Korea-Indian Association. President CHA will deliver a speech entitled “Global Population Ageing and Missions of IAGG” during the opening session to introduce IAGG and encourage Indian gerontologists and geriatricians to participate in international research on ageing. In addition, a joint-organization of the round-table discussion with leading Indian gerontologists and geriatricians will take place on November 18, 2014, under the topic of “Contemporary Challenges in the Ageing Population.”

## IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS

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

#### PLANNED CONFERENCES

##### 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 for November 20-22, 2014 in Philadelphia, USA. Alzheimer's disease is one of the most important health challenges facing aging populations worldwide. The development of the next generation of Alzheimer's disease drugs is becoming essential to face up to this challenge. Participants in San Diego identified new pathways 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 models and New therapies. Call for abstract is now open!!!

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

##### WHO-IAGG Knowledge Network on Frailty and Sarcopenia

IAGG will lead a group of 12 international experts to meet at WHO Headquarters in Geneva on October 8-9, 2014 in view of producing a scientific position paper on Frailty. This document is intended for the 2015 WHO Global Report on Ageing and Health. In addition, the group will work on the design of a simplified geriatric assessment tool to be used in primary health care by non-specialized health professionals in low & middle income countries.



##### Frailty and Sarcopenia

Following Toulouse, Orlando and Barcelona, the **4th International Conference on Frailty and Sarcopenia Research (ICFSR2015)** is scheduled for April 23-25, 2015, in Boston, USA. The following keynote lectures will be presented by:

- 1: "Drug trial design for Sarcopenia" by Shalender BHASIN (Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA)
- 2: "End point for Sarcopenia drug trials" by Jack GURALNIK (National Inst. on Aging, Baltimore, USA)
- 3: "Frailty intervention: what we have learned from the LIFE trial" by Marco PAHOR (Gainesville, USA)
- 4: "Definition of Sarcopenia", by Stephanie STUDENSKI (National Inst. on Aging, Baltimore, USA)
- 5: "Biological aspects of aging" by Jeremy WALSTON (Baltimore, USA)
- 6: "Frailty and sarcopenia, two sides of the same coin" by Matteo CESARI (Gérontopôle, Toulouse, France)



**Deadline: November 18, 2014** for symposium, oral communication and poster presentation abstract submission.

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

##### Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and Cognitive Frailty

A consensus conference on mild cognitive impairment and cognitive frailty will be organized for March 6-7, 2015 in St Louis, USA. Chaired by Bruno Vellas (Toulouse, France), John Morris and John Morley (St. Louis, USA), it aims to create a consensus on the importance of screening for and treating these two conditions by general practitioners. The two final consensus papers would be published in JAMDA. More information will be announced soon.

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### Nursing Home

Despite the increase of both the aging population and the number of institutionalized older people, clinical research in nursing homes is still scarce. Research is, however, essential to improve the quality of care in the nursing homes. The improvement of the quality of care in the nursing home will rely on future evidence from researches performed in these settings, their feasibility in real life conditions and the successful dissemination of these new clinical evidences. The **International Research Conference on Nursing Homes** offers an opportunity to learn and share ideas, and promote current knowledge among researchers in the field of nursing home care. After the first conference in Saint Louis, USA, last October, this 2nd conference 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 behaviour disorders, care organization, homecare, nursing homes, and new technologies.

Abstract submission deadline: June 30, 2015

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



### ASSOCIATED CONFERENCES

#### • AGing Innovation & Research (AGIR) Program

Call for tender 2014 on Normal and pathological aging: mechanisms and consequences on population health. If you wish to apply to the AGIR program, <http://www.univ-lorraine.fr/content/opening-call-tender-2014-agir-aging-innovation-research-program> download the AGIR- PROGRAM-file.

[http://www.univ-lorraine.fr/sites/www.univ-lorraine.fr/files/field/file/2014/07/agir\\_program.doc](http://www.univ-lorraine.fr/sites/www.univ-lorraine.fr/files/field/file/2014/07/agir_program.doc)

Carefully verify the eligibility criteria and send the required documents with your research program to the address indicated before October 5, 2014, midnight, Nancy time (GMT + 2 hours).

#### • "Nutrition and Age-Related Muscle Loss, Sarcopenia and Cachexia

A meeting is to be held on December 9-10, 2014 in London, UK, by the Royal Society of Medicine and the Nutrition Society.

Early bird registration: before November 7, 2014

Website: <http://www.nutrition-society.org/events>



#### • WCO-IOF-ESCEO's World Congress on Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis, and Musculoskeletal Diseases



The meeting will take place on March 26-29, 2015 in Milan, Italy. Jointly organized under the auspices of the European Society for Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis (ESCEO) and the

International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), this 15th edition will be the largest clinical and research event in the bone, muscle and joint field, attracting some 5000 clinicians and influential key opinion leaders from around the world.

Early registration: December 5, 2014 - March 5, 2015

Abstract submission opens: October 1, 2014

Abstract submission ends: January 15, 2015

Congress secretariat: [info@piettecommunication.com](mailto:info@piettecommunication.com)

More information at <http://www.wco-iof-esceo.org>

Abstract submission deadline: January 15, 2015

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More information at <http://www.wco-iof-esceo.org>

#### • Building an Evidence Base for Active Ageing Policies: Active Ageing Index (AAI) and Its Potential

An international seminar will be held on 16-17 April, 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. An international seminar organized by the UNECE Population Unit and the European Commission's DG EMPL, which will provide a multidisciplinary forum for

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those interested in the use of AAI and other research to enhance the knowledge about ageing and older people and lead to the development of better policies.

For more details: <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/AAI/International+Seminar>

Abstract submission deadline: October 6, 2014

### JOURNALS

#### Alzheimer's Disease



Launch of the **Journal on Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease (JPAD)**. Its objective is to integrate global research from academy and industry in the field of Alzheimer's disease prevention and thus contribute to positive future 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.jpreventionalzheimer.com>

#### Frailty and Aging



The **Journal on Frailty and Aging (JFA)** is a peer-reviewed international journal aimed at presenting articles that are related to research in the area of aging and age-related (sub) clinical conditions. In particular, the journal publishes high-quality papers describing and discussing social, biological, and clinical features underlying the onset and development of frailty in older persons. The titles of the articles appeared in the June issue are as follows:

- . The complex construct of mild cognitive impairment: be aware of cognitive frailty - M. Canevelli, E. Kelaiditi (Italy, France)
- . Molecular crossroads of frailty and HIV - O. Tamez-Rivera, P. Martinez-Ayala, A.P. Navarrete-Reyes, H. Amieva, J.A. Avila-Funes (Mexico, France)
- . Presbyphagia and sarcopenic dysphagia: association between aging, Sarcopenia and deglutition disorders - H. Wakabayashi (Japan)
- . Association between self-reported health status and frailty in community-dwelling elderly - A.M. González-Pichardo, A.P. Navarrete-Reyes, H. Adame-Encarnación, S. Aguilar-Navarro, J.M.A. García-Lara, H. Amieva, J.A. Avila-Funes (Mexico, France)
- . Gait speed and handgrip strength as predictors of incident disability in older Mexican adults - T. López-Teros, L.M. Gutiérrez-Robledo, M.U. Pérez-Zepeda (Mexico)
- . Stage-specific relationship between frailty and cognitive impairment in a specialist memory clinic setting - M.S. Chong, L. Tay, M. Chan, W.S. Lim, R. Ye, W.C. Wong, J.P. Lim, E.K. Tan, Y.Y. Ding (Singapore)
- . Educational inequalities and frailty in Spain: what is the role of obesity? - S. Rodríguez López, P. Montero, M. Carmenate (Spain)
- . Predicting the efficacy of protein-energy supplementation in frail older adults living in community - C.O. Kim (Korea)
- . The acute effects of eccentrically-biased versus conventional weight training in older adults: a randomized controlled cross-over study - I. Selva Raj, B.A. Westfold, A.J. Shield, M.D. Linden, S.R. Bird (Australia)

### WEBSITE

#### Frailty and Sarcopenia

The "FRAILITY.NET" website 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 solutions into



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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 as well as 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 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 ([iaggcs@gmail.com](mailto:iaggcs@gmail.com)).

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



**Degrees:** MA, PhD in Social Work  
**Title:** Lecturer  
**Department:** Dept. of Human Sciences, Social Work Section  
**Institution:** University of Namibia  
**Institution Location:** Windhoek, Namibia

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

Several years ago, when Prof. Lars Bergstrom from Sweden introduced me to the field of Gerontology; very few researchers, policymakers or professionals acknowledged aging as an area of concern in Namibia. Eventually, as I was doing more reading I became convinced of the relevance of studying aging globally. Small scale research projects on aging in Namibia, with Prof. Thomas Klie from Germany, made me realize that much more needed to be done to understand the situations of the aging populations and also to learn ways how the interests and well-being of the aging populations should be promoted.

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

Since graduation, I have returned to my work station as social work educator, and I am mainly responsible for teaching theoretical and practical courses on social work. Gerontology as a specialized field has also been introduced to social work students as a short course. Furthermore, my responsibilities also entail engaging in ongoing research and publications on general social issues which includes gerontology.

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

Having been part of a three-country project on routine survey data in Africa further broadened my scope on aging, not only in Namibia, but the Africa region as well. Attending the IAGG Conference 2013 in Seoul, Korea, as recipient of the student travel award was a major accomplishment because it enabled me to engage and network with many scholars from all over the world. It was an amazing experience to listen to and meet in person all the prominent scholars that I have been reading about. A final accomplishment was completing my PhD studies and graduating in May 2014.

### 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 aware of the IAGG a couple of years ago. With the regional IAGG workshop in 2012, my interest in the IAGG increased. Since the organization of a regional IAGG conference, I have developed an even stronger interest in IAGG activities. Sadly, the vastness of the African region and its diversity make it a challenge to engage in ongoing activities of the IAGG. Involvement in the IAGG as a student broadens one's views on the field tremendously, and also offers great opportunities to network with scholars from various disciplines and one to remain current to new developments in the field.

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

Showing interest and active involvement in bodies such as the IAGG student organization create wonderful networks for future learning and collaboration. Engagement in constant dialogue with other scholars broadens one's insight and understanding.

## IAGG-CSO MEMBER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: THE GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (GSA), EMERGING SCHOLAR AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION (ESPO)



The GSA Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization (ESPO) was launched in 1960 to provide student members with an opportunity to be actively involved in GSA and the field of gerontology. Since its start, ESPO has developed student-focused programming including symposia, networking events, a

professional development webinar series, and outreach efforts to international student and early career scholars.

Student and early career GSA members from around the country get together each year at the GSA Annual Meeting held in November. The annual meeting features programming developed specifically for student and early-career professionals including networking and mentoring events. ESPO organizes several student-focused paper sessions and hosts a business meeting at the annual meeting open to all ESPO members. Individuals who register for GSA as student or transitional (early career) members are automatically added to the ESPO membership roster and have the opportunity to participate in education, professional development and social events. ESPO also provides members-only awards to support student travel to the GSA annual meeting, and opportunities to serve in leadership roles within ESPO and the GSA organization. These leadership roles provide a unique opportunity for early career scientists to network with other junior professionals and senior scientists in the field of aging.

For more information on the GSA Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, visit their website (<https://www.geron.org/membership/emerging-scholar-and-professional-organization>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gsa.espo/>) or email the ESPO leadership council at [espo@geron.org](mailto:espo@geron.org). This year, the IAGG-CSO will be attending a networking event hosted by the ESPO International Task Force at the GSA annual meeting. If you are planning to attend the GSA meeting, it will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 9:30-11:00 am.

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

### THE NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY CONFERENCE

The **New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference** was held on the campus of the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, on September 12-14, 2014. The conference brought together researchers, practitioners and policy makers from across the country. Several presentations have relevance to the GSIA theme of Liveability.

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Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, University of Otago, spoke about the quality of housing of older people in New Zealand and interventions to adapting old housing stock to improve the quality of living situations of older people.

Professor Norah Keating, University of Alberta and Swansea University, spoke about recent research showing the importance of changes in living situation on the loneliness of older adults. Throughout the conference, presentations on age-friendly communities, older adults and natural disasters and Maori and non-Maori views of living in advanced age, signal the importance of the issue of liveability in the New Zealand context.



Professor Norah Keating, GSIA Director and Dr. Debra Waters, Convenor NZAG Conference 2014

### THE GSIA MASTER CLASS ON CARE FOR OLDER PERSONS AT THE IAGG EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONGRESS 2015

The GSIA is announcing an upcoming Master Class on the GSIA theme of Care to be held at the IAGG European Regional Congress in Dublin, Ireland, April 22-26, 2015. The topic is: **Population Ageing & Work-Care Challenges in a Global Context**. Up to 15 early career social science doctoral students or those within 3 years of receiving their PhD will be accepted into this workshop which will include state of knowledge lectures by senior scholars, individual mentor sessions and the opportunity to develop a presentation on their own work. Application deadline is November 30, 2014. For further information, contact Professor Sue Yeandle, Course Director at [s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.m.yeandle@leeds.ac.uk)

### IAGG-INPEA (INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR THE PREVENTION OF ELDER ABUSE)

#### THE ELECTION OF NEW INPEA OFFICERS

The election of new INPEA officers was held on August 21, 2014, 12 Midnight GMT and the following officers were elected:

**President:** Susan Somers, JD USA

**Vice President:** Rosa Pererya, MD, Dominican Republic

**Clerk:** Pamela Teaster, USA

**Treasurer:** Cynthia Thomas, USA



IAGG welcomes these newly elected officers on joining forces in protecting and advancing the human rights of older persons around the world.

## UN ACTIVITIES

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE 69TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The latest report of the Secretary-General, Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing: Report of the Secretary-General (A/69/180), has been released in all official languages of the United Nations. The report highlights two main areas of concern for the human rights of older persons: 1) age-based discrimination and neglect, 2) abuse and violence. The updated information on major policy developments in the regions, publications and civil society initiatives is also included. The report is available online:

<http://undesadspd.org/Ageing/Resources/UNReportsandResolutions/GeneralAssemblyReports.aspx>

### SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION



The screenshot shows the ESCAP website with the following details:

- Page Title:** Workshop on the Social Integration and the Rights of Older Persons in the Asia-Pacific region
- Organizers:** United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Date:** 30 Sep 2014 to 2 Oct 2014
- Location:** Bangkok, Thailand
- Description:** A Workshop on the Social Integration and the Rights of Older Persons in the Asia-Pacific region will be held on 30 September - 2 October 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Workshop is being jointly organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), with the support of the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), HelpAge International and the International Federation of Ageing.
- Additional Info:** The Workshop is being held in follow up to the United Nations General Assembly resolutions 65/182 and 67/139 on the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Ageing which has been requested to consider proposals for an international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons and the Bangkok Statement on the Asia-Pacific.

To enhance awareness of the protection of human rights of older persons and foster a regional dialogue towards building consensus around promoting social integration, the Workshop on the Social Integration and Rights of Older Persons in the Asia-Pacific region will be held on September 30 – October 2, 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop is jointly organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (ARF), HelpAge International and the International Federation of Ageing.

For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.unescap.org/events/workshop-social-integration-and-rights-older-persons-asia-pacific-region>

### 24TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS 2014: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: PROMOTING A SOCIETY FOR ALL, OCTOBER 1, 2014



Living up to the Secretary-General's guiding principle of "Leaving No One Behind," the theme of this year's 24<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons (1 October) is "**Leaving No One Behind.**" The theme calls for understanding that demography matters for sustainable development and that population dynamics will shape the key developmental challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

To see how UN DESA-DSPD and the NGO Committee on Ageing are celebrating the 2014 International Day of Older Persons, please see the website:

<http://undesadspd.org/Ageing/InternationalDayofOlderPersons.aspx>

# UN ACTIVITIES

## CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION 2014: RESILIENCE FOR LIFE, OCTOBER 13, 2014

To celebrate International Day for Disaster Reduction on October 13, 2014 with the title, “Resilience is for Life”, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the HelpAge International are inviting older persons and their caregivers to complete the online survey. The survey aims to assess the contributions of older persons to disaster risk reduction and resilience, and the results will be important to understand older persons’ knowledge and experiences with disasters. Take the survey via the following link!

<http://undesadspd.org/InternationalDays/InternationalDayforDisasterReduction2014.aspx>

**13 October**  
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2014  
**Resilience is for life.**

UNISDR  
The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

HelpAge International  
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Celebrate with us!

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### BELARUSIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

The Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics organized the first chair of geriatrics and anti-aging medicine at the Institute of post-graduate education of doctors of the Russian Federal Medico-Biological Agency. The event was co-organized by the scientific medical center «Gerontology» based in Moscow, Russia. The main purpose of the new educational unit in the field of gerontology and geriatrics is to improve the level of doctors of primary health care in the field of geriatric syndromes and frailty. In addition, the chair is planning to educate specialists in anti-aging medicine as a new scientific, evidence-based developed medical specialty which prevents age-associated diseases and disorders. The moderators of the new chair and educational programs in geriatrics and anti-aging medicine include Prof. A.Ilnitski and Prof. K.Prashchayeu. As President of the Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Prof. A. Ilnitski believes that this initiative will improve the status of geriatric medicine in Belarus, Russia and other neighboring countries.



President Andrei Ilnitski of the Belarusian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics delivers a lecture on the problems of anti-aging medicine



Scientific center «Gerontology», Internet-site [www.gerontolog.info](http://www.gerontolog.info)



Professor Kiryl Prashchayeu, the director of Scientific center «Gerontology», has the training with the doctors on the problems of movement disorders of elders

### INDIAN ACADEMY OF GERIATRICS

The Indian Academy of Geriatrics (IAG) has been active in spreading awareness and knowledge of clinical care of the elderly in India. Towards this end, the IAG has been holding annual and regional conferences. The aims of these conferences have been 1) to educate general practitioners, nurses and other allied health professionals about elder-specific health care; 2) to serve as a platform for original research activities; and 3) networking among professionals. Its recent as well as planned activities are as follows:

- Having completed just over a decade of its existence, the IAG is looking forward to enhancing its impact on elder care. We hope to produce **National Consensus Guidelines on Clinical, Social and Ethical Problems**. We also hope to form groups of trainers who will systematically train vast numbers of allied health professionals and lay carers. These cadres are needed urgently now, and more so in the coming decade as our population is ageing rapidly.

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- The IAG takes great pride in the imminent launch of a multi-author **Textbook of Geriatric Medicine**, at the next annual conference Gericon 14 next month. This will bring to the readers not only a national perspective of Indian gerontology, but also present the core of classical knowledge of elder care problems. The IAG would like to thank the chief editor Dr. Pratap Sanchetee who was responsible for completion of the book in a short period of 18 months.
- The **12th annual conference GERICON 14**, will be held between 9th and 11th October at Bengaluru, 2014. The theme of the conference is: Simplifying Geriatric care- Real problems, Practical solutions. In addition to serving as a platform for education and dissemination of research findings, the event offers opportunities for discussion on national elder care policies, and controversial social and ethical issues.

### TRKISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY

#### Public Education Programs: Symposium for Older Persons, March 18-24, 2014

In Turkey, March 18-24 is "National Elderly Respect Week" and every year the Turkish Geriatrics Society organizes several activities in collaboration with different municipalities. This year the concept was: "AGING WITHOUT GETTING OLD." A symposium, concert and several conferences were performed in the 100 year club of the Cankaya district-Ankar.



#### Course for Nurses: 5th Geriatric Nursing Course, April 4, 2014

The 5th Geriatric Nursing Course was organized by the Turkish Geriatrics Society and held in the Gordion Hotel, Ankara-Turkey, on April 4, 2014. National trainers experienced in geriatric nursing, elderly care and home care from various universities took part in the interactive course.



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### Course for Medical Doctors: 5th Basic Geriatrics Course, April 5, 2014

The 5th Basic Geriatrics Course for medical doctors was organized by the Turkish Geriatrics Society and held in the Gordion Hotel, Ankara-Turkey, on April 5, 2014. National trainers experienced in elderly health issues from various universities took part in the interactive course.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Month/Date/Year	Event	Venue
October 8-9, 2014	WHO-IAGG Knowledge Network on Frailty and Sarcopenia OB: Global Ageing Research Network (GARN) Website: <a href="http://www.garn-network.org/congress.php">http://www.garn-network.org/congress.php</a>	Geneva, Switzerland
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 17-19, 2014	Healthy Ageing in the Changing World OB: BioGenesis Health Cluster, Indo British Geriatrics Council Website: <a href="http://www.geriatricsconference.com/index.php">http://www.geriatricsconference.com/index.php</a>	Bengaluru, India
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 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 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
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>	Belém of 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
April 23-25, 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
July 30-02, 2015	The 2nd World Congress on Healthy Ageing Website: <a href="http://www.wcha2015.com/index.html">http://www.wcha2015.com/index.html</a>	Johannesburg, South Africa
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

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### IAGG REGIONAL CONGRESSES

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



The Irish Gerontological Society, with the networks of researchers and educators active across Ireland, is proud to host the IAGG-ER 2015 Congress from April 23-26, 2015 at Dublin's new Convention Center. The Congress theme "Unlocking the Demographic Dividend" aims to tap into the growing awareness that gerontological research can help us to understand the collective and personal benefits that we gain from population ageing, a better

understanding of the barriers to realizing the full potential of the Demographic Dividend, and the advances in gerontological science which allow these barriers to be overcome in the most effective way possible.

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 was tailored to interest all researchers, policy makers and practitioners engaged with any aspect of ageing.

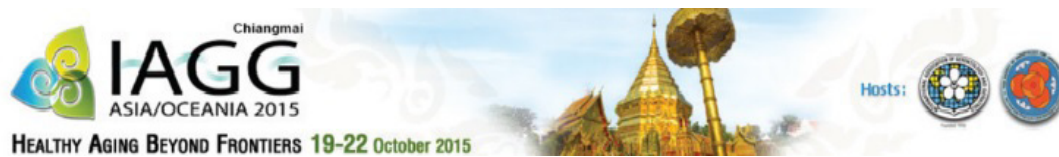
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#### IAGG ASIA/OCEANIA REGIONAL CONGRESS, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, OCTOBER 19-22, 2015



The 21st IAGG Asia/Oceania Regional Congress has been arranged to be held at the International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from October 19-22, 2015.

**Theme:** Healthy Ageing Beyond Frontiers

**Sub-Theme:** Clinical Medicine: Health Promotion for Active Ageing, Biological Science: Molecular Biology as Possible Enhancers for Healthy Ageing and Longevity, Social & Behavioral Science: Active and Dignified Ageing, Social Research & Planning Scientific: Social Research and Policy Response for Ageing beyond Frontiers

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

#### Abstract Topics as of September 2014:

**Epidemiology, Clinical Practice and Health:** Longitudinal studies on ageing; Healthy ageing; Comprehensive geriatric assessment; Cognitive impairment and rehabilitation; Pain assessment and management; Continence, Falls and Mobility; Psychiatric disorders; Depression; Osteoporosis and fracture prevention and management; Respiratory disorders; Cardiovascular disease; Cerebrovascular disease; Progressive neurological disorders; Neoplastic diseases in older people; Metabolic syndromes; Diabetes mellitus; Hypertension; Immunization of older people; Infection in older people; Geriatric oral health; Emergency care for older people; Peri-operative care for older people; Rehabilitation; Medication management; Quality in health care; Quality in residential care; Quality of life; Effective exercise approaches; Nutritional assessment and management; Translating evidence into practice

**Behavioral and Social Sciences:** Family dynamics and mental health; Work and retirement; Learning and education; Gender issues in ageing; Volunteering and community service; Cognitive impairment processes in ageing; Mental

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health and well-being; Cognitive impairment and quality of life; Ageing well; Active ageing; Mental health and primary care; Mental health in rural and regional areas; Social engagement and participation; Mental health; Cognitive assessment; Impact of global financial pressures on ageing well; Healthy adaptation to retirement; Stress and ageing; Pastoral care; Spirituality and ageing; Understanding lived experience; Voices of older people (eg. self-help/advocacy); Everyday lives of older people

**Biological Sciences:** Models of ageing; Genetics of longevity and ageing; Mechanisms of ageing and longevity; Biomarkers of ageing; Oxidative stress and ageing; Ageing and metabolism; Stem cell and cell therapy of age related diseases; Pharmacogenetics; nutrigenetics and ageing; Molecular etiology of age related disease; Protein aggregation and ageing; Nutritional interventions; Lipoproteins and atherosclerosis; Health food and herbal medicine

**Social Research, Planning and Practice:** Trends of Asia / Oceania ageing; Globalization and ageing; Care-giving; Aged care; Indigenous elders; Indigenous services; Refugee and migrant elders; Culture and cultural differences; Home and community based service models and outcomes; Ensuring quality care in residential care; Person centered services; Best practice in aged care nursing; Nursing and other workforce issues; Dying well (preparing for natural death at end of life); Housing for older people; Pension reform and social security; Discrimination on age and gender; Population ageing and social policy; Suicide in older people; Urbanization and migration; Living to advanced age; Technology adoption; The built environment; Age friendly environments/communities; Working into older age; The mass media and older people; Poverty, Welfare, Homelessness, Family and intergenerational relationships; Abuse and neglect

### Important dates

Deadline of Submitted Symposium: 20-Oct-14

Deadline of Abstract Submission: 20-Dec-14

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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

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### 22nd WORLD CONGRESS 2021, ARGENTINA, 2021



IAGG 2021  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

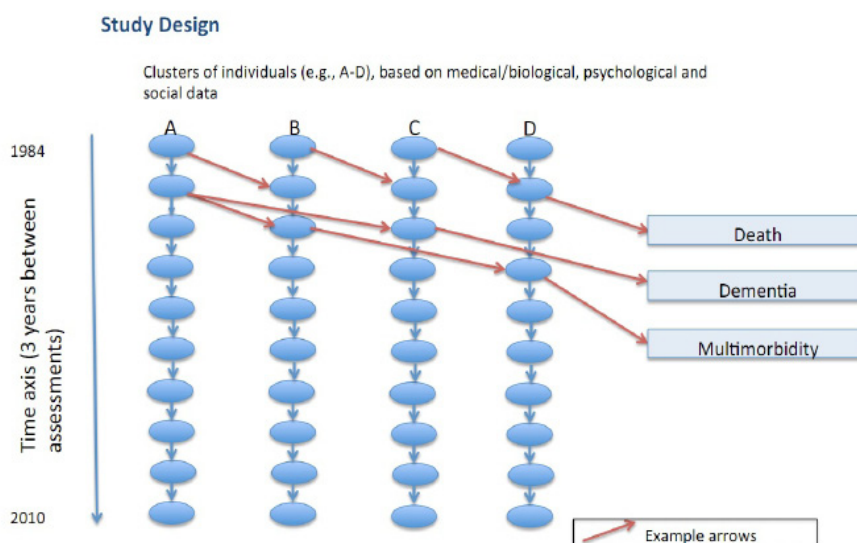
The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentinean Society of Gerontology (AGA), both Society members of IAGG, united together to present their candidacy in view of hosting the 22nd IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics scheduled for 2021.

## OTHERS

### INSTITUTE OF GERONTOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

The Institute of Gerontology, School of Health Sciences, University of Stockholm, in collaboration with Prof. Nancy Pedersen and her group at Karolinska Institutet, are currently running a project about the development of health during ageing. The project aims at the functional care of older people with multiple illnesses and disabilities through understanding patterns of change and their causes. In order to understand the heterogeneity of transition phases of ageing individuals, an integrated research program was designed that uses a lifespan approach to address a number of questions about how environment, lifestyle and genes act, in synergy, to produce individual patterns of outcomes. The primary focus rests on early and mid-life environments and biomarkers, how potential buffering effects may extend the number of healthy years, and aims at a full description of the individuals characterized by multiple impairments (biological, functional in a broad sense, and social deficits) and multimorbidity. The outcomes of our research program will help identify how future health care, preventive care, and health promoting care for individuals with multiple impairments should be best organized. The research program includes three interacting, multidisciplinary themes: 1) Identifying the patterns of multiple impairments and multimorbidity and subsequently, the buffering effects of lifestyle and environmental factors on these longitudinal trajectories late in life; 2) Understanding the transition phase from healthy to multiple impairments and multimorbidity by studying genetics, epigenetics, and gene-environment interactions; and 3) Assessing how health care for persons with multiple impairments, and interventions directed at those who are at an increased risk of multiple impairments, can prevent or slow down the development of impairments and, on the positive side, promote health.

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## IAGG ADMINISTRATION

### 👉 IAGG ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

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