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## IAGG HEADQUARTERS

### 54TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE UN IN NEW YORK



IAGG President, Professor Heung Bong Cha, along with our representatives to the UN- Martha Bial, Laura Machado and Hans Stohrer- attended the 54th annual session of the Commission on Social Development held at the UN in New York from February 3rd to 12th, 2016, and the Civil Society Forum that preceded it. The priority theme of the session was “Re-thinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world.” This comes at a time when the UN is finalizing its 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Seventeen goals and 169 targets have been agreed upon and the indicators by which progress on the goals will be measured were scheduled for finalization in March 2016. The NGO community represented in the Civil Society Forum focused on achieving inclusiveness in the implementation of the goals, so that “no one is left behind.”

This is particularly relevant for those of us working in ageing as older persons are often invisible to policy makers, and therefore marginalized in the resultant policies. Dr. Stohrer prepared a statement on behalf of IAGG urging the collection and disaggregation of data about older persons in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In goals related to the reduction of poverty, and promotion of health, education and employment, if “older persons are not measured they will be left behind.”

#### **IAGG was also represented in two side events during the Commission:**

President-elect, Professor John Rowe, hosted a seminar at Columbia University’s Aging Center at which Asghar Zaidi from the UK presented some key findings of the Active Ageing Index, a measure of older people’s active and healthy aging, introduced in Europe and sponsored by the UN Economic Commission for Europe, which hopes to see its extended to other parts of the world.

Secretary-General-elect, Professor Toni Antonucci, presented at an event sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. She shared her work on the importance of social relationships for older persons as “convoys of social support that optimize aging and mental health.”



## IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

### ASIA-OCEANIA REGION

#### Our condolences go to Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul and his family



The gerontology and geriatric medicine community in Thailand and those who know Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul academically, personally, locally, nationally and internationally were in great sorrow to hear of the sudden passing of Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul on the morning of 16th January, 2016, at the age of 58 years. He was the most important person behind

the beyond-expected success of the recent 10th Asia-Oceania IAGG conference held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, last October 2015, as Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, and President-elect for the Asia-Oceania Region.

Professor Jitapunkul was born and raised in Bangkok, graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, and was trained in geriatric medicine in London Hospital, Medical College in the United Kingdom. He was among the key people involved in the founding committee of the Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine established in July 1996. With his excellent talent in research and teaching, he was soon promoted to be the first Professor in Geriatric Medicine in Thailand.

Professor Jitapunkul's works on the pioneering research in demographic trends of Thai older people contributed to the awareness of the urgent needs of both medical and social services specially designed for Thai older people. Also, his pioneering research in mental assessment and epidemiology of fall prevention paved the way for subsequent research in geriatric medicine in Thailand. He was the only doctor of medicine selected to be the member of the National Committee for Older People and the President of the Thai Society of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine for two consecutive terms.

Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul will be greatly missed and remains in the hearts and souls of all Thai scholars in gerontology and geriatric medicine, and his friends and colleagues internationally.

#### Professor Prasert Assantachai, new President-elect of the Asia-Oceania Region



Professor Prasert Assantachai has been appointed to the position of President of the Thailand Association of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, and nominated to the position of President elect for the Asia-Oceania Region, following the untimely passing of Professor Sutthichai Jitapunkul in January. Professor Assantachai is a geriatrician at Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. Professor Assantachai had a key role as Chair of the Scientific Committee for the 2015 IAGG Asia-Oceania Regional Congress in Chiang Mai.

We welcome Professor Assantachai to his new roles in Thailand and in the Asia-Oceania Region.

## IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

### GARY ANDREWS ACADEMY WORKSHOP (JULY 2016)

The 2nd Gary Andrews Academy Workshop will be conducted in Hong Kong in July 2016.

Title of workshop: Gary Andrews Academy Workshop on Social Policy for the Aged

Dates: 8-9 July 2016 (2-day workshop)

Faculty (speakers): include Professor Nelson Chow, Professor Julie Byles, Professor Du Peng, Professor Alfred Chan, Dr. Edward Leung

Workshop topics: include Pension and Social Security, International and National Policy, Demography, Healthy Ageing, Long Term Care, and Community Care

Target Audience: Government Officials, Academics in Aged Care, Senior Professionals in Social and Health Care

Registration Fee: US 250 per person

For further information, or to register for the workshop, please contact: Ms. Coco Woo -coco@hkag.org.

### WORK, RETIREMENT AND HEALTH: A BRIEF DIRECTORY OF AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH

Various research projects have been conducted in Australia to describe and understand this complex relationship between retirement and health. In this brief directory we use the collaborative strength of ILC-Australia to scope publicly available data that can be used to investigate associations between work, retirement and health; and to compile a list of people who have undertaken research in this area.

The directory is available from the Research Centre for Generational Health and Ageing (contact Julie.Byles@newcastle.edu.au).

### DIRECTORY OF RESEARCH ON AGEING HAS BEEN UPLOADED TO THE POPULATION WEBSITE

This report was prepared by Paul Kowal (WHO) and Julie Byles (ILC-Australia) for the Population Studies Branch, Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations. It provides an update of the Directory of Research on Ageing in Africa: 1995-2003. The aim is to profile, promote and encourage research into the health and needs of people aged 50 years and over in Africa, and to enable the use of evidence for policy.

The Directory includes a summary of submissions from primary investigators, with analysis of how these projects related to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). There is a growing body of rigorous and in-depth research into ageing across Africa. However, there are some countries where research is less active, and some areas of priority which are under-investigated. Website: [http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/Dir\\_Research\\_Ageing\\_Africa\\_%202004-2015.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/Dir_Research_Ageing_Africa_%202004-2015.pdf)

### INDEX OF WELLBEING FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS

The Benevolent Society and the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) launched the Index on older Australians' wellbeing on 10th February 2016. The index provides:

- information on Maps indicators of wellbeing of older people across geographic locations
- information on what factors contribute most to wellbeing or disadvantage
- useful tools for policy makers, planners and service providers to ensure services reach areas where they are needed the most

The index can be downloaded at: <http://www.benevolent.org.au/think/index-of-wellbeing-for-older-australians>

### WHO'S CHINA COUNTRY ASSESSMENT REPORT ON AGEING AND HEALTH

The WHO have released a report on Health and Ageing in China - <http://www.who.int/publications/china-country-assessment/en/>

The report underscores the importance that China places on the development of health and social care systems for its older people, and particularly the emphasis towards healthy environments, community strengths, reorientation of the health care system towards primary and integrated care, and the development of a skilled workforce.

## IAGG REGIONAL NEWS

### EUROPEAN REGION

#### IAGG-ER CONGRESS

The IAGG World Congress in San Francisco will take place in 2017. During this congress, **the host for the World Congress in 2025 will be voted upon**. We are proud to inform IAGG that three European countries are preparing a bid for the IAGG World Congress 2025: Spain, the Netherlands, and Italy. We wish all societies involved in the bid all the best and look forward to an IAGG World Congress in Europe!

#### PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF IAGG-ER

The 10th European Congress of Biogerontology, under the theme "Future of Aging," will take place September 23-24, 2016, at the Nencki Institute in Warsaw, Poland. The meeting is organized by Professor Ewa Sikora who writes: "We invite you to share and discuss your views on one of the most important and urgent issues – the future of ageing. Most of us now expect to live a long life and will experience ageing and old age. Understanding the biological, biomedical, demographic and psycho-social aspects of ageing is the road to prepare for the future. Could we, would we, should we stop ageing partially or completely is the challenge to think about. Let us do it together. We look forward to welcoming you!"

Website: <http://futureofaging.nencki.gov.pl>

### SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (COMLAT) REGION

#### CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Year	Month/Date	Event
2016	May 19-21	XII Congress Colombia of the Colombia Gerontology, Bogota, Columbia
	June 8-11	The 20th Brazilian Congress of Geriatrics and Gerontology in Fortaleza, Brazil
	September	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	SUGG – November 2016 Montevideo Congress Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics Uruguay
	November 4-8	ALAD XVII Latin American Congress on Diabetes – Colombian Congress on Diabetes, Bogotá Hotel Crowne Plaza – Tequendama

### AFRICAN REGION

#### THE 2ND IAGG AFRICAN REGIONAL CONGRESS

The 2nd IAGG Africa Region Conference of Gerontology and Geriatrics, on the theme 'Long Term Care Systems for Sub-Saharan Africa: Setting Agendas' will take place on December 6-8, 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Conference will provide a timely, urgently needed forum to consider and address pressing queries on current realities of long term care (LTC) for older persons in SSA, and on required principles and approaches for forging LTC system that can meet the already considerable-and inevitably growing need for such care in the region. The conference, taking the form of a research-practice dialogue, will bring together an anticipated 100 academic, government, civil society and private sector role players from across SSA and other developing regions in two and a half days of expert plenary panels, open discussions and small group work.

## IAGG SUB ORGANIZATIONS

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

#### PUBLICATION

#### FRAILTY: AN EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY.

In late 2014, IAGG-GARN was commissioned by WHO's Department of Aging and Life Course to set up a group of 15 international experts to finalize a background paper on Frailty intended for the 2015 WHO Global Report on Ageing and Health. A background paper was published following the meeting held at WHO Headquarters. The aim of the publication is to raise awareness on the need to better identify frailty as a target for implementing preventive interventions against age-related conditions. Every effort should be made by health care authorities to maximize efforts in this field, balancing priorities, needs, and resources. Raising awareness about frailty and age-related conditions in the population is important for effective prevention, and should lead to the promotion of lifelong healthy behaviors and lifestyle. The present work and related activities were supported by the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) and the IAGG-Global Aging Research Network (GARN).

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

With the support of the Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States, the workshop was organized by the IAGG-GARN Network and took place on December 2nd, 2015 in Toulouse, France. The 35 key opinion leaders from academic, industrial, and governmental agencies from Europe and USA, debated on the role of residential and nursing homes in the development of preventive geriatrics, in order to maintain function with aging: visual, hearing, weight maintenance, cognition, wellbeing, and mobility. The ultimate objective is to prevent functional decline with age, and to link older adults with their community. A final perspective paper will be submitted for publication.

#### A TASKFORCE ON "PHYSICAL EXERCISE IN NURSING HOME SETTINGS: LOOKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS"

Organized under the auspices of the IAGG-GARN Network and IAGG-ER Clinical Section, this meeting took place on December 1st, 2015, in Toulouse, France. Several studies have proven the importance of exercise training for the health residents of long term care facilities. However, the best exercise regimen in terms of feasibility, safety, and effectiveness has not yet been established. The main purpose of this Taskforce was to gather the experience and viewpoints of worldwide leaders in the field of exercise for residents living in long-term care facilities in order to define clear exercise guidelines for this often vulnerable population of very old people. The meeting got together 18 participants who worked on the draft of the consensus paper that will be submitted to a journal.

## IAGG SUB-ORGANIZATIONS

### IAGG-CSO (COUNCIL ON STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS)

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)

### ATTENTION FUTURE GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRIC STUDENT SECTION LEADERS

Students and early-career scholars working in the field of gerontology and geriatrics are active in their pursuits of promoting health and wellbeing for older adults. The IAGG-CSO is committed to supporting awareness, and more active participation of students and recent graduates. Students and early career scholars are an integral part of IAGG, being both a present and future resource for gerontology and geriatric associations, helping to build the sustainability of IAGG as a global organization over time. The IAGG-CSO is dedicated to linking talented and enthusiastic members together in the pursuit of the IAGG mission - the promotion of the highest quality research and training, and collaboration across the globe.

Here is your opportunity to be part of this vision...by building a Student Section in your society/country.

However, we are well aware that becoming involved with, or leading, a Student Section can be a daunting task. To assist you, the IAGG-CSO will be hosting two webinars to outline the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of setting up your own Student Section.

Numerous time zone differences mean that one webinar will operate for the Asia-Oceania region and the other to capture students and early career scholars from Europe, North, Central and South America, and Africa.

Stay tuned for further information.



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### IAGG-CSO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH MS. JOSEFA PALACIOS



Josefa Palacios

Degree(s): M.A., M.P.H., B.A.

Title: PhD Candidate

Department/Division: Graduate School of Humanities, Organizations, and Society

Institution: University of Rennes, School of Public Health

Institution Location: Rennes, France

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

My general interests have always been public health and sociology. Aging is a subject that fits perfectly under the light of these two disciplines. From a more personal perspective, I am attracted to aging because as a stage in the life cycle, it is generally overlooked in my home country, Chile. Although there is greater recognition of the challenge associated to a rapidly aging population, the elderly are a vulnerable group that receives little support beyond the immediate family. Having lived in other countries, I came to realize the opportunity to draw upon the policies and practices of other countries to promote the wellbeing of the elderly.

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

As a recipient of a scholarship from the Chilean government, my main responsibility is to develop my research project on understanding the situation of family caregivers of dependent elders. My objective is to identify policy avenues that will improve the wellbeing of both the elderly and their caregivers. Ultimately, I have the responsibility to return to Chile to share the knowledge and contribute to both research and public policy.

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

I've recently come back from my second round of fieldwork where I explore family caregivers' experience in caring for dependent elders. I find that the experience of caregiving, cannot be reduced to a set of tasks or time dedicated. Feelings of pressure or gratitude are heavily dependent on the life history of the caregiver, the relationship with other family members, the historical relationship between the caregiver and the elder, and how they perceive their role as caregivers (e.g. as an obligation, as a choice, etc.). In understanding the investment on care and the pressures it puts on caregivers, it is necessary to go beyond the traditional measures we use.

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

I joined IAGG a year ago searching for a community that would help me meet people in the field of aging to share my research and learn from others. As a PhD. student, I find that IAGG provides a valuable multi-disciplinary view on aging. Also, the quality of the Congress in Dublin and its activities inspired me to carry on with my dissertation work.

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

Be open to learning from other disciplines like sociology, psychology, political science and public health. Aging is a phenomenon that cannot be explained only through a biomedical perspective but needs a combination of other disciplines to incorporate the person's life history, the family dynamics and the role of the state and the community. As PhD. students, we should seek out other students not only to share knowledge, but also to find support to continue with the dissertation when it seems to be insurmountable.



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### 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 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 and 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.

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 or renew alliances for gerontechnology research; and 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 of 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

### Report of IAGG Participation at the United Nations 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and at the 2016 AARP-UN Briefing Series on Empowering Women New York, 15-18 March 2016

#### Report on 2016 AARP-UN Briefing Series, by Hans STÖHRER, MD:

Although the 2016 AARP-UN Briefing Series was entitled “Empowering Women - The Forgotten Half-Billion,” in the context of the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) priority theme on “Empowering Women,” the Briefing Series was largely focused on Older Women. Over several years, AARP has hosted a similar Briefing Series on “Global Ageing” in the context of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD).

The 2016 Briefing Series featured high profile speakers from different sectors of government, United Nations agencies, and civil society, including government officials from the UK Parliament House of Lords, the US Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women, the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging, the Mozambique Ministry of Health, the UN DESA Focal Point on Ageing, the US-based NGO Council on Foreign Relations, and the chief executive officers of the NGOs AARP and HelpAge International.

The Briefing Series noted that ageing is largely about Older Women, who are the largest proportion of older persons. However, due to UN limits on data collection over the age of 49 years, inadequate surveys, and pervasive ageism, the reality is that Older Women are largely ignored, invisible, and left out, even in CSW, CSocD, and 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda debates about girls and women. Ageism was declared to be the last form of identity based discrimination.

Much discussion focused on the need for a true “All-Ages” perspective of UN agencies and governments, to collect data going forward that is disaggregated by age and gender: “We cannot measure what we do not see; we cannot see what we do not measure.”

Kathy Greenlee, the US Assistant Secretary for Aging, summarized the barriers facing advocacy for ageing and older persons, and possible solutions, to include the following: lack of subject matter expertise, requiring education about ageing; pre-conceived notions about ageing and older persons, requiring combating ageism; resistance, from the notion that some countries have sufficient programs for older persons already, requiring the challenge of how such programs will improve the lives of older persons; and competition from business interests, requiring a determination to face it. She listed the natural advantages inherent to advocacy for ageing and older persons to include: the growing numbers of older persons; the force of what data on ageing will show; and the stories of older persons themselves, which illustrate what ageing means, and which connect with humanity.

#### Report on 2 side events at CSW, by Martha BIAL, PhD:

In addition to the AARP briefings, the IAGG UN team attended two side events on March 18, 2016 sponsored by NGOs at the Commission on the Status of Women.

The first event was on ageism and widowhood. Speakers described how ageism and gender discrimination intersect, with the result in some countries that widows are seen as witches or harlots and can be deprived of their homes and lands. In more developed countries, participants reported inadequate pensions and employment discrimination against widows.

At the second event, speakers from government and civil society addressed the issue of elder abuse worldwide. They stressed the difficulty of getting reliable data at the national and local levels, which impedes the pursuit of solutions. Attendees were urged to expand the data base in their countries on abuse, to disaggregate these data by age, and to advocate with their national policy makers for solutions based on the data.

This is an important role that member societies of IAGG can play.

## NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

### BRITISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

#### UK's Academy of Social Sciences

Congratulations are due to our President-elect, Professor Debora Price, who has been accepted as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

#### 'Ageing: the bigger picture'

On 17 January 2016, the British Society of Gerontology (BSG) announced the winners of its highly successful photo competition, 'Ageing: the bigger picture'. The competition, held in partnership with Photocrowd and in collaboration with the London College of Fashion, attracted over 1200 photos and more than 200,000 on-line votes from around the globe. The stunning images explored the complexities of ageing and prompted worldwide interest. Professor Sheila Peace, president of BSG, said: "This has been an exciting venture, bringing to our attention the beauty, experience and intergenerational dimensions of global ageing. Our congratulations to the winners, whom we hope have inspired us all to go on capturing those images that show the value and diversity of our world as we grow older..." BSG intend to hold a symposium showcasing the images at its upcoming 45th Annual Conference: Communities in Later Life: Engaging with Diversity to be held at University of Stirling, Scotland, 6 – 8 July 2016.

#### 45th British Society of Gerontology Conference

The 45th British Society of Gerontology Conference will be held at the University of Stirling from 6th to 8th July 2016. We are expecting delegates and speakers from around the world and are particularly pleased to welcome Prof .Heidi Hamilton from Georgetown University, USA, who will deliver a plenary on her linguistics research with people with Alzheimer's disease, titled: Knowing in Dementia: Navigating Everyday Challenges of Epistemics and Face. Registration is now open for the conference and more information can be found at: [www.stir.ac.uk/bsg16](http://www.stir.ac.uk/bsg16)

#### The Manchester Urban Ageing Research Group (MUARG)

The Manchester Urban Ageing Research Group (MUARG) has been launched at the University of Manchester (UK). The aim of the group is to promote research in the broad field of 'urban ageing'; to support public, private, not-for-profit, and voluntary sector organisations in their work to develop age-friendly environments; and to encourage innovation in policy and practice on age-friendly issues. MUARG is part of the Manchester Institute for Research into Ageing (MICRA) and is led by Dr. Tine Buffel, a research fellow in the University School of Social Sciences. Members of MUARG come from a range of disciplinary backgrounds, from sociology through to architecture. The group has a substantial research programme focused around issues relating to: urbanisation and social exclusion; the role of the arts and culture in empowering older people; housing in later life; place, community and social networks; methods of coproduction and participatory research with older people; and inequalities across the life course

### CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

#### CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

On behalf of the 2016 Scientific Planning Committee of the Canadian Geriatrics Society (CGS), it is with great excitement that we announce that early-bird conference registration is now open!

This year, the conference will be held in fabulous downtown Vancouver from April 14 to 16 at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre. The 2016 conference theme is Environments for Aging: From Health Promotion to End of Life. The program is designed to provide valuable networking opportunities between sponsors and delegates with attractive

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incentives.

Highlights:

• Keynote Speaker, Dr. Isobel MacKenzie: No One Size Fits All Prescriptions • Keynote Speaker, Dr. Roger Wong: Principles and Practice of Quality Improvement in the Care for Older People • Keynote Speaker, Dr. Thomas Robinson: Preoperative Assessment for Older Adults • Keynote Speaker, Dr. Genevieve Healy: Standing Up, Sitting Less and Moving More: What are the Benefits for Older Adults? • Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jocelyn Chase: Top 10 Research Papers Topics:

• Sedentary Behaviours in Seniors • Quality Assurance for Older Adults in Acute Care • Advocacy for Seniors • Preoperative Assessment for Older Adults

### DUTCH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

#### Activities of the Dutch Society



Our main activities to achieve our goals are the biennial National Congress on Gerontology (lastly in October 2015 including, amongst others, several key lectures, symposia and three awards for young outstanding scientists), the yearly National Geriatric Days (lastly in February 2016 together with three other national professional societies) and the foundation of scientific chairs at universities. In addition, we organize recurrent workshops and the Annual Prof. dr. D.L. Knook Lecture.

#### Upcoming events in the Netherlands



The next workshop will be held on May 20, 2016, in Utrecht, Netherlands, and focus on different perspectives of frailty. The workshop will be combined with the Annual Prof. dr. D.L. Knook Lecture where Prof. Rudi Westendorp (Copenhagen University, Denmark) will elaborate on the consequences of longevity and the impact of vitality for quality of life and well-being in old age. – On October 4-7 2016 the 5th European Nursing Congress will be held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The topic will be “Caring for Older People: How can we do the right things right?”

#### Dutch journal

Members of the Dutch society receive the journal *Geron: A Journal on Aging and Society*. Recently, a special English-language issue of the journal has been published that focuses on the State of the Art of Aging in Europe. This special issue focuses on the usefulness of and need for European policies on aging and the older generations. With in-depth analyses by well-known authors from several European countries, among others, Herman van Rompuy, former president of the European Council.

Please feel free to download the issue at [www.bsl.nl/geron-4en-2015](http://www.bsl.nl/geron-4en-2015)

### GERMAN SOCIETY FOR GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

#### New population-based study on quality of life and subjective well-being in the very old launched in Germany (NRW80+)

The substantial increase in the very old population requires a better understanding of social, political, medical,



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nursing and ethical factors for quality of life and subjective well-being. However, reliable data on the very old remains sparse. Starting in 2016, the NRW80+ group is conducting a theoretical and methodological challenging study on the very old in Germany's most densely populated Federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. This includes efforts to prevent selectivity in survey sampling and a strong drive towards an interdisciplinary understanding of quality of life in very old age, drawing on objective micro and macro conditions, subjective well-being, self-reported and tested health conditions, and biological markers as key instruments of the disciplines involved.

The NRW80+ feasibility study will define optimal sampling strategies, ways of approaching potential respondents and a flexible assessment protocol. The subsequent NRW80+ representative study will include up to 1,800 persons 80 years and older, living in both private homes and institutional settings. A potential transfer to other Federal states and long-term population monitoring (panel study) is anticipated. The study is located at the University of Cologne; members of the interdisciplinary board are Christian Rietz, Michael Wagner, Christiane Woopen, and Susanne Zank.

### Discussion paper on participation and participative methods in gerontology

The concept of "participation" and the demand for the use of "participative methods" in human, healthcare, nursing and gerontological research as well as the corresponding fields of practice are in great demand, however, the targets and organization of "participation" are not always sufficiently explicated. The working group on critical gerontology of the German Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics has used this phenomenon as an opportunity for positioning and has developed a catalogue of criteria for reflection and assessment of participation of elderly people in science and practice, which can also be considered a stimulus for further discussions.

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egies available for managing it, within community and outpatient settings. This was published in June 2014.

### GERMAN SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS AND GERMAN SOCIETY OF GERIATRICS

The joint congress will be held in Stuttgart, Germany from September 7th till September 10th, 2016, under the theme "Living and aging - functionality and quality"

Save the date: Call for abstracts – deadline April 15th, 2016

Please find more information at our website <http://www.gerontologie-geriatrie-kongress.org/>

### JSG ANNOUNCES AND SHARES INFORMATION ON THE 2ND ASIAN CONFERENCE AS FOLLOWS:

Title: Second Asian Conference for Frailty and Sarcopenia

Date: Nov. 4-5, 2016

Venue: Imaike Gas Building, Nagoya, Japan

President: Hidenori Arai

(Deputy Director, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology, Japan)

### MONGOLIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

The Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics is pleased to announce that we are planning to co-organize the 8th Conference of Asia-Pacific Society for Men's Health and Aging (APSMHA2016) from August 18-20, 2016, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The purpose of this Conference is to introduce Mongolians and international researchers to each other such that we might increase scientific exchange between countries. Our goal is to help medical workers and researchers meet the right people who would benefit from their knowledge and resources.

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The conference will be divided into 4 sections: General Health, Urology, Andrology and Gerontology.

The conference official website is at <http://www.apsmha2016.org/>

Organised by: Local Organizing Committee of APSMHA 2016

Supported by:

- Mongolian National University of Medical Science
- Mongol Vision NGO

Official Journal of the Conference:

World Journal of Men's Health (All oral and poster presentation abstracts of the APSMHA 2016 will be published in WJMH and Medline)

Organization

- Congress President: Nansalma Naidan (Mongolia)
- APSMHA President: Prof. Zhong Cheng Xin (China)
- Congress Secretary: Prof. Sae Woong Kim (Korea)

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- Prof. Du Geon Moon Korea (KSSMA)

Overview

Motto: Healthy Man, Happy Family

Date: 18 (Thu) Aug – 20 (Sat) Aug, 2016

Venue: The Corporate Hotel & Convention Centre

Hosted by:

- Mongolian Society for Sexual Medicine
- Public Health Institute of Mongolia
- National Gerontology Center
- Mongolian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics
- Mongolian Society of Urology and Andrology
- Mongolian Menopause and Andropause Society

### FINNISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY AND THE NORDIC GERONTOLOGICAL FEDERATION

The 23rd Nordic Congress of Gerontology (23 NKG) takes place on 19–22 June 2016 in Tampere, Finland. 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. The main track of the congress will

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include scientific sessions on all aspects of ageing. A special aim of 23 NKG is to create sessions at which experts from different core disciplines can meet and learn from each other.

Websites: <http://23nkg.fi/>

### IRISH GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Irish Gerontological Society (IGS) has announced the Call for Abstracts for its 64th Annual & Scientific Meeting. This event will take place in The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry from Thursday 29th (evening) September to Saturday 1st October 2016.

The theme of the meeting is Developing Cultures of Excellence in Ageing and Exploring the Needs of Marginalised Groups. Confirmed speakers include Professor David Oliver, President of the British Geriatrics Society; and Anne McFarlane, Professor of Primary Healthcare Research at the Graduate Entry Medical School, University of Limerick. The meeting is being held by the IGS in association with the University of Limerick, University of Limerick Hospitals and Tralee Institute of Technology, University Hospital Kerry.

Building on the huge success and diversity of previous years' submissions, participation in this meeting is invited from clinicians, practitioners, academics, researchers and students working in all fields of ageing. Abstracts which are accepted for presentation at our meeting will be published online as a supplement to the Age and Ageing journal which is published by Oxford University Press. We welcome both quantitative and qualitative research submissions covering all spectrums of ageing within the pillars of gerontology: social, psychology, biology of ageing, health/clinical and that address multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on ageing.

Details of abstracts submitted to previous IGS Scientific Meetings (2005-2015) are available on the searchable IGS Database of Abstracts in Gerontology. This is located on our website ([www.irishgerontology.com](http://www.irishgerontology.com)) under the Research menu.

### SWEDISH SOCIETY OF GERONTOLOGY

#### Swedish National Graduate School for Competitive Science on Ageing and Health

Announced right now and starting in late-May, the Swedish National Graduate School for Competitive Science on Ageing and Health (SWEAH) is organizing a post-doctorate course for those interested in learning how to make a strong academic career in gerontology.

For more information about SWEAH, see <http://www.med.lu.se/english/sweah>. For more information, please contact Rigmar Fransson by telephone: +46 46 2221942 or email: [rigmar.fransson@med.lu.se](mailto:rigmar.fransson@med.lu.se). A signed application as well as a 2-page CV should be sent as a pdf-file (by email) to Rigmar Fransson no later than March 31, 2016. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

#### International Summer School of Ageing

Also, Sweden (represented by Lund University) is a partner of the International Summer School of Ageing (ISSA); this year being arranged by the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. ISSA 2016 attracted 93 applicants from all over the world, and the 20 participants selected in high competition have just got the confirmation that they were admitted. Together with colleagues in Canada, teachers from Sweden and Italy will collaborate to repeat the success of ISSA - now for the third time.

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### SOUTH AFRICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

The South African Geriatrics Society will be holding the annual Diploma in Geriatrics course in Cape Town on the weekend of 26-28 August 2016.

This is directed at general family physicians, especially those doing the diploma course in Geriatric medicine. This course is run by the College of Medicine of South Africa. Any doctor can attend, even if not doing the course.

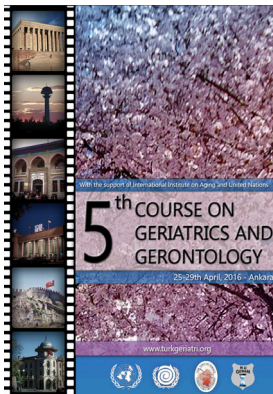
### TURKISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY



#### TURKISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY IS AWARDED

The Third Public Health Awards were given with a spectacular ceremony by the Public Health Association of Turkey and Okan University in Dec, 2015 in Okan University Convention Hall in Istanbul

The Turkish Geriatrics Society was awarded for its outstanding efforts on prevention of elderly health and public education programs about healthy aging.



#### FIFTH COURSE ON GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY IS GOING TO BE PERFORMED

The Fifth Course on Geriatrics and Gerontology will be held from April 25-29, 2016, in Ankara. All aspects of geriatrics and gerontology will be presented and discussed during this interactive course which will be organized in collaboration with the Turkish Geriatrics Society-TGS, the International Institute on Ageing-INIA, United Nations Malta and Hacettepe University Research Center of Geriatric Sciences-GEBAM.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Month/Date/Year	Event	Venue
June 19-22, 2016	23rd Nordic Congress of Gerontology OB: Finnish Gerontological Society Website: <a href="http://23nkg.fi/index.html">http://23nkg.fi/index.html</a>	Tampere, Finland
June 21, 2016	IAGG Executive Committee Meeting	Shanghai, China
June 21-23, 2016	International Federation on Ageing 13th Global conference, Disasters in an Ageing World: REsilience and Recovery 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) Website: <a href="http://cardioelderly.org">http://cardioelderly.org</a>	Bratislava, Slovakia
December 6-8, 2016	2nd IAGG Africa Region Conference	Nairobi, Kenya
July 23-27, 2017	21st IAGG World Congress OB: Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Website: <a href="http://www.iagg2017.org">http://www.iagg2017.org</a>	San Francisco, USA
2021	22nd IAGG World Congress OB: Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG)	Buenos Aires, Argentina

### IAGG 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>

### Call for Nominations

#### 2017 Busse Research Awards

To promote international research in gerontology, the Busse Research Awards again will be given at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in San Francisco, CA, July 23-27, 2017. Two gerontologists (late-junior to mid-career) will be selected. One award will recognize a scientist from the social/behavioral sciences; the other from the biomedical sciences. Awards are \$8,000 (USD) each, plus up to \$4,000 (USD) for travel/living expenses. Awardees must present a lecture based on their research at the conference. Deadline for receipt of nominations: November 1, 2016.

For information and application forms, visit: [www.geri.duke.edu/busse/busse.html](http://www.geri.duke.edu/busse/busse.html) or contact: Harvey Jay Cohen, MD, Jury Chair (email: [harvey.cohen@duke.edu](mailto:harvey.cohen@duke.edu))

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



The Argentine Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (SAGG) and the Argentine 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.

## IAGG ADMINISTRATION

### ➤ IAGG ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Invoices for 2015 Annual Dues have been sent to member associations and societies. Please send your dues to the Korea Exchange Bank as indicated below. Any questions about dues or payments should be sent by e-mail: [iaggseoul@hotmail.com](mailto:iaggseoul@hotmail.com)

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